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"And I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you…"
(Ezekiel 36:26a)

FOREWORD

The goal of this work is to provide a modern and accurate English translation of the Bible for the public domain.

The New Heart English Bible (NHEB) YHWH edition is adapted from the World English Bible, public domain. The 9th edition of the Hebrew Tanakh, edited by Wayne A. Mitchell (MTH), public domain 2015-2023, was used for the Old Testament. The Masoretic Leningrad Codex was corrected with Dead Sea Scrolls, Samaritan Pentateuch, Septuagint, Syriac Peshitta, Aramaic Targum, Old Latin and Vulgate manuscripts, along with Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (5th ed.) and other Hebrew editions. For the New Testament, the 4th edition of The Greek New Testament, edited by Wayne A. Mitchell (2022), was used.

It is hoped that this work will reach many, and the Good News of Jesus Christ will expand even further the kingdom of God.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Cf.	Compare
DSS	Dead Sea Scroll
Lit.	A literal translation
LXX	Septuagint; Greek Old Testament
M	Greek Byzantine Majority text, Robinson-Pierpont 1991
NU	Nestle-Aland / United Bible Societies Greek text
Ms, Mss	manuscript, manuscripts
MT	Masoretic Text; Hebrew Old Testament
syr	Eastern Aramaic Peshitta New Testament, ca. 5th century
SP	Samaritan Pentateuch
TR	Textus Receptus, e.g., KJV, F.H.A. Scrivener's 1894 edition
Vg	Latin Vulgate of Jerome (Hieronymus), ca. 400 AD

Approximate Dates of Writing

The Old Testament

Genesis	to 1443 BC
Exodus	1500-1440 BC
Leviticus	1443-1440 BC
Numbers	1443-1403 BC
Deuteronomy	1405-1403 BC
Joshua	1403-1380 BC
Judges	1380-1130 BC
Ruth	1200-1150 BC
1 Samuel	1100-1003 BC
2 Samuel	1003-967 BC
1 Kings	967-852 BC
2 Kings	852-560 BC
1 Chronicles	1003-967 BC
2 Chronicles	967-539 BC
Ezra	539-450 BC
Nehemiah	445-410 BC
Esther	483-474 BC
Job	1900 BC
Psalms	1440-586 BC
Proverbs	950-700 BC
Ecclesiastes	935 BC
Song of Solomon	935 BC
Isaiah	739-680 BC
Jeremiah	627-585 BC
Lamentations	586 BC
Ezekiel	593-560 BC
Daniel	605-536 BC
Hosea	710 BC
Joel	835 BC
Amos	760 BC
Obadiah	845/586 BC
Jonah	760 BC
Micah	700 BC
Nahum	663-612 BC
Habakkuk	607 BC
Zephaniah	625 BC
Haggai	520 BC
Zechariah	520 BC
Malachi	430 BC

The New Testament

Matthew	34/67 AD
Mark	35/66 AD
Luke	57/63 AD
John	40/85 AD
Acts	57/64 AD
Romans	57/58 AD
1 Corinthians	56/57 AD
2 Corinthians	56/57 AD
Galatians	48/55 AD
Ephesians	58/63 AD
Philippians	58/63 AD
Colossians	58/63 AD
1 Thessalonians	50/51 AD
2 Thessalonians	50/53 AD
1 Timothy	55/65 AD
2 Timothy	58/67 AD
Titus	57/65 AD
Philemon	58/63 AD
Hebrews	50/67 AD
James	40/60 AD
1 Peter	58/68 AD
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1 John	57/95 AD
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3 John	57/95 AD
Jude	66/68 AD
Revelation	68/97 AD

Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was on the surface of the watery depths. And God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters.

3And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.[a] 4And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5And God called the light Day,[b] and the darkness he called Night.[c] There was evening and there was morning, one day.

6And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And it was so.[d] 7And God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. 8And God called the expanse Sky.[e] And God saw that it was good.[f] There was evening and there was morning, a second day.
9And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered to one gathering,[g] and let the dry land appear." And it was so. And the waters under the sky gathered to their gatherings,[h] and the dry land appeared.[i] 10And God called the dry land Earth,[j] and the gatherings[k] of the waters he called Seas.[l] And God saw that it was good.

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[a]1:3 2 Co 4:6
[b]1:5 Heb. yom. DSS(4QGen(g)) Tg Syr(Mss) read yomam "daytime"
[c]1:5 Heb. layelah
[d]1:6 LXX OL(L). MT lacks "And it was so" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy, with restoration in v.7. D. N. Freedman and D. Miano, "Slip of the Eye" in The Challenge of Bible Translation (2003), 278
[e]1:8 Or, "heaven." Heb. shamayim
[f]1:8 LXX OL(L). MT lacks "And God saw…good" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 279; D. N. Freedman and S. D. Dolansky, "Omitting the Omissions" in Imagining Biblical Worlds (2002), 101
[g]1:9 DSS(4QGen(h1)) Ms LXX OL(L) Mss, reading "to one gathering"… מקוה אחד. LXX(72 129) Mss OL(E: congregation suas) Mss read sunagwgas autwn =…….. מקוהם "to their gatherings." LXX(i(vid)) Ms reads en tais sunagwgais "to the gatherings." DSS(4QGen(b)) Ms SP MT read… מקום אחד "to one place." Cf. J. Cook, The text-critical and exegetical value of the Dead Sea Scrolls, HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies 72(4), (2016), 3-4: "…the LXX in general represents the *Urtext* of Genesis 1."
[h]1:9 LXX OL(E). OL(C) reads "to one gathering"
[i]1:9 (DSS) Ms LXX OL Ms. MT lacks "And the waters…appeared" from homoioarcton: wyq-wyq. Cf. Discoveries in the Judaean Desert XII. Qumran Cave 4: Genesis to Numbers (1995), 76: "…the rigid structure of the creation account makes it more likely that the phrase is original and was lost by homoeoarchton in M[T] etc"
[j]1:10 Heb. eretz
[k]1:10 LXX OL(E) Mss. MT reads "gathering"
[l]1:10 Heb. yammim

11And God said, “Let the earth
produce vegetation, plants yielding
seed after its kind,[a] and[b] fruit trees
bearing fruit with seed in it after its
kind,[c] on the earth.” And it was so.
12And the earth brought forth
vegetation, plants yielding seed
after its kind, and fruit trees bearing
fruit[d] with seed in it after its kind,
on the earth.[e] And God saw that it
was good. 13There was evening and
there was morning, a third day.

14And God said, “Let there be lights
in the expanse of the sky for the
illumination of the day,[f] to give
light on the earth, [g] and to rule
the day and the night,[h] and to separate
between the day and the night. And
let them be for signs, and for
seasons, and for days, and for[i]
years; 15and let them serve as lights
in the expanse of the sky to give
light on the earth.” And it was so.

16And God made the two great
lights—the greater light to rule the
day, and the lesser light to rule the
night—and the stars. 17And God set
them in the expanse of the sky to
shine on the earth, 18and to rule
over the day[j] and over the night,
and to separate the light from the
darkness. And God saw that it was
good. 19There was evening and
there was morning, a fourth day.

20And God said, “Let the
waters swarm with swarms of
living creatures, and let flying
creatures fly above the earth in the
open expanse of the sky.” And it

[a]1:11 LXX OL(C.E). MT lacks “after its kind”
[b]1:11 Hebrew Mss LXX SP Tg Syr Ms Vg. MT lacks “and”
[c]1:11 LXX OL(E) Ms. MT lacks the Hebrew word for “after its kind” from homoioteleuton: w-w, with restoration of the word after “bearing fruit”
[d]1:12 LXX OL(C.E), reading karpimon poioun karpon = פרי עשה פרי “fruit (trees) bearing fruit.” MT lacks the second פרי ”fruit,” and has עשה “bearing” prior to the first פרי. This suggests a homoiologon from פרי to פרי, with the initial loss of עשה and פרי, and restoration of עשה at a non-original location.
[e]1:12 LXX OL(E). MT lacks “on the earth”
[f]1:14 LXX(129 = *f*). MT lacks “for the illumination…day” from haplography: m_l-m_l. This was probably the first loss of text in this verse. Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 279-81, 288, 294
[g]1:14 DSS(vid) Ms LXX SP OL. MT lacks “to give light on the earth” from homoioarcton: lh-lh. This was probably the third major loss of text in this verse. Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 279-81, 288, 294
[h]1:14 LXX(129 [= *f*] 75 [= *n*] 392 [= *y*] 59 [= codd mixti] A D) OL(L) Mss. MT lacks “and to rule…night” from homoioarcton: wl-wl. This was probably the second loss of text in this verse. The response in vv. 16-18 mentions the lights to rule the day and the night, but the command to do so in v.14 of MT is lacking, apparently from homoioarcton. Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 279-81, 288, 294
[i]1:14 DSS Ms LXX Syr. MT has lost a lamed, “for”
[j]1:18 Tg Syr(Mss) read yomam “daytime”

was so.[a] 21And God created the large sea creatures, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed,[b] after its kind, and every winged flying creature after its kind. And God saw that it was good.

22And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the flying creatures multiply on the earth." 23There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after its kind: tame animals, and crawling creatures, and wild animals of the earth[c] after its kind." And it was so. 25And God made the wild animals of the earth after its kind, and the tame animals after its kind, and everything that crawls on the ground after its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26And God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of the sky, and over the tame animals, and over all the wild animals[d] of the earth, and over every creature that crawls on the earth." And it was so.[e] 27And God created humankind in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female[f] he created them. 28And God blessed them,[g] saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the flying creatures of the sky, and over all the tame animals,[h] and over all the wild animals[i] of the earth, and

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[a]1:20 LXX OL(L). MT lacks "And it was so" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 281

[b]1:21 Following המים, LXX(75 = *n*) adds en tais thalassais = בימים "in the seas," which may have been lost in other Mss from a three-letter homoioteleuton.

[c]1:24 LXX Mss add "quadrupeds" (tetrapoda) and "reptiles" (erpeta). OL Mss also add: "quadrupeds" (quadrupedum) and "reptiles" (serpentium)

[d]1:26 Syr (חיותא) OL(L: et omnium pecorum et ferarum), reading wild animals" = חית. MT lacks חית from homoioarcton by sight confusion ח-ה.

[e]1:26 LXX(75 [= *n*] 508 [= codd mixti]) Mss OL(L Ms and cod 111). MT lacks "And it was so" from an early two-letter homoioarcton: wy-wy, with restoration at v.30. Additional letter involvement with wy-wy is possible in Paleo-Hebrew with sight confusion of tzadi and nun, as well as in square script with final tzadi and final nun. Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 282, 289, 297

[f]1:27 Matthew 19:4; Mark 10:6

[g]1:28 LXX OL(L: et benedixit eos deus dicens). MT adds "And God said to them." Lectio brevior

[h]1:28 LXX OL(I (and C in part) +L) Mss. MT lacks "and over all…animals" from whole-word haplography: ובכל-ובכל. Cf. v. 26, and Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 282, 290

[i]1:28 MT chayah חיה corrected to chayat חית, according to LXX + Syr.

over all the creatures[a] that crawl on the earth." [29]And God said, "Look, I have given you every plant yielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree, which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. [30]And to every wild animal of the earth, and to every tame animal of the earth,[b] and to every flying creature of the sky, and to every creature[c] that crawls on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green plant for food."[d]

[31]And God saw everything that he had made, and look, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their vast array. [2]And on the sixth[e] day God finished his works[f] which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his works[g] which he had made. [3]So God blessed the seventh day, and made it holy, because he rested on it from all his works[h] which God[i] had created and made.

[4]This is the account of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, at the time when[j] God made the earth and the heavens. [5]Now no bush of the field was yet in the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted; for[k] God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no people to cultivate the ground, [6]but springs came up[l] from the earth and watered the whole

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LXX reads "and all the x of the earth," which has lost chayat חית "wild animals" in its Hebrew Vorlage from homoioarcton by sight confusion. MT read "and all the wild animals of the earth" but lost "of the earth" (along with "and over all the creatures that crawl") from homoioarcton. In the new MT word order, chayat haromeset "wild animals that crawl," chayat חית was subsequently edited to chayah חיה, with the interpretation "living." Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 290

[a]1:28 LXX OL(C.I + L). MT lacks "the earth…crawl" from homoioarcton: ה-ה. Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 282, 290

[b]1:30 Bo(k) Ms (pap. Bodmer III, IVth cent), cf. vv. 24-26, 28. MT lacks "and to every… earth" from homoioarcton: wlkl, or homoioteleuton: h'rs

[c]1:30 LXX OL(I: repentibus quae repunt). MT lacks "crawling creature" from homoioarcton: r-r, or homoioteleuton: ms-ms. Cf. Freedman and Miano, op. cit., 282, 290

[d]1:30 LXX(127) Ms OL(L) Ms. MT adds "And it was so," a restoration of the words that were originally at v.26.

[e]2:2 LXX SP Syr OL(L). MT reads "seventh." Cf. R. S. Hendel, Text of Genesis 1-11. Exodus 20:11

[f]2:2 LXX Syr. MT reads "work"

[g]2:2 LXX Syr. MT reads "work" Hebrews 4:4

[h]2:3 LXX Syr. MT reads "work"

[i]2:3 LXX(370 [= *t*]) Hipp (I 1.244) lack "God"

[j]2:4 LXX OL(L). MT LXX(A 17-135 [=*O*] 343 [=s] 121-392 [=y] 120-122 [=z] 55 59 509 [=codd mixti]) Bo(L) Or add "YHWH"

[k]2:5 LXX Bo(k) OL(L). MT adds "YHWH"

[l]2:6 Or, "but water was flooding out from underground." Heb. 'ed, possibly from Sumerian e4-de(-a), meaning "flood"

surface of the ground. 7And[a] God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.[b] 8And[c] God planted a garden eastward, in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9And out of the ground[d] God made every tree to grow that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it separated and became the source of four rivers. 11The name of the first is Pishon; this is the one which goes around the whole land of Havilah,[e] where there is gold; 12and the gold of that[f] land is good. There is aromatic resin and the onyx stone. 13And the name of the second river is Gihon; it goes around the whole land of Cush. 14And the name of the third river is Hiddekel; this is the one which flows east of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Perath.[g] 15And[h] God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and take care of it. 16And[i] God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat of it you will surely die."

18And[j] God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make[k] him a helper suitable for him." 19And out of the ground[l] God formed every tame animal, and[m] every wild animal, and every flying creature of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20And the man gave names to all the tame animals,

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[a]2:7 LXX OL(L) Bo(k). MT adds "YHWH"

[b]2:7 1Co 15:45

[c]2:8 LXX(*O*-72 18-79-569 [=*cII*] 550 [=cI] 551 [=*C*] *d f*-56 75 [=*n*] *t* 121-424' [=*y*] 31' [=*z*] 319 539 [=codd mixti]) OL(L) Bo(k) Arm Arab Phil (I 71.8 II 140.7 241.10) Chr (V 129 VII 130(bis)) Hipp (II 127) Or (*Sel* 97) Procop (157) Sev 477 Thdrt (I 121). MT adds "YHWH"

[d]2:9 LXX OL(L) Bo(k). MT adds "YHWH"

[e]2:11 SP Mss lack the definite article he

[f]2:12 MT Qere SP Tg Syr Ms. MT Kethib reads waw for yod

[g]2:14 These rivers and topography were destroyed in the flood of Noah's time and therefore should not be confused with post flood regions and rivers named after them

[h]2:15 Ambr (*Par* 24) Aug (*Gen ad litt* VIII 18(ap)). MT adds "YHWH"

[i]2:16 LXX(53) Sa Iren(Lat). MT adds "YHWH"

[j]2:18 Hebrew(89) Ms LXX(52-54-79-313-408-569-615-761 [= *cII*] 135 [=*O*] 14-128* [=*C*] 664* [=*f*]) Eus (VI 230) Aug(Lat) (*Adim* 3) Quodv (*Prom* I 3). MT adds "YHWH"

[k]2:18 Hebrew Mss

[l]2:19 LXX OL(C.I) Bo(pap. Bodmer III) Bo(k). MT adds "YHWH"

[m]2:19 OL(C). MT lacks "every tame animal, and" from homoioarcton: kl-kl

and to all[a] the flying creatures of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for man there was not found a helper suitable for him. 21So[b] God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. 22And the rib that[c] God had taken from the man he fashioned into a woman and brought her to the man. 23And the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Woman,[d] because this one was taken out of Man.[e]" 24Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother, and will join with his wife, and the two[f] will become one flesh.[g] 25And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any wild animal of the field which[h] God had made. And he[i] said to the woman, "Has God really[j] said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'"

2And the woman said to the serpent, "Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat, 3but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4And the serpent said to the woman, "You won't surely die, 5for God knows that in the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he[k] ate. 7The eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together, and made coverings for themselves. 8They heard the voice of[l] God walking in the garden during the breeze of the day, and the man and his wife hid

[a]2:20 LXX Tg Syr Ms OL(C.A) Vg, reading wlkl 'wf. MT lacks wlkl "and to all" from haplography: l-l
[b]2:21 LXX OL(L) Bo(pap. Bodmer III) Bo(K). MT adds "YHWH"
[c]2:22 OL(C) Bo(pap. Bodmer III) Ms BasSel (48). MT adds "YHWH"
[d]2:23 Heb. Ishshah
[e]2:23 Heb. Ish
[f]2:24 LXX Tg Syr Ms Vg. MT lacks "two," possibly from homoioteleuton by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: w-m
[g]2:24 Matthew 19:5; Mark 10:7-8; 1Co 6:16; Ephesians 5:31
[h]3:1 LXX(761) Bo(pap. Bodmer III) Bo(k). MT adds "YHWH"
[i]3:1 LXX Syr OL read "The serpent"
[j]3:1 DSS, with interrogative particle. The hey may have been lost from haplography
[k]3:6 SP LXX read "they"
[l]3:8 LXX(907) Epiph (III 202) Ambr(lat) (*Par* 68) Aug (*Gen ad litt* XI 33). MT adds "YHWH"

themselves from the presence of[a] God among the trees of the garden.

9 So[b] God called to the man,
and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 The man said, "I heard your
voice in the garden, and I was
afraid, because I was naked; and I
hid myself."

11 And he said, "Who told you
that you were naked? Have you
eaten from the tree that I
commanded you not to eat from?"

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

13 Then[c] God said to the
woman, "What is this you have
done?" The woman said, "The
serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So God[d] said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above every tame
animal, and above every wild
animal. On your belly you shall go,
and you shall eat dust all the days
of your life. 15 I will put enmity
between you and the woman, and
between your offspring and her
offspring. He will bruise your head,
and you will bruise his heel."

16 And to the woman he said,
"I will greatly multiply your pain in
childbirth. In pain you will bring
forth children. Your desire will be
for your husband, and he will rule
over you."

17 To Adam he said, "Because
you have listened to your wife's
voice, and have eaten of the tree, of
which I commanded you, saying,
'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is
the ground for your sake. In toil you
will eat of it all the days of your
life. 18 Thorns also and thistles will
it bring forth to you; and you will
eat the plants[e] of the field. 19 By the
sweat of your face will you eat
bread until you return to the
ground, for out of it you were
taken. For you are dust, and to dust
you shall return."

20 The man called his wife
Eve,[f] because she was the mother

[a] 3:8 LXX(75 509) Bo(LW) Or (III 136) Ruf(Lat) (*Rom* VII 6). MT adds "YHWH"
[b] 3:9 LXX(14*-128 [=*C*] 19 B(s) [=*b*] 121 [=*y*] 122 [=*z*] 730 [=codd mixti]) Procop (197) Pal Aug(Lat) (*Gen ad litt* XI 34(ap)) Chr (V 896) Luc (*Athan* I 1). MT adds "YHWH"
[c] 3:13 LXX OL(L) Bo(pap. Bodmer III) Bo(K). MT adds "YHWH"
[d] 3:14 LXX(18-52-54-79-313-408-569-615-761 [= *cII*] 82 [= *O*]) OL(K). MT adds "YHWH"
[e] 3:18 Or, "grain"
[f] 3:20 MT Hebrew vocalization: Havah (Khavah). Gk Eua. Ancient Greek did not have the /h/ sound, and sometimes dropped the /kh/ sound (Kheuah > Eua). The traditional English name Eve is from Old English Efe, from Late Latin Eva

of all living. 21And[a] God made clothing out of skins for Adam and for his wife, and clothed them. 22Then[b] God said, "Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. So now, let us send him out,[c] lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23Therefore YHWH[d] sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. 24So he drove out the man; and he stationed the cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.

4 Now Adam had marital relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived, and gave birth to Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man from God.[e]"

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[a]3:21 LXX(550* [=*cI*] 551* [=*C*] 127 [=*s*]) Arm(codd) Ad Cyr Ruf(lat) (*Lev* VI 2 *Reg S Bas* 11). MT adds "YHWH"

[b]3:22 Hebrew(152) Ms LXX OL(I) Chr. MT adds "YHWH"

[c]3:22 Ruf(lat: eiciamus eum), an apparent Latin translation of Greek aposteilwmen auton for Hebrew נשלחה. MT lacks "let us send him out" from an early homoioteleuton in a square script: תה-חה, with loss of אתו. A homoioarcton involving a nun-pey confusion in Paleo-Hebrew is also possible. Cf. Brug, TCOT, 13. The apparent missing words have been assumed to be an intended ellipse, but copyist oversight appears more likely. Cf. B. Fischer, Vetus Latina. Die Reste Der Altlateinischen Bible. 2. Genesis, 77.

[d]3:23 LXX(19-B(S) [= *b*]) Aug(lat) (*Iul imp* VI 23). MT adds "God." Aug (Gn Ma 2,34) lacks "YHWH"

[e]4:1 LXX OL(E) Bo(pap. Bodmer III) Bo(k) Hier Ms Chr, cf. 4:25. The Masoretic Hebrew text (MT) reads "from YHWH." One will notice in the footnotes an interchange of God and YHWH or God to YHWH in the manuscripts and quotations in early commentaries for Genesis. For example, at Genesis 15:6 the LXX and quotations in Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6, and James 2:23 have God, while the MT has YHWH. Some sections of MT Genesis escaped the later scribal changes from God to YHWH, e.g., Genesis 31:5-48, 31:50-35:15, where it exclusively reads God, angel of God, and building an altar to God (35:1,3). Surely if Jacob and others knew the name YHWH they would have used it in those sections. There are also cases where YHWH was clearly added, since the shortest reading lacks the name, e.g., 2:19; 3:22; 9:26; 14:22; 15:2,8; 16:13; 19:13(2), 24(2); 21:1(2); 24:7,12,27(x2),42,48(2),52,56; 25:21; 27:7,20; 28:13(2); 32:9,23(2). In addition, in Genesis we have Mehai-el and Methusha-el (4:18), Mahalal-el (5:12), Abima-el (10:28), Beth-el (12:8), El Paran (14:6), El Elyon (14:19), Ishma-el (16:11), El Ro'i (16:13), El Shaddai (17:1), El Olam (21:33), Kemu-el (22:21), Bethu-el (22:22), Peni-el (32:30), El Elohe Isra-el (33:20), El Beth-el (35:7), Reu-el (36:4), Mehetab-el (36:39), Magdi-el (36:43), Jemu-el (46:10), Hamu-el (46:12), Jachle-el (46:14), Malki-el (46:17), and Jachze-el (46:24). Thus, we find -el rather than -yah, the only possible exception being the land of Moriah (22:2). So the question is, was the name YHWH known to people before Moses?

2 Again she gave birth, to Cain's
brother Abel.[a] Abel was a keeper of
sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the
ground. 3 As time passed, it
happened that Cain brought an
offering to God[b] from the fruit of
the ground. 4 And Abel also brought
some of the firstborn of his flock
and of its fat. God[c] looked
favorably on Abel and his offering,
5 but he did not look favorably on
Cain and his offering. Cain was
very angry, and the expression on
his face fell. 6 God[d] said to Cain,
"Why are you angry? Why has the
expression of your face fallen? 7 If
you do well, will it not be lifted up?
If you do not do well, sin lies in
wait at the door. It desires to control
you, but you must rule over it."
8 Cain said to Abel, his brother,
"Let's go into the field.[e]" It
happened when they were in the
field, that Cain rose up against
Abel, his brother, and killed him.

9 Then God[f] said to Cain,
"Where is Abel, your brother?" He
said, "I do not know. Am I my
brother's keeper?"

10 God[g] said, "What have you
done? The voice of your brother's
blood cries out to me from the
ground. 11 Now you are cursed
because of the ground, which has
opened its mouth to receive your
brother's blood from your hand.
12 From now on, when you till the
ground, it won't yield its strength to
you. You shall be a fugitive and a
wanderer in the earth."

13 Cain said to God,[h] "My
punishment is greater than I can
bear. 14 Look, you have driven me
out this day from the surface of the
ground. I will be hidden from your
face, and I will be a fugitive and a
wanderer in the earth. It will
happen that whoever finds me will
kill me."

15 YHWH said to him, "Not
so.[i] Whoever kills Cain vengeance
will be taken on him sevenfold."
YHWH[j] appointed a sign for Cain,

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[a] 4:2 MT Hebrew vocalization: Hevel. Greek: Abel, which has dropped the /h/ sound in the transliteration from Hebrew to Greek (Habel > Abel), since there is no /h/ sound in ancient Greek

[b] 4:3 LXX(72 422-551 125 129 121 122 509) OL(E) Ms Sa Ach Arm Phil (I 223.2) BasSel (69) ClemR (4) Tert(Lat) (*Adv Iud* 5). MT reads "YHWH"

[c] 4:4 LXX OL(E) Chr. MT reads "YHWH"

[d] 4:6 OL(E) ClemR (4). MT reads "YHWH"

[e] 4:8 LXX SP Syr OL(E) Vg. MT lacks "Let's go into the field," possibly from a combination of haplography and graphic confusion of nun and waw. Cf. R. J. Clifford and R. E. Murphy, Genesis, NJBC, 13

[f] 4:9 LXX OL(E) Chr. MT reads "YHWH"

[g] 4:10 LXX OL(L) Chr. MT reads "he"

[h] 4:13 LXX(376 [=*O*]) Ambr(lat). MT reads "YHWH"

[i] 4:15 LXX Symmachus Theodotion Syr Vg. MT reads "Therefore," the difference being word division and an aleph

[j] 4:15 Ambst Aug(Jul im, Ps) read "God"

lest any finding him should strike
him.[16]So Cain went out from the
presence of God[a] and lived in the
land of Nod, east of Eden.

[17]Cain had marital relations
with his wife, and she conceived
and gave birth to Hanoch. He built
a city and called the name of the
city after the name of his son,
Hanoch. [18]To Hanoch was born
Irad, and Irad became the father of
Mehaiel,[b] and Mehaiel became the
father of Methushael, and
Methushael became the father of
Lamech. [19]Lamech took two wives:
the name of the one was Adah, and
the name of the other Zillah.
[20]Adah gave birth to Jabal, who
was the father of those who dwell
in tents and have livestock. [21]His
brother's name was Jubal, who was
the father of all who play the harp
and flute. [22]Zillah also gave birth to
Tubal Cain, who heated metal and
shaped instruments of bronze and
iron. Tubal Cain's sister was
Naamah. [23]Lamech said to his
wives,
"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice.
You wives of Lamech, listen
to my speech,
for I have slain a man for
wounding me,
a young man for bruising
me.
[24]If Cain will be avenged seven
times,
truly Lamech seventy-seven
times."

[25]Adam had marital relations
with his wife again, and she gave
birth to a son, and named him Seth,
saying,[c] "For God has appointed
me another child instead of Abel,
for Cain killed him." [26]And a son
was also born to Seth, and he
named him Enosh. This[d] one began
to call on the name of God.[e]

5 This is the book of the
generations of Adam. In
the day that God created
humankind, he made him in God's
likeness. [2]He created them male
and female, and blessed them, and
called their name "humankind"[f]
on the day when they were created.

[3]Adam lived two hundred[g] and
thirty years, and became the father
of a son in his own likeness, after
his image, and named him Seth.
[4]The days of Adam after he became
the father of Seth were seven
hundred[h] years, and he became the
father of sons and daughters. [5]All
the days that Adam lived were nine
hundred and thirty years, then he

[a]4:16 LXX OL(I) Chr. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]4:18 SP LXX, reading Mehaiel, meaning "God makes alive." Cf. BDB 5179, Eigennam, d. AT. 91. MT reads "Mehujael," a yod-waw confusion
[c]4:25 LXX OL Vg Tg Ms. MT omits "saying"
[d]4:26 LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "Then"
[e]4:26 Ambr Procop. MT reads "YHWH"
[f]5:2 Heb. adam
[g]5:3 LXX OL(E) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:83). SP MT Jubilees read "one hundred"
[h]5:4 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:67) PsPhil (*Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum*, hereafter *LAB*). MT reads "eight hundred"

died. 6Seth lived two hundred[a] and five years, and became the father of Enosh. 7Seth lived after he became the father of Enosh seven hundred[b] and seven years, and fathered sons and daughters. 8All the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, then he died.

9Enosh lived one hundred[c] and ninety years, and became the father of Kenan. 10Enosh lived after he became the father of Kenan, seven hundred[d] and fifteen years, and fathered sons and daughters. 11All the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, then he died.

12Kenan lived one hundred[e] and seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel. 13Kenan lived after he became the father of Mahalalel seven hundred[f] and forty years, and fathered sons and daughters 14and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, then he died.

15Mahalalel lived one hundred[g] and sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared. 16Mahalalel lived after he became the father of Jared seven hundred[h] and thirty years, and fathered sons and daughters. 17All the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, then he died.

18Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Hanoch. 19Jared lived after he became the father of Hanoch eight hundred years, and fathered sons and daughters. 20All the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, then he died.

21Hanoch lived one hundred[i] and sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22Hanoch walked with God after he became the father of Methuselah two hundred[j] years, and fathered sons and daughters. 23All the days of Hanoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24Hanoch walked with God, and then he was not there, for God took him.[k]

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[a]5:6 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:83) PsPhil (*LAB*). SP MT Jubilees read "one hundred"

[b]5:7 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:83. 912-205) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "eight hundred"

[c]5:9 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:83) PsPhil (*LAB*). SP MT Jubilees lack "one hundred"

[d]5:10 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:83. 905-190) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "eight hundred"

[e]5:12 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:84) PsPhil (*LAB*). SP MT Jubilees lack "one hundred"

[f]5:13 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:84. 910-170) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "eight hundred"

[g]5:15 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:84) PsPhil (*LAB*). SP MT Jubilees lack "one hundred"

[h]5:16 LXX OL(I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:84. 895-165) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "eight hundred"

[i]5:21 LXX OL(I) Josephus PsPhil (*LAB*) Chr. SP MT Jubilees lack "one hundred"

[j]5:22 LXX Josephus (365-165) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "three hundred"

[k]5:24 Hebrews 11:5

[25]Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. [26]Methuselah lived after he became the father of Lamech seven hundred and eighty-two years, and fathered sons and daughters. [27]All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, then he died.

[28]Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two[a] years, and became the father of a son, [29]and he named him Noah,[b] saying, "This one will comfort us in our labor and in the hard work of our hands, because of the ground which God[c] has cursed." [30]Lamech lived after he became the father of Noah five hundred and ninety-five[d] years, and fathered sons and daughters. [31]All the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven[e] years, then he died.

[32]Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 And it happened, when humankind began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, [2]that God's sons saw that the daughters of humankind were beautiful, and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. [3]And God[f] said, "My Spirit will not remain[g] in humankind forever, since he is indeed flesh; yet his days will be one hundred twenty years." [4]The Nephilim were on the earth in those days (and also after that), when The sons of God had sexual relations with the daughters of humankind and had children by them. They were the mighty men who were from ancient times, famous men.

[5]And God[h] saw that the wickedness of humankind was great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [6]God[i] was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart. [7]And God[j]

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[a]5:28 MT OL(I) Mss Josephus(Lat) (*Ant.* 1:87) PsPhil (*LAB*). LXX OL(I) read "one hundred eighty-eight," a likely copyist error in the original Greek translation. SP Jubilees read "fifty-three"

[b]5:29 The name is apparently related to the Hebrew word nuach, "to rest"

[c]5:29 Arab Hier Ms Chr (VIII 629). MT reads "YHWH"

[d]5:30 MT PsPhil (*LAB*). LXX OL(I) read "five hundred sixty-five." Cf. v.28 fn

[e]5:31 MT PsPhil (*LAB*). LXX OL(I) read "seven hundred fifty-three." Cf. v.28 fn

[f]6:3 LXX(14-73-77-131-414-422-551-739 = *C*) OL(E) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "YHWH." LXX reads "YHWH God."

[g]6:3 LXX (katameno) Vg (permanebit), for Hebrew ידון. A hapax legomenon. Cf. G. J. Wenham, Genesis 1-15 (WBC), 142; BDB 2109 notes the suggestion of ילון for "abide in, dwell"

[h]6:5 Hebrew(80) Ms LXX(76-370 = *t*) Vg Chr (VII 277) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "YHWH"

[i]6:6 LXX OL(I). MT reads "YHWH"

[j]6:7 LXX OL(L) PsPhil (*LAB*). MT reads "YHWH"

said, "I will destroy humankind whom I have created from the face of the earth; humankind, along with animals, crawling creatures, and flying creatures of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." [8]But Noah found favor in the sight of God.[a]

[9]This is the history of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. Noah walked with God. [10]Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [11]The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.[b] [12]God saw the earth, and look, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

[13]And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And look, I will destroy them with the earth. [14]Make a box-shaped ship[c] of gopher wood. You are to make rooms in the ship, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. [15]And this is how you are to make it. The length of the ship is to be five hundred seventeen feet, its breadth eighty-six feet, and its height fifty-two feet.[d] [16]And you are to make a roof in the ship, and you are to finish it twenty-one inches[e] above. And you are to set the door of the ship in its side. You are to make it with lower, second, and third levels. [17]And as for me, look, I am bringing a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy all flesh having the breath of life from under the sky. Everything that is on the earth will die. [18]But I will establish my covenant with you. You are to come into the ship, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. [19]Of every living thing of all flesh, you are to bring two[f] of every sort into the ship, to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. [20]Of the flying creatures after their kind, of the animals after their kind,

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[a]6:8 LXX(19-B(S) [= *b*] 44 [= *d*] 56*-129 [= *f*] 46-74-76-84-134-370-799 [= *t*] 71 [= *y*]) Hier Ms. MT reads"YHWH"

[b]6:11 Or, injustice, cruelty, iniquity

[c]6:14 Heb. tebah. The word is thought to be a loanword from the Egyptian root tbt, meaning box, chest, or sarcophagus--a rectangular shaped box, cf. BDB 10426. However, the word is also found in the Ebla tablets as ti-ba "ark," see M. Dahood, "Eblaite and Biblical Hebrew," The Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 44, No.1 (January, 1982), 22. The LXX and Greek New Testament (NT) use the word kibotos for tebah, meaning box-shaped. Hereafter, "ship." Matthew 24:38; Luke 17:27; Hebrews 11:7; 1Peter 3:20

[d]6:15 Or, 157.5 meters x 26.3 meters x 15.8 meters, using the Hebrew long (royal) cubit of 52.5 cm or 20.67 inches. Lit. 300 cubits x 50 cubits x 30 cubits

[e]6:16 I.e., 20.67 inches, or 52.5 centimeters. Lit. one cubit

[f]6:19 LXX Syr. MT has lost a "two" by homoiologon: snym-snym

and[a] of every crawling creature[b] of the ground after their[c] kind, two of every sort shall come to you, to keep them alive. 21And as for you, take for yourself all the kinds of food that are eaten, and gather it to yourself; and it will be food for you, and for them." 22Thus Noah did. According to all that God[d] commanded him, so he did.

7 And God[e] said to Noah, "Come with all of your household into the ship, for I have seen your righteousness before me in this generation. 2You shall take seven pairs of every clean animal with you, the male and his female. Of the animals that are not clean, take two, the male and his female. 3Also of the clean[f] flying creatures of the sky, seven pairs, a male and a female, and of all the unclean flying creatures, one pair, a male and a female,[g] to preserve their offspring on the surface of all the earth. 4In seven days, I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights. Every living thing that I have made, I will destroy from the surface of the ground." 5Noah did everything that God[h] commanded him.

6Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. 7Noah went into the ship with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, because of the waters of the flood. 8Clean animals, animals that are not clean, flying creatures, and everything[i] that crawls on the ground 9went by pairs to Noah into the ship, male and female, as God[j] commanded Noah. 10It happened after the seven days, that the waters of the flood came on the earth. 11In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep were burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. 12The rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

13In the same day Noah, and Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the

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[a]6:20 Hebrew Mss LXX SP Tg Syr Ms Vg. MT lacks "and"
[b]6:20 Lit., "crawling creature that crawls." LXX. MT lacks "crawling creature" from homoioteleuton: rms-rms
[c]6:20 DSS SP LXX. MT reads "its"
[d]6:22 MT LXX(15-58-64*-72-426-707 [= O] 16 [= C] 57-73-78 413(txt) [= cI] 408 [= cII] 18-19-108-118-314-537-B(S) [= *b*] 44-106-107-125-370-610 [= *d*] 53-56-129-246-664 [= *f*] 75-458 [= *n*] 30-85-127-130-343-344-730 [= s] 71-121-318-346-392-424-527-619 [= y] 54 59 509 539 [= codd mixti]). LXX reads "YHWH God"
[e]7:1 Hebrew Mss SP LXX(376 [= *O*] 25* [= *C*] 569 [= *cII*] 314 [= *b*]) Arab Arm(ap). MT reads "YHWH"
[f]7:3 LXX SP. MT lacks "clean"
[g]7:3 LXX OL(X). MT lacks "and of all…female" from haplography: zkr wnqbh-zkr wnqbh
[h]7:5 LXX(54 [= *cII*]) Vg Mss. MT reads "YHWH"
[i]7:8 MT, reading wkl. SP LXX Syr read wmkl
[j]7:9 SP Ms Vg Mss read "as YHWH"

three wives of his sons with them,[a]
entered into the ship; [14]they, and
every wild animal after its kind,
and every tame animal after their
kind, every creature that crawls on
the earth after its kind, and every
flying creature after its kind,
everything with wings. [15]They
went to Noah into the ship, by pairs
of all flesh with the breath of life in
them. [16]Those who went in, went in
male and female of all flesh, as God
commanded him; and God[b] shut
him in. [17]The flood was forty days[c]
on the earth. The waters increased,
and lifted up the ship, and it was
lifted up above the earth. [18]The
waters prevailed, and increased
greatly on the earth; and the ship
floated on the surface of the waters.
[19]And the waters rose very high on
the earth. And all the high
mountains that were under the
whole sky were covered. [20]The
waters rose and covered the
highest[d] mountains to a depth of
more than twenty six-feet.[e] [21]And
all flesh died that moved on the
earth, flying creatures, and tame
animals, and wild animals, and
every creature that crawls on the
earth, and all humankind. [22]All in
whose nostrils breathed the breath
of life, of all that was on the dry
land, died. [23]Every living thing was
destroyed that was on the surface of
the ground, including people,
animals, crawling creatures, and
flying creatures of the sky. They
were destroyed from the earth.
Only Noah was left, and those who
were with him in the ship. [24]The
waters prevailed on the earth one
hundred fifty days.

8 And God remembered
Noah, and all the wild
animals, and all the
tame animals, and all
the flying creatures, and all the
crawling creatures[f] that were with
him in the ship; and God made a
wind to pass over the earth, and the
waters began to recede. [2]And the
fountains of the deep and the
floodgates of the sky were closed,
and the rain from the sky was
restrained. [3]And the waters receded
steadily from the land. And after
the end of one hundred fifty days
the waters had decreased
significantly. [4]And in the seventh
month, on the seventeenth day of
the month,[g] the ship came to rest on
the mountains of Ararat.[h] [5]The

[a]7:13 LXX Tg Syr read ‘tw “with him”
[b]7:16 LXX(509 = codd mixti) Iust (*Dial* CXXVII 2). MT reads “YHWH”
[c]7:17 LXX adds “and forty nights”
[d]7:20 LXX, reading ta hupsela = הגבהים. MT lacks “the highest” from homoioteleuton: ים-ים
[e]7:20 Or, 7.9 meters. Lit. 15 cubits
[f]8:1 LXX. MT lacks “and all the flying…creatures”
[g]8:4 In the religious calendar this is the 17th of Abib/Nisan
[h]8:4 The mountains of Ararat were a region known during Moses’ time, i.e. in the Middle Bronze Age, and may therefore not be the same geographical area as the Iron Age kingdom of Urartu and or the Ararat mentioned in 2 Kings 19:37, Isaiah 37:38 or Jeremiah 51:27. The petrified remains of Noah’s ship can still be seen on Takhte Soleyman in the Alborz mountain range.

waters receded continually to the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

6It happened at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ship which he had made, 7and he sent forth a raven. It went back and forth, until the waters had dried up from the earth. 8Then he sent forth a dove from it, to see if the waters had abated from the surface of the ground, 9but the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to him into the ship; for the waters were on the surface of the whole earth. He put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her to him into the ship. 10And he waited[a] yet another seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ship. 11The dove came back to him at evening, and, look, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off. So Noah knew that the waters had abated from the earth. 12He stayed yet another seven days, and sent forth the dove; and she did not return to him any more.

13And it happened in the six hundred first year of Noah's life,[b] in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters had dried up from the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ship and looked out. And look, the surface of the ground was dry. 14In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

15God spoke to Noah, saying, 16"Go out of the ship, you, and your wife, and your sons, and your sons' wives with you. 17Bring[c] out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh, of flying creatures, and animals, and every creature that crawls on the earth, that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

18And Noah went forth, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives with him. 19And[d] every wild animal, and every tame animal,[e] and every flying creature, and every crawling creature[f] that crawls on the earth, after their families, went out of the ship.

20Noah built an altar to God,[g] and took of every clean animal, and of every clean flying creature, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21And God[h] smelled the pleasing

[a]8:10 LXX, cf. v.12 and BHS, reading kai epischon = wyyhl. MT reads wyhl, possibly from haplography of a yod

[b]8:13 LXX OL(I). MT lacks "Noah's life" from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: נח-נח.

[c]8:17 LXX SP Syr add "And"

[d]8:19 Hebrew Mss LXX SP Syr Vg. MT lacks the waw "And" from haplography following a word ending with a waw

[e]8:19 LXX. MT lacks "and every tame animal" from homoioarcton: wkl_h-wkl_h

[f]8:19 LXX. MT reads "Every animal, every crawling creature, and every bird, all that creeps"

[g]8:20 LXX OL(S.M). MT reads "YHWH"

[h]8:21 OL(K) Chr (F V 164) Cyr (II 72). MT reads "YHWH"

aroma, and God[a] said in his heart,
"I will never again curse the ground
because of humankind, nor will I
again destroy every living thing, as
I have done. [22]While the earth
remains, seed time and harvest, and
cold and heat, and summer and
winter, and day and night shall not
cease."

9 God blessed Noah and
his sons, and said to
them, "Be fruitful, and
multiply, and fill the earth. [2]And
the fear of you and the dread of you
will be on every wild animal of the
earth, and on every tame animal of
the earth,[b] and on every flying
creature of the sky, and[c] on
everything that crawls on the
ground, and on all the fish of the
sea; into your power they are given.
[3]Every moving thing that lives will
be food for you. As I gave the green
plants, I now give you everything.
[4]But flesh with its life, its blood,
you shall not eat. [5]And surely I will
require a reckoning for your
lifeblood; from every animal I will
require it, and from humans. From
every human being I will require it
for the life of his fellow human
being. [6]Whoever takes a human
life, by a human will his life be
taken, for God made humankind in
his own image. [7]And as for you, be
fruitful and multiply, and[d] increase
abundantly on the earth, and
subdue[e] it."

[8]God spoke to Noah and to his
sons with him, saying, [9]"And as for
me, look, I establish my covenant
with you, and with your offspring
after you, [10]and with every living
creature that is with you: the flying
creatures, and[f] the tame animals,
and every animal of the earth with
you, of all that go out of the ship.[g]
[11]I will establish my covenant with
you; and all flesh will never again
be cut off by the waters of the
flood, neither will there ever again
be a flood to destroy the earth."
[12]God said, "This is the sign of the
covenant which I make between me
and you and every living creature
that is with you, for perpetual
generations: [13]I set my rainbow in
the cloud, and it will be a sign of

[a]8:21 Sa(20) PsPhil(Lat) (*LAB* III 8s). MT reads "YHWH"

[b]9:2 LXX(58 [= *O*] 64(mg) [= *oI*] 14-16-25-77-128-131-414-422-500-551-646-739 [= *C*] 57-73-78-413-550 [= *cI*] 18-52-54-79-313-408-569-615-761 [= *cII*] 53-56-246-664 [= *f*] 458 [= *n*] 30-85-127-130-343-344-730 [= *s*] 46 [= *t*] 71-527-346 [= *y*] 120 [= *z*] 54 55 59 509 730 [= codd mixti] D(G) M), cf. BHS and 1:25. MT lacks "and on every…earth" from haplography:..... ארץ ועל כל to its next occurrence

[c]9:2 Hebrew Mss SP Mss LXX. MT lacks "and"

[d]9:7 Hebrew Mss SP LXX Vg. MT lacks "and" from haplography: w-w

[e]9:7 LXX(58-72-707), reading kai katakurieusate authn = ורבו. MT reads…ורדו "and multiply" in reminiscence of the word previous in the verse. Cf. E. A. Speiser, Genesis (Anchor Bible), 57

[f]9:10 LXX SP Syr OL Tg. MT lacks "and"

[g]10 LXX. MT adds "for every wild animal of the earth," possibly from dittography

the covenant between me and the earth. 14It will happen, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow will be seen in the cloud, 15and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters will no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16The rainbow will be in the cloud. I will look at it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between me[a] and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

18The sons of Noah who came out from the ship were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham is the father of Canaan. 19These were the three sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was populated.

20Noah, a farmer, was the first to plant a vineyard. 21He drank of the wine and got drunk. He was uncovered within his tent. 22And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. 23Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it on both their shoulders, went in backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned the other way, and they did not see their father's nakedness. 24Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his youngest son had done to him. 25He said, "Canaan is cursed. He will be servant of servants to his brothers." 26He said, "Blessed be[b] the God of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant. 27May God enlarge Japheth. Let him dwell in the tents of Shem. Let Canaan be his servant."

28Noah lived three hundred fifty years after the flood. 29All the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, then he died.

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

2The sons of Japheth: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan,[c] Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. 3The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 4The sons of Javan: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.[d] 5From these, the coastlands of the nations separated into their territories, every one according to its language,

[a]9:16 LXX OL(X). MT LXX(15-64*(vid)-135-426 130(txt)-344(txt)) Eth(-C) Chr (VII 255) read "God"
[b]9:26 LXX(L (4/5th cent.) 57 [= *cI*]) Phil (II 225.20(L)) Isid(Lat) (*Gen* VIII 9). MT adds "YHWH"
[c]10:2 LXX OL(I) Ms add "Elishah." Cf. v.4
[d]10:4 Hebrew Mss SP LXX OL(I) and 1 Chronicles 1:7. MT reads "Dodanim," a possible dalet-resh (-ר ד) confusion. MT Qere for 1 Chronicles 1:7 reads "Dodanim"

according to their families, in their nations.

[6]The sons of Ham: Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. [7]The sons of Cush: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. [8]Cush became the father of Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one on the earth. [9]He was a mighty hunter before God.[a] Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before God.[b]" [10]And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Akkad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.[c] [11]Out of that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh, and Rehoboth Ir, and Calah, [12]and Resen, between Nineveh and the great city of Calah. [13]And Mizraim became the father of Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, [14]And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, which the Philistines descended from, and Caphtorim.

[15]And Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth, [16]and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and the Girgashites, [17]and the Hivites, and the Arkites, and the Sinites, [18]and the Arvadites, and the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were spread abroad. [19]And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as you go toward Gerar, to Gaza; as you go toward Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboiim, to Lasha. [20]These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

[21]To Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. [22]The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. [23]The sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. [24]And Arpachshad became the father of Kenan. And Kenan[d] became the father of Shelah. And Shelah became the father of Eber. [25]To Eber were born two sons. The name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. His brother's name was Joktan. [26]And Joktan became the father of Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, [27]and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, [28]and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, [29]and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

[30]Their dwelling was from Mesha, as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. [31]These are the sons of Shem, after their

[a]10:9 LXX(16 [= *C*] 799 [= *oI*] 664 [= *f*]). MT reads "YHWH"
[b]10:9 LXX(58 [= *O*] 56-129 [= *f*] 75 [= *n*] 346 [= *y*] 319 [= codd mixti]) Hier Ms Ambr(Lat) (*Noe* 128) Aug (*C D* XVI 3(ap)). MT reads "YHWH"
[c]10:10 Possibly, "[Land of] two rivers"
[d]10:24 LXX OL(I). MT lacks "Kenan…the father of," a scribal harmonization following the loss of text in 11:13. The LXX consistently renders the Hebrew name Kenan as Cainan. Cf. Genesis 5:10-14 LXX; Luke 3:37 Gk

families, after their languages, in their lands, after their nations.

32These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations, and from these the nations branched out on the earth after the flood.

11 The whole earth was of one language and of one speech.[a] 2It happened, as they traveled from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they settled there. 3And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. 4They said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top reaches to the sky, and let us make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad on the surface of the whole earth."

5And God[b] came down to see the city and the tower, that humankind was building. 6And God[c] said, "Look, they are one people, and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do. So now nothing which they plan to do will be too difficult for them. 7Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8So God[d] scattered them abroad from there on the surface of all the earth. They stopped building the city.[e] 9Therefore its name was called Babel, because there God[f] confused the language of all the earth. From there he[g] scattered them abroad on the surface of all the earth.[h]

10This is the history of the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood. 11Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and fathered sons and daughters.[i]

12And Arpachshad lived[j] one hundred[k] and thirty-five years and became the father of Kenan.[l] 13And Arpachshad lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the

[a]11:1 LXX adds "to all"
[b]11:5 Nov, reading deus "God," cf. Vetus Latina, Genesis, 143. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]11:6 PsPhil, reading deus "God." MT reads "YHWH"
[d]11:8 Vg(Paris Mazarin 5) Ms Hier Ambst(lat). MT reads "YHWH"
[e]11:8 LXX SP add "and the tower." Cf. Genesis 11:5
[f]11:9 LXX(108 [= *b*]) Anast PsPHil. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]11:9 LXX(125 [= *d*] 75 [= *n*]). MT reads "YHWH"
[h]11:9 LXX(82 [= *O*] 74 [= *t*]) Bo lack "From there…earth"
[i]11:11 MT LXX(53-664 = *f*). LXX SP add "and died"
[j]11:12 LXX (kai ezesen arphaxad) OL(A.I) = wayechi arpachshad. MT SP LXX(833 72'-82(c)-135 129-246 319 kai arphaxad ezesen) Arm read we'arpachshad chay
[k]11:12 SP LXX OL(A.I) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:150) Hippolytus of Rome. MT lacks "one hundred"
[l]11:12 LXX OL(A.I) Hippolytus of Rome. MT reads "Shelah"

father of Kenan, and fathered sons and daughters. And Kenan lived one hundred and thirty years and became the father of Shelah. And Kenan lived three hundred and thirty years after he had become the father of Shelah, and fathered sons and daughters.[a]
14Shelah lived[b] one hundred[c] and thirty years, and became the father of Eber: 15and Shelah lived four hundred and three[d] years after he became the father of Eber, and fathered sons and daughters.[e]

16Eber lived one hundred[f] and thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg. 17Eber lived three hundred and seventy[g] years after he became the father of Peleg, and fathered sons and daughters.[h]

18Peleg[i] lived one hundred and[j] thirty years, and became the father of Reu. 19Peleg[k] lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and fathered sons and daughters.[l]

20Reu lived one hundred[m] and thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug. 21Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and fathered sons and daughters.[n]

22Serug lived one hundred and[o] thirty years, and became the father of Nahor. 23Serug lived two hundred years after he became the

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[a]11:13 LXX OL(A + X). MT lacks "And Kenan lived…daughters" from haplography, from the first "hundred years and fathered sons and daughters. And lived" to its next occurrence. With the loss of text dealing with the birth of Shelah, and vv. 14-15 pointing to v. 13 for his birth, a later scribe saw the name Kenan as a copyist error and changed it to Shelah, along with the number thirty to three in view of the information given for Shelah in v. 15. The occurrence of Kenan's name was subsequently harmonized elsewhere, at 10:24, 11:12, and 1 Chronicles 1:18, 24,
[b]11:14 SP LXX OL(X), reading wayechi shelach. MT reads wayshelach hay, a copyist transposition
[c]11:14 SP LXX OL(X) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:150). MT lacks "one hundred"
[d]11:15 LXX Mss read "three hundred and thirty"
[e]11:15 MT. LXX OL(X) add "and died"
[f]11:16 SP LXX OL(X) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:150). MT lacks "one hundred"
[g]11:17 LXX. MT reads "four hundred thirty." SP reads "two hundred seventy"
[h]11:17 MT Arab. LXX adds "and died"
[i]11:18 LXX(M 15-17'-135' 128 *d n s t* 346-392 120' 54 55* 319) Vg read "Phaleg." LXX reads "Phalek"
[j]11:18 SP LXX Josephus (*Ant.* 1:149). MT lacks "one hundred"
[k]11:19 LXX(M 15-17'-135' 128 *d n s t* 392 120' 54 55 319) read "Phaleg." LXX(911 961) read "Phalek."
[l]11:19 MT Arab. LXX adds "and died"
[m]11:20 SP LXX OL(X) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:149. Reu and Serug are transposed). MT lacks "one hundred"
[n]11:21 MT Arab. LXX adds "and died"
[o]11:22 LXX SP OL(X) Josephus (*Ant.* 1:149. Reu and Serug are transposed). MT lacks "one hundred"

father of Nahor, and fathered sons and daughters.[a]

[24]Nahor lived seventy-nine[b] years, and became the father of Terah. [25]Nahor lived one hundred and twenty-nine[c] years after he became the father of Terah, and fathered sons and daughters.[d] [26]Terah lived seventy years, and became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

[27]Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. [28]And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur Kasdim. [29]And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran who was also the father of Iscah. [30]And Sarai was barren. She had no child.[e] [31]And Terah took Abram his son, Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and with them he[f] set out from Ur Kasdim to go into the land of Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there. [32]And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years. And Terah died in Haran.

12 Now God[g] had[h] said to Abram, "Go out from your country, and from your relatives, and from your father's house, to the land that I will show you.[i] [2]And I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you will be a blessing. [3]And I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who treat you with contempt, and through you all the families of the earth will be blessed."[j]

[4]So Abram left, as God[k] had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. [5]Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had accumulated, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they left to go to the land of Canaan. And they came to the land of Canaan, [6]and Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At

[a]11:23 MT LXX(44-106-107-125-370-610 [= *d*]) Arab. LXX adds "and died"
[b]11:24 LXX. MT reads "twenty-nine"
[c]11:25 LXX. MT reads "one hundred and nineteen"
[d]11:25 LXX adds "and he died"
[e]11:30 While we would expect yld, MT reads wld. However, the Ebla tablets show that the latter preserves the more ancient spelling
[f]11:31 LXX SP Vg. MT reads "they"
[g]12:1 LXX(911) Arm Aug(Lat) (*Quaest* 25) Hi (*Ps hom* 1) Quodv (*Prom* I 16). MT reads "YHWH"
[h]12:1 As the pluperfect. Cf. J. A. Emerton, "When did Terah die (Genesis 11:32)"? in Language, Theology, and the Bible, 177-179
[i]12:1 Acts 7:3
[j]12:3 Galatians 3:8
[k]12:4 Hebrew(178) Ms Arm Ambr(lat) (*Abr* II 5bis) Aug (*C D* XVI 15(ap)). MT reads "YHWH"

that time the Canaanites were in the land.

7Then God[a] appeared to Abram and said to him,[b] "I will give this land to your offspring.[c]" He[d] built an altar there to God,[e] who appeared to him. 8He left from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Ai on the east. There he built an altar[f] and called on the name of God.[g] 9And Abram traveled on, continuing toward the Negev.

10There was a famine in the land, so Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there, because the famine was severe in the land. 11It happened, when he had come near to enter Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Look, I know what a beautiful woman you are. 12It will happen, when the Egyptians will see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife.' And they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13Please say that you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."

14It happened that when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15The princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into the household of Pharaoh. 16He dealt well with Abram for her sake, and he aquired sheep, cattle, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. 17But God[h] plagued Pharaoh and his house with great and grievous[i] plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18Pharaoh summoned Abram and said, "What is this that you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore, look, your wife is before you.[j] Take, and go."

20Pharaoh commanded men concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all his possessions.[k]

13 Abram went up out of Egypt: he, his wife, and all his

[a]12:7 Arm(ap) Or(gr2/3) Phil (I 294.12 IV 19.7) Hier (Brev. Goth.; PL86, 280D). MT reads "YHWH"
[b]12:7 SP LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "to him" from homoioarcton: lw-lz
[c]12:7 Lit, "seed" sg
[d]12:7 LXX reads "Abram"
[e]12:7 Ambr (Abr 1,5), cf. 35:1,3. LXX(106 = *d*) lacks "YHWH." MT reads "YHWH"
[f]12:8 Arab. MT adds "to YHWH"
[g]12:8 LXX(426) Ms. MT reads "YHWH"
[h]12:17 LXX Chr Claudins Taur. (PL50,947A; deus). MT reads "YHWH"
[i]12:17 LXX OL(E) Vg. MT lacks "and grievous" from haplography: ym-ym, or w_m-w_m
[j]12:19 LXX OL(S.M). MT lacks "is before you," from homoioteleuton: k-k
[k]12:20 LXX Mss SP add "and Lot with him," possibly lost in MT via w_w-w_w

possessions, and Lot with him, into
the Negev. 2Abram was very rich in
livestock, in silver, and in gold. 3He
went on his journeys from the
Negev even to Bethel, to the place
where his tent had been at the
beginning, between Bethel and Ai,
4to the place where he had first built
the altar. And there Abram called
on the name of God.[a] 5Lot also,
who went with Abram, had flocks,
and herds, and tents. 6The land was
not able to support them while they
stayed together, for they had so
many possessions that they were
unable to remain together. 7There
was a strife between the herdsmen
of Abram's livestock and the
herdsmen of Lot's livestock. And
the Canaanite and the Perizzite
lived in the land at that time.
8Abram said to Lot, "Please, let
there be no strife between me and
you, and between my herdsmen and
your herdsmen; for we are
relatives. 9Isn't the whole land
before you? Please separate
yourself from me. If you go to the
left hand, then I will go to the right.
Or if you go to the right hand, then
I will go to the left."

10Lot lifted up his eyes, and
saw all the plain of the Jordan, that
it was well-watered everywhere,
like the garden of God,[b] like the
land of Egypt, in the direction of
Zoar. (This was before God[c]
destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)
11So Lot chose the Plain[d] of the
Jordan for himself. Lot traveled
east, and they separated from each
other. 12Abram lived in the land of
Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities
of the plain, and moved his tent as
far as Sodom. 13Now the people of
Sodom were evil, sinning greatly
against God.[e]

14And God[f] said to Abram after Lot
had departed from him, "Now, lift
up your eyes, and look from the
place where you are, northward and
southward and eastward and
westward, 15for all the land which
you see I will give to you and to
your offspring forever.[g] 16I will
make your offspring as the dust of
the earth, so that if one can count
the dust of the earth, then your
offspring also could be counted.
17Arise, walk through the land in its
length and in its breadth; for I will
give it to you.[h]"

18Abram moved his tent, and
came and lived by the oaks of
Mamre, which are in Hebron, and
built an altar there to God.[i]

14 It happened in the
days of Amraphel,

[a]13:4 OL(K.A) Sa. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]13:10 LXX OL(E) Sa(20). MT reads "YHWH"
[c]13:10 LXX OL(E) Sa(20). MT reads "YHWH"
[d]13:11 Lit. the "circle"
[e]13:13 LXX OL(E). MT Sa(20) read "YHWH"
[f]13:14 LXX OL(E) Sa(20) Chr. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]13:15 Galatians 3:16
[h]13:17 LXX(A *b f* (-53) 121 424 619 122) Mss OL(I) add "and to your seed forever," possibly lost from homoioarcton: w-w. Cf. 13:15
[i]13:18 LXX(414-551) Mss. MT reads "YHWH"

king of Shinar, Arioch, king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer, king of Elam, and Tidal, king of Goiim, 2that they made war with Bera, king of Sodom, and with Birsha, king of Gomorrah, Shinab, king of Admah, and Shemeber, king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). 3All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). 4Twelve years they served Kedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year, they rebelled. 5In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim, 6and the Horite, in the hills of Seir, to El Paran, which is near the desert. 7They returned, and came to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that lived in Hazazon Tamar. 8The king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) came out; and they took up battle positions in the Valley of Siddim 9against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against the five. 10Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah[a] fled, and they fell there, and those who remained fled to the hills. 11They took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their food, and left. 12They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who lived in Sodom, and his possessions, and departed.

13One who had escaped came and told Abram, the Hebrew. Now he lived by the oaks of Mamre, the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were allies of Abram. 14When Abram heard that his relative was taken captive, he mobilized[b] his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued as far as Dan.[c] 15He divided his forces against them at night, he and his servants, and attacked them, and pursued them to Hobah, which is north of Damascus. 16He brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his relative, Lot, and his possessions, as well as the women and the other people.

17The king of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the defeat of Kedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was priest of God Most High. 19He blessed him,[d] and said, "Blessed be Abram by God

[a]14:10 Hebrew Ms SP LXX Syr. MT reads "and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah"

[b]14:14 SP cf. BHS, reading vayyadiq, from the verb diq, "mobilize, muster." MT reads vayyareq "emptied out" from a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[c]14:14 A Hebrew(389 B) Ms lacks "Dan"

[d]14:19 LXX SP OL(L) read "Abram"

Most High, Maker of heaven and earth: [20]and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tenth of everything.

[21]Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people, and take the possessions for yourself." [22]But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I take an oath[a] to[b] God Most High, Maker of heaven and earth, [23]that I will not take a thread nor a sandal strap nor anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.' [24]I will accept nothing from you except that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their portion."

15 After these things the word of YHWH[c] came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield; your reward will be very great."

[2]And Abram said, "Lord,[d] what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" [3]Then Abram said, "Look, to me you have given no offspring, and look, one born in my house is my heir."
[4]And look, the word of God[e] came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir, but he who will come forth out of your own body will be your heir." [5]And he brought him outside, and said, "Look now toward the sky, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And he said to him, "So will your descendants be."[f] [6]And he believed God,[g] and it was credited to him as righteousness.[h] [7]And he said to him, "I am God,[i] who brought you out of Ur Kasdim to give you this land to possess."

[8]But he said, "Lord,[j] how can I know that I will possess it?"
[9]And he said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." [10]He brought him all of these, and divided them in the middle, and placed each half opposite the other; but he did not divide the birds. [11]And the birds of

[a]14:22 Lit. "I have lifted up my hand"
[b]14:22 LXX OL(I) Sa(20) Bo(L) Chr. MT adds "YHWH"
[c]15:1 LXX(77*) lacks "YHWH"
[d]15:2 LXX Sa(20) Bo(L). MT adds "YHWH"
[e]15:4 LXX OL(E) Arm Sa Chr(VII 338). MT reads "YHWH"
[f]15:5 Romans 4:18
[g]15:6 LXX OL(L) Sa(20) Bo(L) Chr and Romans 4:3; Galatians 3:6; James 2:23. MT reads "in YHWH," a scribal substitution of a divine name. See also Exodus 24:8 (Hebrews 9:20); Deuteronomy 8:3 (Luke 4:4)
[h]15:6 Romans 4:3, 20-24; Galatians 3:6; James 2:23
[i]15:7 LXX OL(E) Sa(20) Bo(L). MT reads "YHWH"
[j]15:8 LXX(73 [= *cI*] 646 [= *C*] 458 [= *n*]) Eth(C Ra) Phil (III 23.15(te)). MT adds "YHWH." Sa(20) Tg(O) add "God"

prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

12When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And look, a terror of great darkness fell on him. 13And he said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will live as foreigners in a land that is not theirs; and they will be servants there. And they will oppress them four hundred years. 14But I will also judge that nation whom they will serve. And afterward they will come out[a] with many possessions. 15But you will go to your fathers in peace. You will be buried in a good old age. 16In the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17It came to pass that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, look, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

18On that day God[b] made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Perath:[c] 19the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, 20the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hivites,[d] the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children, but she had an Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2Sarai said to Abram, "Look now, God[e] has prevented me from bearing. Please go in to my servant. It may be that I will obtain children by her." Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3So Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife. 4He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she saw that she had conceived, she looked on her mistress with contempt. 5Sarai said to Abram, "This wrong is your fault. I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she despised me. God[f] judge between me and you."

6But Abram said to Sarai, "Look, your maid is in your hand. Do to her whatever is good in your sight." Sarai dealt harshly with her, so she fled from her presence. 7And

[a]15:14 Acts 7:7
[b]15:18 LXX(D(G) 53-56-129-246-664 [= *f*] 527 [= *y*]) Arab. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]15:18 Heb. perat, Akkadian purattu. Later known by its Greek name, Euphrates. LXX(53 [= *f*] 130 [= *s*]) lack "Euphrates/Perath," possibly from an inner Greek two-letter homoioteleuton: ou-ou
[d]15:21 LXX OL(E) Ms. SP reads "Girgashites, Hivites, Jebusites." OL LXX(318): "Amorites, Hivites, Canaanites." MT lacks "the Hivites" from haplography: w't-w't
[e]16:2 LXX(53-56-129-246-664) Mss Arab Aug(lat). MT reads "YHWH"
[f]16:5 LXX OL(M) Bo Ambr Chr. MT reads "YHWH"

the angel of God[a] found her by a spring of water in the desert, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8And he[b] said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where did you come from, and where are you going?" And she said, "I am running away from the presence of my mistress Sarai." 9The angel of YHWH[c] said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority." 10The angel of YHWH[d] said to her,[e] "I will greatly multiply your descendants, so that they will be too numerous to count." 11Then the angel of God[f] said to her, "Look, you are with child, and will bear a son. You are to name him Ishmael, because God[g] has heard your affliction. 12He will be like a wild donkey among men. His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he will live away from all of his brothers." 13And she called his name,[h] the one who spoke to her, "You are El Roi,"[i] for she said, "Here I have seen the one who sees me." 14Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi.[j] Look,[k] it is between Kadesh and Bered.

15Hagar bore a son for Abram. Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God[l] appeared to him,[m] and said to him, "I am El Shaddai.[n] Walk before me, and be blameless. 2I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you greatly."

3Then Abram fell facedown, and God talked with him, saying, 4"As for me, look, my covenant is

[a]16:7 Bo. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]16:8 LXX reads "the angel of YHWH"
[c]16:9 LXX(107-125 [= *d*]) read "And he." LXX(18-19-108-118-314-537-B(S) [= *b*] 458 [= *n*]) Ambr(lat) (*Abr* I 26) read "And the angel"
[d]16:10 LXX(44 [= *d*]) PsAug lack "YHWH"
[e]16:10 LXX(106 [= *d*] 458 [= *n*]) read "for" instead of "The angel of YHWH said to her"
[f]16:11 Hebrew(de Rossi 669) Ms OL(S). MT reads "YHWH"
[g]16:11 LXX(18-19-108-118-314-537-B(S) =*b*) OL(E) Arab. MT reads "YHWH"
[h]16:13 LXX(108* [= *b*]) Ms, reading "his name." MT reads "name of YHWH"
[i]16:13 El Roi means "God of Seeing"
[j]16:14 Beer Lahai Roi means "well of the one who lives and sees"
[k]16:14 Tg Ms cf. BHS adds "which"
[l]17:1 Arab Ruf Aug Chr (VII 360 362), reading "God." MT reads "YHWH"
[m]17:1 LXX(44-106 [= *d*]) Bo Chr (VII 360 362), reading "to him." MT reads "to Abram"
[n]17:1 Heb. shaddai appears to be derived from shadayim "breasts," fig. "abundant provision," thus "God of abundant provision." The Old Akkadian word for breast was shadwi. The hypothetical derivation of Heb. shaddai from Akkadian shaddu'a "mountaineer" or shaddu "mountain" is based on phonetic association rather than philology. The LXX and Vulgate translated shaddai as "all powerful"

with you. You will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5Neither will your name any more be called Abram, but your name will be Abraham;[a] for I will make you the father of a multitude[b] of nations.[c] 6I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you. Kings will come out of you. 7I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

9God said to Abraham, "As for you, you are to keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your descendants after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin. It will be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12He who is eight days old will be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from any foreigner who is not of your descendants. 13He who is born in your house, and he who is bought with your money, must be circumcised. My covenant will be in your flesh as an everlasting covenant. 14And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day,[d] that person shall be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant."

15God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but her name will be Sarah. 16And I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. And I will bless her, and she will be a mother of nations. Kings of peoples will come from her."

17Then Abraham fell on his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to him who is one hundred years old? Will Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth?" 18Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you." 19And God said,[e] "Truly,[f] Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you are to name him Isaac.[g] And I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant

[a]17:5 Meaning "father of a multitude," from ab "father" and raham (cognate with Arabic ruham) "multitude." Abram means "exalted father," from ab "father" and ram "exalted, high"
[b]17:5 Heb. hamon "multitude"
[c]17:5 Romans 4:17
[d]17:14 LXX SP OL(E) Philo (QG 3.52). MT lacks "on the eighth day." Cf. M. Thiessen, The Text of Genesis 17:14, JBL 128, no. 4 (2009) 625-42
[e]17:19 LXX Syr Vg add "to Abraham"
[f]17:19 LXX SP add "look"
[g]17:19 Isaac means "he laughs"

and[a] with his descendants after
him. 20As for Ishmael, I have heard
you. Look, I have blessed him, and
will make him fruitful, and will
multiply him exceedingly. He will
become the father of twelve
princes, and I will make him a great
nation. 21But my covenant I
establish with Isaac, whom Sarah
will bear to you at this set time next
year."

22When he finished talking
with him, God went up from
Abraham. 23Abraham took Ishmael
his son, all who were born in his
house, and all who were bought
with his money; every male among
the men of Abraham's house, and
circumcised the flesh of their
foreskin in the same day, as God
had said to him. 24Abraham was
ninety-nine years old, when he was
circumcised in the flesh of his
foreskin. 25Ishmael, his son, was
thirteen years old when he was
circumcised in the flesh of his
foreskin. 26In the same day both
Abraham and Ishmael, his son,
were circumcised. 27All the men of
his house, those born in the house,
and those bought with money from
a foreigner, were circumcised with
him.

18 And God[b] appeared
to him by the oaks of
Mamre, as he sat in
the tent door in the heat of the day.
2He lifted up his eyes and looked,
and saw that three men stood
opposite him. When he saw them,
he ran to meet them from the
entrance of the tent, and bowed
himself to the earth, 3and said, "My
lord, if now I have found favor in
your sight, please do not go on past
your servant. 4Now let a little water
be brought, and wash your feet, and
rest yourselves under the tree. 5I
will get a bit of food so you may
refresh yourselves. After that you
may go your way, now that you
have come to your servant." They
said, "Very well, do as you have
said."

6Abraham hurried into the
tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly,
get three measures of fine flour,
knead it, and make bread."
7Abraham ran to the herd, and took
a tender and good calf, and gave it
to the servant, and he hurried to
prepare it. 8He took curds, milk,
and the calf that he had prepared,
and set it before them. He stood by
them under the tree, and they ate.
9They said to him, "Where is Sarah,
your wife? He said, "See, in the
tent."

10Then he said, "I will
certainly return to you at the time of
life. Look, Sarah your wife will
have a son."[c] Sarah heard from the
entrance of the tent, which was
behind him. 11Now Abraham and
Sarah were old, well advanced in
age. Sarah was past the age of
childbearing. 12Sarah laughed

[a]17:19 Hebrew Mss SP LXX Syr. MT lacks "and"

[b]18:1 LXX OL(L) Sa(20) Chr Caes (Serm LXXXIII 2). MT reads "YHWH"

[c]18:10 Romans 9:9

within herself, saying, “After I have grown old will I have pleasure, my husband being old also?”

13And God[a] said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Will I really bear a child when I am old?’ 14Is anything too difficult[b] for God[c]? At the set time I will return to you, at the time of life, and Sarah will have a son.”

15But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

16The men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. 17And God[d] said, “Will I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18seeing that Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation,[e] and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him? 19For I have made myself known to him, so that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of YHWH, to do righteousness and justice, so that God[f] may bring to Abraham that which he has spoken to him.” 20And YHWH said, “Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is so grievous, 21I will go down now, and see whether they have done entirely according to the outcry which has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

22The men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before YHWH.[g] 23Abraham drew near, and said, “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you sweep it away and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25Be it far from you to do things like that, to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be like the wicked. May that be far from you. Shouldn’t the Judge of all the earth do right?”

26YHWH said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake.” 27Abraham answered, “Look, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous? Will you destroy all the city for lack of five?” He said, “I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there.”

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[a]18:13 Anast, reading deus “God.” Cf. Vetus Latina, Genesis, 199. MT reads “YHWH”

[b]18:14 Or, “wonderful,” “surpassing” or “extraordinary”

[c]18:14 LXX OL(E) Sa(20) Chr. MT reads “YHWH”

[d]18:17 LXX(53-56-129-246-664 = *f*). MT reads “YHWH”

[e]18:18 Galatians 3:8

[f]18:19 LXX(961) OL(L). MT reads “YHWH”

[g]18:22 Hebrew(2) Ms lacks “YHWH”

[29]He spoke to him yet again, and said, “What if there are forty found there?” He said, “I will not do it for the forty’s sake.”

[30]He said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?” He said, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”

[31]He said, “Look, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. What if there are twenty found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the twenty’s sake.”

[32]He said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry, and I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the ten’s sake.”

[33]When he[a] finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned to his place.

19 The two angels came to Sodom at evening. Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them. He bowed himself with his face to the earth, [2]and he said, “See now, my lords, please turn aside into your servant’s house, and stay all night, and wash your feet, then you may rise up early, and go on your way.[b]” They said, “No, but we will stay in the street all night.”

[3]But he urged them so strongly that they came in with him, and entered into his house. He made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. [4]But before they could lie down to sleep, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. [5]They called to Lot, and said to him, “Where are the men who came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may have sex with them.”

[6]Lot went out to them at the entrance, and shut the door behind him. [7]He said, “Please, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. [8]Look, I have two virgin daughters. Please let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them what seems good to you. Only do not do anything to these men, because they have come under the protection of my roof.”

[9]They said, “Stand back.” They said, “This one fellow came in to live as a foreigner, and he appoints himself a judge. Now will we deal worse with you, than with them.” They pressed hard on the man Lot, and drew near to break the door. [10]But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door.

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[a]18:33 Hebrew(80) Ms LXX(135) Ms. MT adds “YHWH”

[b]19:2 LXX(413(mg) [= *cI*] 19-B(S) [= *b*] 53-56-129-246-664 [= *f*] 75-458 [= *n*] 127-130(mg)-343-344(mg) [= *s*] 346-392-527 [= *y*] 319 509 [= codd mixti]) Sa Bo Arab add “since you have come to your servant.” Possibly lost from haplography in Paleo-Hebrew: km_ky-km_wy. Cf. 18:5

11They struck the men who were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they were unable to find the door.

12The men said to Lot, "Do you have anybody else here? Sons-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whoever you have in the city, bring them out of the place: 13for we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before God[a] that he[b] has sent us to destroy it."

14Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters, and said, "Get up. Get out of this place, for God[c] will destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be joking.

15When the morning came, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, "Get up. Take your wife, and your two daughters who are here, and get out,[d] lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city." 16But he hesitated, so the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands, God[e] being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set him outside of the city. 17It came to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said, "Escape for your life. Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away."

18Lot said to them, "Oh, not so, my lord. 19See now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your loving kindness, which you have shown to me in saving my life. I can't escape to the mountain, lest the disaster overtake me, and I die. 20See now, this city is near to flee to, and it is a little one. Let me escape there--isn't it a little one?--and my life will be saved."

21He said to him, "Look, I have granted your request concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow the city of which you have spoken. 22Hurry, escape there, for I can't do anything until you get there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.[f]

23The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. 24Then God[g] rained on Sodom and on Gomorrah sulfur and fire[h] from the sky. 25He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that

[a]19:13 OL Bo. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]19:13 LXX Mss Vg Eth Pal. MT adds "YHWH"
[c]19:14 Bo Arab. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]19:15 LXX OL(S). MT lacks "and get out"
[e]19:16 LXX(246 [=*f*] 422 [=*C*]) OL(S). MT reads "YHWH"
[f]19:22 Zoar means "little"
[g]19:24 Tert (Pra 16) Nov (Tri 26) read deus "God." MT reads "YHWH"
[h]19:24 LXX(44 [= *d*] 664* [= *f*]) Eth(p) Cyp(Lat) (*Quir* III 33(ap)). MT adds "from YHWH"

which grew on the ground. [26]But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

[27]Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood before God[a] [28]He looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and he saw; and look, the smoke was rising from the land like smoke from a furnace.

[29]It happened, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

[30]Lot went up out of Zoar, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to live in Zoar. He lived in a cave with his two daughters. [31]The firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man in the land to sleep with us according to the custom of all the land. [32]Come, let's make our father drink wine, and we will sleep with him, that we may preserve our family through our father." [33]They made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and slept with her father. He did not know when she lay down, nor when she arose. [34]It came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said to the younger, "Look, I slept last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine again, tonight. You go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve our father's family." [35]They made their father drink wine that night also. The younger went and slept with him. He did not know when she lay down, nor when she got up. [36]Thus both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. [37]The firstborn bore a son, and named him Moab.[b] He is the father of the Moabites to this day. [38]The younger also bore a son, and called his name Ben Ammi. He is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

20 Abraham traveled from there toward the land of the Negev, and lived between Kadesh and Shur. He lived as a foreigner in Gerar. [2]Abraham said about Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. [3]But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Look, you are a dead man, because of the woman whom you have taken. For she is a man's wife."

[4]Now Abimelech had not come near her. He said, "Lord, will you kill even a righteous nation? [5]Did not he tell me, 'She is my sister?' She, even she herself, said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands have I done this."

[a]19:27 LXX(20) Chr (VIII 405 407). MT reads "YHWH"

[b]19:37 LXX adds "saying, From my father"

6God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also withheld you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not allow you to touch her. 7Now therefore, restore the man's wife. For he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. If you do not restore her, know for sure that you will die, you, and all who are yours."

8Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ear. The men[a] were very scared. 9Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said to him, "What have you done to us? How have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done." 10Abimelech said to Abraham, "What were you thinking, to do this thing?"

11Abraham said, "Because I thought, 'Surely the fear of God is not in this place, so they will kill me because of my wife.' 12Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. 13It happened, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is your kindness which you shall show to me. Everywhere that we go, say of me, "He is my brother."'"

14Abimelech took[b] sheep and cattle, male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored Sarah, his wife, to him. 15Abimelech said, "Look, my land is before you. Dwell where it pleases you." 16To Sarah he said, "Look, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. Look, it is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you. In front of all you are vindicated."

17Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his female servants, and they bore children. 18For God[c] had made every woman infertile in the household of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

21 Now God[d] visited Sarah as he had said, and[e] did to Sarah as he had spoken. 2Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3Abraham

[a]20:8 MT LXX(55) Procop (381) Arab. LXX SP read "All the men"
[b]20:14 LXX SP add "a thousand pieces of silver and"
[c]20:18 SP LXX(14-16-25-77-131-414-422-500-551-646-739 [= *C''*] 18-19-108-118-314-537-B(S) [= *b*] 71 [= *y*] 630(txt) [= codd mixti]) OL(E) Bo Arab Procop (381). MT reads "YHWH"
[d]21:1 LXX(52) Hil PsHier. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]21:1 LXX(125) Chr (VIII 421). LXX(381 [=*oI*] 18-52-54-79-313-408-569-615 [=*cII*]) OL(E) add "God." MT adds "YHWH"

called his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac.[a] 4Abraham circumcised his son, Isaac, when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5Abraham was one hundred years old when his son, Isaac, was born to him. 6Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears will laugh with me." 7She said, "Who would have said to Abraham, that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."

8The child grew, and was weaned. Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.[b] 10Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman and her son. For the son of this slave woman will not be heir with my son, Isaac."[c]
11The thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son. 12God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be grievous in your sight because of the boy, and because of your slave woman. In all that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice. For from Isaac will your descendants be called.[d] 13And I will also make a great[e] nation of the son of the slave woman, because he is your offspring." 14Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took food and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder; and gave her the child, and sent her away. She departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. 15The water in the skin was gone, and she shoved the boy under one of the shrubs. 16She went and sat down opposite him, a good way off, about a bow shot away. For she said, "Do not let me see the death of the boy." So she sat across him, and he wept loudly.[f] 17And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from the sky and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid. For God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18Get up, lift up the boy, and hold him by your hand. For I will make him a great nation."

19God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. 20God was with the boy, and he grew. He lived in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer. 21He lived in the wilderness of Paran. His mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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[a]21:3 Isaac means "He laughs"
[b]21:9 LXX Vg Mss add "Isaac her son"
[c]21:10 Galatians 4:30
[d]21:12 Romans 9:7; Hebrews 11:18
[e]21:13 SP LXX OL(I) Syr Vg. MT lacks "great"
[f]21:16 Cf. LXX. MT reads "and she wept loudly." It is possible that the words were skipped in a three-letter homoioarcton: wys-wys, and the skipped words subsequently placed in the margin were later misread as feminine under the influence of the word wattesheb "and she sat"

[22]It happened at that time,
that Abimelech and Phicol the
commander of his army spoke to
Abraham, saying, "God is with you
in all that you do. [23]Now, therefore,
swear to me here by God that you
will not deal falsely with me, nor
with my son, nor with my son's
son. But according to the kindness
that I have done to you, you shall
do to me, and to the land in which
you have lived as a foreigner."

[24]And Abraham said, "I
swear." [25]Abraham complained to
Abimelech because of a water well,
which Abimelech's servants had
violently taken away. [26]Abimelech
said, "I do not know who has done
this thing. Neither did you tell me,
neither did I hear of it, until today."

[27]Abraham took sheep and
cattle, and gave them to
Abimelech, and the two of them
made a covenant. [28]Abraham set
seven ewe lambs of the flock by
themselves. [29]Abimelech said to
Abraham, "What do these seven
ewe lambs which you have set by
themselves mean?"

[30]He[a] said, "You shall take
these seven ewe lambs from my
hand, that it may be a witness to
me, that I have dug this well."
[31]Therefore he called that place
Beersheba,[b] because they both
swore there. [32]So they made a
covenant at Beersheba. Abimelech
rose up with Phicol, the
commander of his army, and they
returned into the land of the
Philistines. [33]And Abraham[c]
planted a tamarisk tree in
Beersheba, and called there on the
name of YHWH, the Everlasting
God. [34]Abraham lived as a
foreigner in the land of the
Philistines many days.

22 It happened after
these things, that
God tested
Abraham, and said to him,
"Abraham, Abraham.[d]" He said,
"Here I am."

[2]He said, "Now take your
son, your only one, whom you love,
even Isaac, and go into the land of
Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt
offering on one of the mountains
which I will tell you of."
[3]Abraham rose early in the
morning, and saddled his donkey,
and took two of his young men with
him, and Isaac his son. He split the
wood for the burnt offering, and
rose up, and went to the place of
which God had told him. [4]On the
third day Abraham lifted up his
eyes, and saw the place far off.
[5]Abraham said to his young men,
"Stay here with the donkey. The
boy and I will go over there, and we

[a]21:30 LXX SP read "Abraham"
[b]21:31 Beersheba can mean "well of the oath" or "well of seven"
[c]21:33 LXX SP Syr Vg. MT lacks "Abraham," possibly from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph
[d]22:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg Mss cf. BHS. MT lacks "Abraham" from haplography by homoiologon. Cf. 22:11

will worship, and come back to you." 6Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.[a] He took in his hand the fire and the knife. They both went together. 7Isaac spoke to Abraham his father, and said, "My father?" He said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8Abraham said, "God will provide[b] himself the lamb[c] for a burnt offering, my son." So they both went together. 9They came to the place which God had told him of. Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10Abraham reached out his hand, and took the knife to kill his son.

11But an angel of God[d] called to him out of the sky, and said, "Abraham, Abraham." And he said, "Here I am."

12He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy, neither do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me."

13And Abraham looked up and saw behind him[e] a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14Abraham called the name of that place Elohim[f] Yireh.[g] As it is said to this day, "On the mountain, God[h] will provide."

15The angel of God[i] called to Abraham a second time out of the sky, 16and said, "I have sworn by myself," says YHWH, "because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only one, from me,[j] 17I will indeed bless you, and I will greatly multiply your offspring[k] like the stars of the sky, and like the sand which is on the seashore; and your offspring will possess the gate of their enemies. 18And through your offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed,[l] because you have obeyed my voice."

19So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose up and

[a]22:6 Cf. John 19:17
[b]22:8 Heb. elohim yireh
[c]22:8 Cf. Isaiah 53:7; John 1:29; Acts 8:32; Ephesians 5:2; 1Peter 1:19
[d]22:11 Hebrew(248 601) Mss LXX(961) Ms, reading "God." MT reads "YHWH." LXX(72 14' 57'-77'500') Arab omit
[e]22:13 MT, reading "behind him." Hebrew Mss SP LXX Tg Syr Ms, read "single," an early dalet-resh confusion
[f]22:14 DSS(4QGen-Exod(a)) Sa. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]22:14 Or, "God will provide"
[h]22:14 Sa(20). MT reads "YHWH"
[i]22:15 Sa(3). MT reads "YHWH"
[j]22:16 LXX SP Syr Vg Sa. MT lacks "from me"
[k]22:17 Hebrews 6:14
[l]22:18 Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:8

went together to Beersheba. Abraham lived at Beersheba.

[20]It happened after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Look, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: [21]Uz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, [22]Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel." [23]Bethuel became the father of Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother. [24]His secondary wife, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Tahash, and Maacah.

23 Sarah lived one hundred twenty-seven years. This was the length of Sarah's life. [2]Sarah died in Kiriath Arba[a] (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. [3]Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying, [4]"I am a stranger and a foreigner living with you. Give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may remove my dead for burial."

[5]The sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him, [6]"Hear us, my lord. You are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the best of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to prevent you from burying your dead."

[7]Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, to the sons of Heth. [8]He talked with them, saying, "If you agree that I may remove my dead for burial, hear me, and approach Ephron the son of Zohar[b] for me, [9]that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he owns; it is at the end of his field. For the full price let him give it to me in your presence as a burial place."

[10]Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth. Ephron the Hethite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth, even of all who went in at the gate of his city, saying, [11]"No, my lord, hear me. I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead."

[12]Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. [13]He spoke to Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, "But if you will, please hear me. I will give the price of the field. Take it from me, and I will bury my dead there."

[14]Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him, [15]"My lord, listen to me. What is a piece

[a]23:2 LXX SP, cf. Syr add "in the valley," possibly lost from homoioteleuton by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: ayin-qoph

[b]23:8 SP adds "the Hethite." Cf. Genesis 25:9

of land worth four hundred shekels of silver between me and you? Therefore bury your dead."

16 Abraham listened to Ephron. Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, according to the current merchants' standard.

17 So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all of its borders, were deeded 18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city. 19 After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (that is, Hebron), in the land of Canaan. 20 The field, and the cave that is in it, were deeded to Abraham as a possession for a burial place by the sons of Heth.

24 Now Abraham was old, and well advanced in years. YHWH had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 Abraham said to his servant, the elder of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please put your hand under my thigh. 3 I will make you swear by the[a] God of heaven and[b] earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live. 4 But you shall go to my country, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

5 The servant said to him, "What if the woman isn't willing to follow me to this land? Must I then bring your son back to the land from which you came?" 6 Abraham said to him, "Be careful that you do not take my son back there. 7 Now the[c] God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, 'I will give this land to your offspring'[d] -- he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 If the woman isn't willing to follow you, then you shall be free from this oath to me. Only you shall not bring my son there again."

9 The servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. 10 The servant took ten camels, of his master's camels, and departed, having a variety of good things of

[a] 24:3 Eth Aug(lat) (Conjug 22 C Sec 23 Gratia II 32 Ioh Evang XLIII 16) Quodv (Prom I 26) Isid (209). MT adds "YHWH"

[b] 24:3 LXX(135 [= *O*] 108 [= *b*] 53-664 [= *f*] 76-370 799 [= *t*] 59 730 [= codd mixti] A) Eth Vg DialTA (92v) Isid (209) Tht (I 184 IV 461) Caes(lat) (*Serm* LXXXV 1). MT adds "the God of the"

[c] 24:7 LXX(130 = *s*). MT reads "YHWH"

[d] 24:7 Or, offspring. Galatians 3:16

his master's with him. He arose, and went to Aram Naharaim, to the city of Nahor. 11He made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water. 12He said,[a] "God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13Look, I am standing by the spring of water. The daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14Let it happen, that the young woman to whom I will say, 'Please let down your pitcher, that I may drink,' and she will say, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink,'—let her be the one you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."

15It happened, before he had finished speaking,[b] that look, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher on her shoulder. 16The young woman was very beautiful to look at, a virgin; no man had ever slept with her. She went down to the spring, filled her pitcher, and came up. 17The servant ran to meet her, and said, "Please give me a drink, a little water from your pitcher."

18She said, "Drink, my lord." She hurried, and let down her pitcher to her hands, and gave him a drink. 19When she had finished giving him drink, she said, "I will also draw for your camels, until they have finished drinking." 20She hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw, and drew for all his camels.

21The man looked steadfastly at her, remaining silent, to know whether God[c] had made his journey prosperous or not. 22It happened, as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a gold ring weighing a beka,[d] which he put on her nose,[e] and two bracelets for her hands[f] weighing ten [shekels][g] of gold, 23and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to lodge in?"

24She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." 25She said moreover to him, "We

[a]24:12 LXX(57-73-78-413-550 [= *cI*]) Eth. MT adds "YHWH"
[b]24:15 LXX SP cf. Vg add "in his heart," possibly lost in MT from haplography: ldbr-lbw, or it could be an expansion based on Genesis 24:45
[c]24:21 68 (deus) "God." Cf. P. Sabatier, Vetus Latina, Genesis, 252. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]24:22 About half a shekel,
[e]24:22 SP LXX(44-106-107-125-370-610 [= *d*] kai ethhken eis ta wta auths), cf. BHS. MT lacks "which he put…nose," possibly from haplography: w-w
[f]24:22 Or, wrists
[g]24:22 Or, bekas

have plenty of straw and feed, and room to lodge in."

[26]The man bowed his head, and worshiped God.[a] [27]He said, "Blessed be[b] the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his loving kindness and his truth toward my master. As for me, he[c] has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives."

[28]The young woman ran, and told her mother's house about these words. [29]Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban. Laban ran out to the man, to the spring. [30]It happened, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "This is what the man said to me," that he came to the man. Look, he was standing by the camels at the spring. [31]He said, "Come in, you blessed of God.[d] Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels."

[32]The man came into the house, and he unloaded the camels. He gave straw and feed for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. [33]Food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told my message." He said, "Speak on."

[34]He said, "I am Abraham's servant. [35]The Lord[e] has blessed my master greatly. He has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, and camels and donkeys. [36]Sarah, my master's wife, bore a son to my master when she was old. He has given all that he has to him. [37]My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, [38]but you shall go to my father's house, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.' [39]I said to my master, 'What if the woman will not follow me?' [40]He said to me, 'God,[f] before whom I walk, will send his angel with you, and prosper your journey. You shall take a wife for my son of my relatives, and of my father's house. [41]Then will you be free from my oath, when you come to my relatives. If they do not give her to you, you shall be free from my oath.' [42]I came this day to the spring, and said,[g] 'God of my master Abraham, if now you will prosper my journey in which I go— [43]look, I am standing by this spring of water. Let it happen, that the virgin who comes out to draw, to

[a]24:26 Arm Caes. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]24:27 LXX(569 [=cII] 125 [=d]) Mss. MT adds "YHWH"
[c]24:27 Eth Arab Thdrt. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]24:31 LXX(905*) OL(X). MT reads "YHWH"
[e]24:35 Hebrew Ms. MT reads "YHWH"
[f]24:40 LXX(905). MT reads "YHWH"
[g]24:42 LXX(905). MT adds"YHWH"

whom I will say, “Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink,” 44and she will tell me, “Drink, and I will also draw for your camels,”—let her be the woman who[a] has been appointed for my master’s son.’ 45Before I had done speaking in my heart, look, Rebekah came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. She went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’ 46She hurried and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink.’ So I drank, and she made the camels drink also. 47I asked her, and said, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her hands. 48I bowed my head, and worshiped YHWH,[b] and blessed[c] the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master’s brother’s daughter for his son. 49Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. If not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.”

50Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “The thing proceeds from YHWH. We can’t speak to you bad or good. 51Look, Rebekah is before you. Take, and go, and let her be your master’s son’s wife, as YHWH has spoken.”

52It happened that when Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the ground.[d] 53The servant brought out articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave valuable gifts to her brother and her mother. 54They ate and drank, he and the men who were with him, and stayed all night. They rose up in the morning, and he said, “Send me away to my master.”

55Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten. After that she will go.”

56He said to them, “Do not hinder me, seeing he[e] has prospered my journey. Send me away that I may go to my master.”

57They said, “We will call the young woman, and ask her.” 58They called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.”

59They sent away Rebekah, their sister, with her nurse, Abraham’s servant, and his men. 60They blessed Rebekah, and said

[a]24:44 LXX(127) Eth Chr (VIII). MT adds “YHWH”
[b]24:48 LXX(962) lacks “and worshipped YHWH”
[c]24:48 LXX(53-56-129-246-664 [= *f*] 55 [= codd mixti]) Eth(-P) Chr (VIII 441). MT adds “YHWH”
[d]24:52 LXX(458) Eth. MT adds “to YHWH”
[e]24:56 LXX(569). MT reads “YHWH”

to her, “Our sister, may you be the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your descendants possess the gate of those who hate them.”

61 Rebekah arose with her female servants. They rode on the camels, and followed the man. The servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 Isaac came from the way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he lived in the land of the Negev. 63 Isaac went out to walk in the field at the evening. He lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, look, there were camels coming. 64 Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel. 65 She said to the servant, “Who is the man who is walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” She took her veil, and covered herself. 66 The servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife. He loved her. Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

25 Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 Jokshan became the father of Sheba, and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. 4 The sons of Midian: Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. 5 And Abraham gave all that he owned to his son[a] Isaac, 6 and to the sons of Abraham’s secondary wives, Abraham gave gifts. He sent them away from Isaac his son, while he was still living, eastward, to the east country. 7 This was the length of Abraham’s life: one hundred seventy-five years. 8 Abraham breathed his last, and died in a good old age, an old man and satisfied,[b] and was gathered to his people. 9 Isaac and Ishmael, his sons, buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron, the son of Zohar the Hethite, which is near Mamre, 10 the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. Abraham was buried there with Sarah, his wife. 11 It happened after the death of Abraham that God blessed Isaac, his son. Isaac lived by Beer Lahai Roi.

12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s servant, bore to Abraham. 13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to the order of their birth: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, 15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. 16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments: twelve princes,

[a] 25:5 LXX SP Syr. MT lacks “his son”

[b] 25:8 MT reads lit. “and full.” LXX SP Syr read “and full of days”

according to their clans. 17These are
the years of the life of Ishmael: one
hundred thirty-seven years. He
breathed his last and died, and was
gathered to his people. 18They lived
from Havilah to Shur, which is near
Egypt, all the way to Asshur. He
settled near all his kinsmen.

19This is the history of the
generations of Isaac, Abraham's
son. Abraham became the father of
Isaac. 20Isaac was forty years old
when he took Rebekah, the
daughter of Bethuel the Aramean
of Paddan Aram, the sister of
Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.
21Isaac prayed[a] for his wife,
because she was barren. And God[b]
was moved by his prayer, and
Rebekah his wife conceived. 22The
children struggled together within
her. She said, "If all is well, why
am I like this?" She went to inquire
of God.[c] 23And he[d] said to her,
"Two nations are in your womb.
Two peoples will be separated from
your body. The one people will be
stronger than the other people. The
elder will serve the younger."[e]

24When the time came for her
to give birth, look, there were twins
in her womb. 25The first came out
red all over, like a hairy garment.
They named him Esau.[f] 26After
that, his brother came out, and his
hand had hold on Esau's heel. He
was named Jacob.[g] Isaac was sixty
years old when she bore them.

27The boys grew. Esau was a
skillful hunter, a man of the field.
Jacob was a quiet man, living in
tents. 28And Isaac loved Esau,
because he had a taste for wild
animals, but Rebekah loved Jacob.
29Now Jacob was cooking stew,
and Esau came in from the field,
and he was famished. 30Esau said to
Jacob, "Please feed me with that
same red stew, for I am famished."
Therefore his name was called
Edom.

31Jacob said, "First, sell me
your birthright."

32Esau said, "Look, I am
about to die. What good is the
birthright to me?"

33Jacob said, "Swear to me
first." So he swore to him, and he
sold his birthright to Jacob. 34Jacob
gave Esau bread and stew of lentils.
He ate and drank, rose up, and went
his way. So Esau despised his
birthright.

26 There was a famine
in the land, besides
the first famine that

[a]25:21 LXX(72-376-707 [= *O*] 550* [= *cI*] 569 [= *cII*] 44 [= *d*] 53-664 [= *f*]) OL Chr (VIII 445-447) Barn(Lat) (XIII 2) Ruf (*Gen* XII 1). MT adds "to YHWH."
[b]25:21 LXX OL. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]25:22 Ambr (Ca), reading deum "God." MT reads "YHWH"
[d]25:23 Hier. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]25:23 Romans 9:11-12
[f]25:25 Esau means "hairy"
[g]25:26 Jacob means "he catches by the heel"

was in the days of Abraham. Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, to Gerar. 2And God[a] appeared to him, and said, "Do not go down into Egypt. Live in the land I will tell you about. 3Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you. For to you, and to your descendants, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the sky, and will give to your descendants all these lands, and by your descendants will all the nations of the earth be blessed, 5because Abraham[b] obeyed my voice, and kept my requirements, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

6So Isaac settled in Gerar. 7The men of the place asked him about his wife. He said, "She is my sister," for he was afraid to say,[c] "My wife," lest, he thought, "the men of the place might kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to look at." 8It happened, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and look, Isaac was caressing Rebekah, his wife. 9Abimelech called Isaac, and said, "Look, surely she is your wife. Why did you say, 'She is my sister?'" Isaac said to him, "Because I thought, 'Lest I die because of her.'"

10Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us."

11Abimelech commanded all the people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife will surely be put to death."

12Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year one hundred times what he planted. And God[d] blessed him. 13The man became wealthy, and prospered more and more until he became very wealthy. 14He had possessions of flocks, possessions of herds, and a great household. The Philistines envied him. 15Now all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped, and filled with earth. 16Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go from us, for you are much mightier than we."

17Isaac departed from there, camped in the valley of Gerar, and lived there.

18Isaac dug again the wells which the servants[e] of his father Abraham had dug. For the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called their names after the names by which his father had called

[a]26:2 LXX(M 59 509). MT reads "YHWH"
[b]26:5 LXX SP add "your father"
[c]26:7 LXX SP add "She is"
[d]26:12 Hier Chr (VIII 457). MT reads "YHWH"
[e]26:18 SP LXX OL(I) Vg. MT reads "in the days"

them. 19Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of flowing water. 20The herdsmen of Gerar argued with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." He called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. 21They dug another well, and they argued over that, also. He called its name Sitnah. 22He left that place, and dug another well. They did not argue over that one. He called it Rehoboth. He said, "For now God[a] has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."

23He went up from there to Beersheba. 24And God[b] appeared to him the same night, and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your descendants for my servant Abraham's sake."

25He built an altar there, and called on the name of YHWH, and pitched his tent there. There Isaac's servants dug a well.

26Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the commander of his army. 27Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

28They said, "We saw plainly that God[c] was with you. We said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, even between us and you,[d] and let us make a covenant with you, 29that you will do us no harm, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace.' You are now the blessed of God.[e]"

30He made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31They rose up some time in the morning, and swore an oath to each other. Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. 32It happened the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water." 33He called it Shibah.[f] Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba[g] to this day.

34When Esau was forty years old, he married Judith, the daughter of Beeri the Hethite, and Basemath, the daughter of Elon the Hethite. 35They brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

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[a]26:22 Ruf(lat). MT reads "YHWH"
[b]26:24 LXX(911) Vg Mss Ambr. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]26:28 Bo(L). LXX(108*) omits. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]26:28 Lit. "between us between you and between us." The Versions lack "between you"
[e]26:29 LXX(14-16-25-77-128-131-414-422-500-551-646-739 [= *C*] 57-73-78-413-550 [= *cI*] 18-52-54-79-313-408-569-615-761 [= *cII*]).MT reads "YHWH"
[f]26:33 Shibah means "oath" or "seven"
[g]26:33 Beersheba means "well of the oath" or "well of the seven"

27 It happened, that when Isaac was old, and his eyesight was failing so that he could not see, he called Esau his elder son, and said to him, "My son?" He said to him, "Here I am."

2He said, "Look, I am old now. I do not know the day of my death. 3Now therefore, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt down a wild animal for me. 4Make me the tasty food that I love and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

5Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went out to the field to hunt for a wild animal and bring it back to his father.[a] 6And Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, "Look, I heard your father speak to Esau your brother, saying, 7'Bring me a wild animal and prepare for me some tasty food, that I may eat it and bless you in my presence[b] before my death.' 8Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you. 9Go now to the flock, and get me from there two choice young goats. I will prepare them in a tasty way for your father, the way he likes it. 10You shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

11Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. 12What if my father touches me? I will seem to him as a deceiver, and I would bring a curse on myself, and not a blessing."

13His mother said to him, "Let your curse be on me, my son. Only obey my voice, and go get them for me."

14He went, and got them, and brought them to his mother. His mother prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. 15Rebekah took the good clothes of Esau, her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob, her younger son. 16She put the skins of the young goats on his hands, and on the smooth of his neck. 17She handed the tasty food and the bread which she had prepared to her son Jacob.

18He came to his father, and said, "My father?" He said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

19Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done what you asked me to do. Please sit up and eat what I hunted so that you can bless me."

20Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He said,

[a]27:5 LXX. MT lacks "for his father"
[b]27:7 LXX(108*) Ms, reading "in my presence." MT reads "in the presence of YHWH." LXX(56(txt)) Aug(Lat) lack "in the presence of YHWH"

"Because[a] your God gave me success."

[21]Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."

[22]Jacob went near to Isaac his father. He felt him, and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." [23]He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau. So he blessed him. [24]He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He said, "I am."

[25]He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will eat of what my son hunted so that I can bless you." He brought it near to him, and he ate. He brought him wine, and he drank. [26]His father Isaac said to him, "Come near now, and kiss me, my son." [27]He came near, and kissed him. He smelled the scent of his clothing, and blessed him, and said, "Look, the scent of my son is as the scent of a[b] field which God[c] has blessed.
[28]God[d] give you of the dew of the sky,
of the fatness of the earth,
and plenty of grain and new wine.
[29]Let peoples serve you,
and nations bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers.
Let your mother's sons bow down to you.
Cursed be everyone who curses you.
Blessed be everyone who blesses you."

[30]It happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had just left the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. [31]He also made some tasty food, and brought it to his father. He said to his father, "Let my father get up and eat of what his son caught, so that you may bless me."

[32]Isaac his father said to him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau."

[33]Isaac trembled violently, and said, "Who was it then that hunted an animal and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and have blessed him? Yes, he will be blessed."

[34]When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out loudly and bitterly, and said to his father, "Bless me, even me also, my father."

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[a]27:20 LXX(53-664) Bo(L). MT adds "YHWH"
[b]27:27 LXX SP Vg add "abundant"
[c]27:27 Phi(lat) Ir Cyp(cod) Hil(1/2). MT reads "YHWH"
[d]27:28 LXX(17'-72' 18-313 53*-56* Vg Chr Cyr Aug(lat) Hil Ruf read "YHWH"

35He said, “Your brother
came with deceit, and has taken
away your blessing.”

36He said, “Isn’t he rightly
named Jacob? For he has taken
what should have been mine these
two times. He took away my
birthright. Look, now he has taken
away my blessing.” He said,
“Haven’t you reserved a blessing
for me?”

37Isaac answered Esau,
“Look, I have made him your lord,
and I have made all of his brothers
his servants. And I have sustained
him with grain and new wine. What
then can I do for you, my son?”

38Esau said to his father,
“Have you but one blessing, my
father? Bless me, even me also, my
father.”[a] Esau lifted up his voice,
and wept.

39Isaac his father answered
him,
“Look, of the fatness of the earth
will be your dwelling,
and of the dew of the sky from
above.
40By your sword will you live, and
you will serve your
brother.
It will happen, when you will
break loose,
that you shall shake his yoke from
off your neck.”

41Esau hated Jacob because
of the blessing with which his
father blessed him. Esau said in his
heart, “The days of mourning for
my father are at hand. Then I will
kill my brother Jacob.”

42The words of Esau, her
elder son, were told to Rebekah.
She sent and called Jacob, her
younger son, and said to him,
“Look, your brother Esau comforts
himself about you by planning to
kill you. 43Now therefore, my son,
obey my voice. Arise, flee to
Laban, my brother, in Haran. 44Stay
with him a few days, until your
brother’s fury turns away; 45until
your brother’s anger against you
subsides, and he forgets what you
have done to him. Then I will send
for you and get you from there.
Why should I lose both of you in
one day?”

46Rebekah said to Isaac, “I
loathe my life because of the
daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a
wife from the daughters of Heth,
like these, from the daughters of the
land, what good is my life?”

28 Isaac called Jacob,
blessed him, and
commanded him,
“You must not take a wife from the
daughters of Canaan. 2Arise, go to
Paddan Aram, to the house of
Bethuel your mother’s father. Take
a wife from there from the
daughters of Laban, your mother’s

[a]27:38 LXX adds “And Isaac being troubled”

brother. 3May El Shaddai[a] bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a company of peoples, 4and give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and to your descendants with you, that you may inherit the land where you travel, which God gave to Abraham."

5Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Paddan Aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, Rebekah's brother, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan Aram, to take for himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, "You must not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan," 7and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and left for Paddan Aram. 8Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac, his father. 9Esau went to Ishmael, and took, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

10Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. 11He came to a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep. 12And he dreamed. And look, a stairway was set upon the earth, and its top reached to heaven. And look, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13And God[b] stood above it, and said, "I am[c] the God of Abraham your grandfather, and the God of Isaac. The land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants. 14Your descendants will be as the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And through you and through your descendants will all the families of the earth be blessed. 15And look, I am with you, and will watch over you wherever you go, and will bring you again into this land. For I will not leave you, until I have done that which I have spoken of to you."

16Then Jacob woke up from his sleep, and said, "Surely God[d] is in this place, and I did not know it." 17He was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place. This is none other than God's house, and this is the gate of heaven."

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[a]28:3 "El Shaddai" probably means "God of abundant provision," who abundantly supplies for the needs of his children. Cf. Genesis 17:2, 28:3, 43:14, 49:25; Job 5:19-26

[b]28:13 Phil-codd et deus "And God" cf. Hil tri 5: cf. o de theos "And God" 37(1/2). LXX: o de kurios. MT reads wehinneh yhwh "And look, YHWH"

[c]28:13 Hebrew(103) Ms LXX(A D(G) M 108 *d s* 84 *y z* 319 509) Eth(R) Arab Bo(L) Chr Aug(Lat) PsVig. MT adds "YHWH"

[d]28:16 LXX(59) Ms. MT reads "YHWH"

18 And Jacob rose up early in
the morning, and took the stone that
he had put under his head, and set it
up as a standing-stone, and poured
oil on top of it. 19 He called the
name of that place Bethel, though
previously the city was named Luz.
20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying,
"If God will be with me, and will
watch over me on this journey I am
taking, and will give me food to eat,
and clothing to put on, 21 so that I
come again to my father's house in
peace, and he[a] will be my God,
22 then this stone, which I have set
up as a standing-stone, will be
God's house. Of all that you will
give me I will surely give the tenth
to you."

29 Then Jacob went on
his journey, and
came to the land of
the people of the east. 2 He looked
and saw a well in the field, and
look, three flocks of sheep lying
there by it. For out of that well they
watered the flocks. The stone on
the well's mouth was large. 3 Now
all the flocks would be gathered
there, and they would roll the stone
from the well's mouth, and water
the sheep, and put the stone again
on the well's mouth in its place.
4 Jacob said to them, "My brothers,
where are you from?" They said,
"We are from Haran." 5 He said to
them, "Do you know Laban, the
grandson[b] of Nahor?" They said,
"We know him."

6 He said to them, "Is it well
with him?" They said, "It is well.
See, Rachel, his daughter, is
coming with the sheep."

7 He[c] said, "Look, it is still the
middle of the day, not time to
gather the livestock together. Water
the sheep, and go, pasture them."

8 They said, "We can't, until
all the flocks are gathered together,
and they roll the stone from the
well's mouth. Then we water the
sheep."

9 While he was yet speaking
with them, Rachel came with her
father's sheep, for she was tending
them. 10 It happened, when Jacob
saw Rachel the daughter of Laban,
his mother's brother, and the sheep
of Laban, his mother's brother, that
Jacob went over and rolled the
stone from the well's mouth and
watered the flock of Laban his
mother's brother. 11 Jacob kissed
Rachel, and wept loudly. 12 Jacob
told Rachel that he was her father's
brother, and that he was Rebekah's
son. She ran and told her father.

13 It happened, when Laban
heard the news of Jacob, his sister's
son, that he ran to meet Jacob, and
embraced him, and kissed him, and
brought him to his house. Jacob
told Laban all these things. 14 Laban
said to him, Surely you are my bone

[a] 28:21 Hebrew Ms. MT adds "YHWH"
[b] 29:5 Heb. ben: son, grandson or a member of a group. Laban was the son of Bethuel, son of Nahor. Genesis 28:5
[c] 29:7 LXX reads "Jacob"

and my flesh. He lived with him for a month. 15Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my brother, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be?"

16Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17Leah looked rather plain,[a] but Rachel was beautiful in form and beautiful in appearance. 18Jacob loved Rachel. He said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel, your younger daughter."

19Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

20Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and it seemed only a few days to him because of his love for her.

21Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my time is completed, so that I may sleep with her."

22Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and gave a feast. 23It happened in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to him, and he slept with her. 24Laban gave Zilpah his female servant to his daughter Leah as a servant. 25It happened in the morning that, look, it was Leah. He[b] said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not work for you to have Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"
26Laban said, "It is not our custom here to give the younger before the firstborn. 27Fulfill the week of this one, and I[c] will give you the other also for the service which you will serve with me yet seven other years."

28Then Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week. He gave him Rachel his daughter as wife. 29Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah, his female servant, to be her servant. 30So he slept with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. And he worked with him another seven years.

31YHWH saw that Leah was unloved, so he made her fertile, but Rachel was barren. 32Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she named him Reuben.[d] For she said, "Because God[e] has looked at my affliction, and given me a son.[f] For

[a]29:17 Lit. "Leah's eyes were tender." Since this is contrasted with Rachel's beauty, it appears to be an idiom put in a delicate way that Leah was not as good looking as Rachel
[b]29:25 LXX reads "Jacob"
[c]29:27 LXX SP Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "we"
[d]29:32 Reuben means "look, a son"
[e]29:32 Arab Hier Ms Isid, reading deus, cf. Vetus Latina, Genesis, 315.
[f]29:32 LXX(58 381-618 14-16-25-77-128-131-414-422-500-551-646-739 57-73-78-413-550 18-52-54-79-313-408-569-615-761 44-106-107-125-370-610 53-56-129-246-664 344-127 46-74-76-84-134-370-799 71-619-392-527 31-120-122-407 55 59-707 319

now my husband will love me."
33She conceived again, and bore a
son, and said, "Because God[a] has
heard that I am unloved, he has
therefore given me this son also."
So she named him Simeon. 34She
conceived again, and bore a son.
Said, "Now this time will my
husband be joined to me, because I
have borne him three sons."
Therefore he was named Levi.[b]
35She conceived again, and bore a
son. She said, "This time will I
praise YHWH.[c]" Therefore she
named him Judah.[d] Then she
stopped bearing.

30 When Rachel saw
that she was not
bearing Jacob any
children, Rachel envied her sister.
She said to Jacob, "Give me
children, or else I will die."

2Then Jacob became very
angry with Rachel, and he said,
"Am I in God's place, who has
withheld from you the fruit of the
womb?"

3She said, "Look, my servant
Bilhah. Sleep with her, so that she
will bear children for me, that I too
may have children through her."
4So she gave him Bilhah her
servant as a wife, and Jacob slept
with her. 5Bilhah conceived, and
bore Jacob a son. 6Rachel said,
"God has judged me, and has also
heard my voice, and has given me a
son." Therefore she called his name
Dan.[e] 7Bilhah, Rachel's servant,
conceived again, and bore Jacob a
second son. 8Rachel said, "I have
wrestled mightily with my sister,
and have prevailed." So she named
him Naphtali.[f]

9When Leah saw that she had
stopped bearing, she took Zilpah,
her servant, and gave her to Jacob
as a wife. 10Zilpah, Leah's servant,
bore Jacob a son. 11Leah said,
"How fortunate." So she named
him Gad.[g] 12Zilpah, Leah's servant,
bore Jacob a second son. 13Leah
said, "Happy am I, for the
daughters will call me happy." So
she named him Asher.[h]

14Reuben went out during the
wheat harvest and found
mandrakes in the field, and brought
them to his mother, Leah. Then
Rachel said to Leah, "Please give
me some of your son's mandrakes."

15She said to her, "Is it a
small matter that you have taken
away my husband? Would you take
away my son's mandrakes, also?"
Rachel said, "Therefore he may

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509 630 M) Sa Bo Arab. MT lacks "and given…son" from a two-letter homoioarcton by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: wy-ky

[a]29:33 Isid. MT reads "YHWH"

[b]29:34 Levi means "joining"

[c]29:31 Based on the interchange of elohim and yhwh in the manuscripts of Genesis, and other evidence, it is likely that the autograph read "God"

[d]29:35 Judah means "praise"

[e]30:6 Dan means 'he judged"

[f]30:8 Naphtali means "my wrestling"

[g]30:11 Gad means "good fortune"

[h]30:13 Asher means "happy"

sleep with you tonight for your son's mandrakes."

16 Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, "You must sleep with me; for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he slept with her that night. 17 God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18 Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I gave my servant to my husband." So she named him Issachar.[a] 19 Leah conceived again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob. 20 Leah said, "God has given me with a good gift. Now my husband will live with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.[b] 21 Afterwards, she bore a daughter, and named her Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and he[c] listened to her and made her fertile. 23 She conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my shame." 24 So she named him Joseph,[d] saying, "May God[e] add another son to me."

25 It happened, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know the service I have given you." 27 Laban said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, stay here, for I have learned by divination that God[f] has blessed me for your sake." 28 He said, "Name your wages, and I will pay it."

29 He said to him, "You know how I have served you, and how well your livestock have done with me. 30 For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly. And God[g] has blessed you wherever I worked. Now when will I also provide for my own household?"

31 He said, "What should I give you?" Jacob said, "You do not need to give me anything. If you will do this one thing for me, I will again pasture your flock and take care of it. 32 I will pass through all your flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted one, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats. This will be my wages. 33 So my honesty will testify for me later on, when the subject of my wages comes before you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted

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[a] 30:18 Issachar means "hire, reward"
[b] 30:20 Zebulun means "honor"
[c] 30:22 Hebrew(170 185) Mss LXX(18-52-54-79-313-408-569-615-761 [= *cII*] B(S) [= *b*] 125 [= *d*] 75-458 [= *n*]) Arab; Hier Chr (VIII 493). MT adds "God"
[d] 30:24 Joseph means "may he add"
[e] 30:24 LXX Bo(L). MT reads "YHWH"
[f] 30:27 LXX Bo(L). MT reads "YHWH"
[g] 30:30 LXX(56-129-246 509) Mss Sa(20) Bo(L) Arab. MT reads "YHWH"

among the goats, and black among the sheep that I have in my possession, will be counted as stolen."

[34]Laban said, "Look, let it be as you have said."

[35]That day, he removed the male goats that were streaked and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and put them in the care of his sons. [36]He set three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flocks.

[37]Jacob took fresh branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white streaks by peeling them, exposing white stripes on the branches. [38]He set up the peeled branches which he had peeled opposite the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, [39]the flocks bred in front of the branches, and the flocks brought bore streaked, speckled, and spotted.

[40]Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the black in the flock of Laban. So he kept his own flocks separate, and did not put them into Laban's flock. [41]It happened, whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, that Jacob would set up the branches in front of the flock in the troughs, so that they would breed near the branches; [42]but for the weaker of the flock, he did not put them there. So the weaker would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. [43]Thus the man became very rich, and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

31 He heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's. From that which was our father's he has gained all this wealth." [2]Jacob saw the expression on Laban's face, and look, it was not as it had been. [3]Then God[a] said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers, and to your relatives, and I will be with you."

[4]Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field where his flock was, [5]and said to them, "I see the expression on your father's face, that it is not what it was before. But the God of my father has been with me. [6]You know that I have served your father with all of my strength. [7]Yet your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. [8]If he said this, 'The speckled will be your wages,' then all the flock bore speckled. If he said this, 'The streaked will be your

[a]31:3 Ambr, reading deus "God." MT reads "YHWH"

wages,' then all the flock bore streaked.

9Thus God has taken away your father's livestock and given them to me. 10And it came about at the time when the flocks were breeding I looked up and saw in a dream, and look, the male goats which leaped on the flock were streaked, speckled, and spotted. 11The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,'[a] and I said, 'Here I am.' 12He said, 'Now lift up your eyes, and look, all the male goats which leap on the flock are streaked, speckled, and spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has done to you. 13I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a standing-stone, where you made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your birth.'"

14Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 15Aren't we regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has used up what was paid for us. 16For all the wealth which God has taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do."

17Then Jacob got up and put his sons and his wives on the camels, 18and he took away all his livestock and all his property which he had aquired, including the livestock which he had gained in Paddan Aram, to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. 19Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep: and Rachel stole the teraphim[b] that belonged to her father's.

20Jacob outwitted Laban the Aramean by not telling him that he intended to flee. 21So he fled with everything that he had, and he arose and crossed the River,[c] and set out toward the hill country of Gilead.

22Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. 23He took his relatives with him, and pursued after him for seven days, and caught up with him in the hill country of Gilead. 24God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night, and said to him, "Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad."

25Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his relatives camped in the hill country of Gilead. 26Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done? You have deceived me, and carried away my daughters like captives

[a]31:11 LXX MT Syr Vg. LXX Mss OL(E) Sa(20) Bo(w) Iust (Dial LVIII 9) add "Jacob," a harmonization to the pattern at 22:11 and or 1Samuel 3:6, rather than homoioteleuton

[b]31:19 teraphim were household idols that may have been associated with inheritance rights to the household property

[c]31:21 I.e., the Perath, later known by its Greek name, the Euphrates

taken in war? [27]Why did you flee in secret and deceive me, and not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with joy and singing, with a tambourine and with a lyre. [28]And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly. [29]It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad.' [30]Now you have indeed gone away, because you longed greatly for your father's house. But why have you stolen my gods?"

[31]Jacob answered Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I thought that you would take your daughters from me by force. [32]Anyone you find your gods with shall not live. In the presence of our relatives, identify what I have that is yours, and take it with you." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

[33]Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two female servants; but he did not find them. He went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. [34]Now Rachel had taken the idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. Laban searched the whole tent, but did not find them. [35]She said to her father, "Do not let my lord be angry that I can't get up for you; for I am having my period." He searched, but did not find the idols.

[36]Jacob was angry, and argued with Laban. Jacob answered Laban, "What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me? [37]Now that you have searched around in all my stuff, did you find anything from all of your household's belongings? Put it here before my relatives and your relatives, that they may judge between the two of us. [38]These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I haven't eaten the rams of your flocks. [39]That which was torn by animals I did not bring to you. I bore its loss. You demanded payment from me whether stolen by day or stolen by night. [40]I was consumed by the heat during the day and by the frost at night, and sleepless nights. [41]These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. [42]Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the one whom Isaac fears, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my harsh treatment and my hard work, and rebuked you last night."

[43]Laban answered Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, the children are my children, the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children whom they have borne? [44]So now, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a witness between the two of us." And he said to him, "Look, there is

no one with us; see, God is witness between me and you."[a]
45Jacob took a stone and set it up as a standing-stone. 46Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a mound. They ate there by the mound. 47Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha,[b] but Jacob called it Galeed.[c] 48Laban said, "This mound is a witness between me and you today." Therefore it was named Galeed 49and Mizpah, for he said, "God[d] watch between me and you, when we are absent from each other. 50If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, although no one is with us; see, God is witness between me and you." 51Laban said to Jacob, "See this mound, and see the standing-stone, which I have set between me and you. 52May this mound be a witness, and the standing-stone be a witness, that I will not pass over this mound to you, and that you will not pass over this mound and this standing-stone to me, to do harm. 53The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor,[e] judge between us." Then Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac. 54Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his relatives to eat the meal. They ate the meal and stayed all night on the mountain. 55Early in the morning, Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. Laban departed and returned to his place.

32 Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2When he saw them, Jacob said, "This is God's camp." He called the name of that place Mahanaim.[f]

3Jacob sent messengers ahead of him to Esau, his brother, to the land of Seir, the region of Edom. 4He commanded them, saying, "This is what you shall tell my lord, Esau: 'This is what your servant, Jacob, says. I have lived as a foreigner with Laban, and stayed until now. 5I have cattle, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.'" 6The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau. Not only that, but he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him." 7Then Jacob was very afraid and was distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two camps; 8and he said, "If Esau comes to the one camp, and strikes it, then the other camp will escape." 9Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham, and God of my father

[a]31:44 LXX. MT lacks "And he said…you"
[b]31:47 "Jegar Sahadutha" means "Witness Heap" in Aramaic
[c]31:47 "Galeed" means "Witness Heap" in Hebrew
[d]31:49 LXX OL(S) Sa(20) Bo(L). MT reads "YHWH"
[e]31:53 Hebrew(80 227) Mss LXX OL(E). MT adds "the God of their father"
[f]32:2 Mahanaim means "two camps"

Isaac,[a] who said to me, 'Return to your country, and to your relatives, and I will do you good,' [10]I am not worthy of the least of all the loving kindnesses and of all the faithfulness which you have shown to your servant; for with just my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. [11]Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear that he will come and attack me and the mothers with the children. [12]You said, 'I will surely do you good and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which can't be counted because there are so many.'"

[13]So he spent the night there and selected from what he had aquired a present for his brother Esau: [14]two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, [15]thirty milk camels with their young, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. [16]He entrusted them into the hands of his servants as separate herds, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and keep some distance between the herds." [17]He instructed the first, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'Whose are you? Where are you going? Whose are these ahead of you?' [18]Then you shall say, 'They are your servant, Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau. And look, he also is behind us.'" [19]He instructed also the second, and the third, and all that followed the herds, saying, "This is how you are to speak to Esau, when you find him. [20]You shall say, 'Not only that, but look, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For, he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will meet him. Perhaps he will accept me."

[21]So the gift passed over before him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp.

[22]He got up that night and took his two wives, and his two female servants, and his eleven sons and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. [23]He took them and sent them across the stream, and sent over all his possessions. [24]Then Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the rising of the dawn. [25]When he saw that he did not defeat him, he struck the socket of his hip, and Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with him. [26]Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But Jacob said, "I won't let you go unless you bless me."

[27]And he said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." [28]Then he said, "Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,[b]

[a]32:9 LXX(44-106-107-125-370-610 [= *d*] 619 [= *y*]) Eth(C). LXX(17-72-400 [= *O*] 56* [= *f*] 130 [= *s*] 71-527 [= *y*] 319 509 [= codd mixti] D(G) M 961(vid)) Chr (VIII 508) adds "God" MT adds "YHWH"

[b]32:28 Heb. "he who struggles with God"

because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed."

29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask what my name is?" And he blessed him there.
30So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel:[a] "For I have seen God face to face, and my life has been preserved." 31The sun rose on him as he passed by Peniel,[b] and he limped because of his hip. 32Therefore, to this day the children of Israel do not eat the tendon of the hip socket, because he struck Jacob's hip socket near that tendon.

33 Now Jacob looked up and saw that Esau approaching, and with him four hundred men. He divided the children between Leah, Rachel, and the two female servants. 2He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph last. 3He himself went on ahead of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he approached his brother.

4Esau ran to meet him, embraced him, hugged his neck, and kissed him. And they wept. 5And he looked up and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" He said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." 6Then the female servants came forward with their children, and they bowed themselves. 7Leah also and her children came forward, and bowed themselves. After them, Joseph came forward with Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

8Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" Jacob said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

9Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

10Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in our sight, then accept my present from my hand, because I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, since you have accepted me. 11Please take the gift that I brought to you, because God has been gracious to me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

12Esau said, "Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go ahead of you."

13Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are tender, and that the sheep and cattle with me have their young, and if they overdrive them one day, the whole herd will die. 14Please let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I

[a]32:30 Peniel means "face of God"

[b]32:31 Tg(NFT). MT reads "Penuel," a possible yod-waw confusion

will move along slowly, at the pace of the herds that are before me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at Seir."

15 Esau said, "Let me now leave with you some of my people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Please indulge me, my lord."

16 So Esau returned that day on the road to Seir. 17 But Jacob traveled to Succoth, and he built himself a house, and made shelters for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.[a]
18 After Jacob came from Paddan Aram, he arrived safely at the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, and camped near the city. 19 He purchased the parcel of land where he had pitched his tent, from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred kesitahs.[b] 20 He erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.[c]

34 Dinah, the daughter whom Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the region. 2 When Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her. He grabbed her, and raped her, and humiliated her. 3 Then he became very attached to Dinah, the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman, and spoke kindly to the young woman. 4 Shechem spoke to his father, Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as my wife."

5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah, his daughter; and his sons were with his livestock in the field. Jacob remained silent until they came. 6 Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. 7 The sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it. The men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had disgraced Israel by sexually assaulting Jacob's daughter; a thing that should not be done. 8 Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The heart of my son Shechem is set on your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. 9 Arrange marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. 10 You may settle among us, and the land will be open to you. Live and trade in it, and aquire property in it."

11 Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favor in your sight, and whatever you ask of me I will give. 12 Ask me for a very expensive bride price, and I will pay whatever you ask of me, but give me the young woman as a wife."

[a] 33:17 The name Succoth means "shelters"
[b] 33:19 The value of this currency is unknown
[c] 33:20 El Elohe Israel means "God, the God of Israel" or "The God of Israel is mighty"

13 The sons of Jacob replied
deceitfully to Shechem and his
father Hamor, because he had
defiled their sister Dinah. 14 And
they said to them, "We can't do this
thing, to give our sister to one who
is uncircumcised; for that would be
a disgrace to us. 15 Only on this
condition will we agree with you;
that you become like us by
circumcising all your males; 16 then
will we give our daughters to you,
and we will take your daughters to
ourselves, and we will live among
you and become one people. 17 But
if you will not listen to us and be
circumcised, then we will take our
daughter and go away."

18 Their words pleased Hamor
and Shechem, Hamor's son. 19 The
young man did not delay to do this
thing, because he was delighted
with Jacob's daughter. Now he was
the most important of anyone in his
father's house. 20 Hamor and his son
Shechem came to the gate of their
city, and spoke to the men of their
city, saying, 21 "These men are at
peace with us. Therefore let them
live in the land and travel in it. For
look, the land is large enough for
them. Let us take their daughters as
wives for ourselves, and let us give
them our daughters. 22 Only on this
condition will the men agree to live
with us as one people: that every
male among us be circumcised, as
they are circumcised. 23 Won't their
livestock and their possessions and
all their animals be ours? Only let
us agree with them, so they will
settle among us."

24 All who went out of the
gate of his city agreed with Hamor
and his son Shechem; and every
male was circumcised, all who
went out of the gate of his city. 25 It
happened on the third day, when
they were still in pain, that two of
Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi,
Dinah's brothers, each took his
sword and came into the
unsuspecting city and killed all the
males. 26 They killed Hamor and his
son Shechem with their swords and
took Dinah out of Shechem's house
and left. 27 Jacob's sons entered
over the dead and plundered the
city, because they had defiled their
sister. 28 They took their flocks,
their herds, their donkeys, and
whatever was in the city and was in
the field, 29 and all their wealth.
They took captive all their little
ones and their wives, and took as
plunder everything that was in the
houses. 30 Jacob said to Simeon and
Levi, "You have brought trouble on
me, to make me odious to the
inhabitants of the land, among the
Canaanites and the Perizzites. I am
few in number. They will gather
themselves together against me and
attack me, and I and my household
will be destroyed."

31 But they said, "Should he
treat our sister like a prostitute?"

35 And God said to
Jacob, "Arise, go up
to Bethel, and live
there. Make an altar there to God,
who appeared to you when you fled
from your brother Esau."

[2]Then Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods that you have among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. [3]Let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me wherever I went."

[4]So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their possession, and the rings that were in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak that was near Shechem. [5]Then they set out, and a terror of God was upon the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. [6]So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him. [7]He built an altar there, and called the place El Bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother. [8]Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried under an oak outside Bethel. So he called its name Allon Bakuth.[a]

[9]And God appeared to Jacob again after he returned from Paddan Aram, and blessed him. [10]God said to him, "Your name is Jacob. Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but your name will be Israel." So he called his name Israel. [11]And God said to him, "I am El Shaddai.[b] Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. [12]The land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you."

[13]Then God went up from him in the place where he spoke with him. [14]And Jacob set up a standing-stone in the place where he spoke with him, a pillar of stone. And he poured out a drink offering on it, and poured oil on it. [15]Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him Bethel.[c]

[16]Then they set out from Bethel. There was still some distance to come to Ephrath, and Rachel went into labor, and her labor was difficult. [17]When she was in the difficult labor, the midwife said to her, "Do not be afraid, for now you have another son."

[18]It happened, as her life was departing (for she died), that she named him Ben-Oni,[d] but his father named him Benjamin.[e] [19]So Rachel died and was buried on the way to

[a]35:8 Allon Bakuth means "Oak of Weeping"
[b]35:11 "El Shaddai" probably means "God of abundant provision," who abundantly supplies for the needs of his children. Cf. Genesis 17:2, 28:3, 43:14, 49:25; Job 5:19-26
[c]35:15 Bethel means "house of God"
[d]35:18 Ben-Oni means "son of my trouble"
[e]35:18 Benjamin means "son of my right hand"

Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).
20 Jacob set up a standing-stone on
her grave. It is the standing-stone of
Rachel's grave to this day. 21 And
Israel traveled and pitched his tent
beyond Migdal Eder.

22 It happened, while Israel
lived in that land, that Reuben went
and slept with Bilhah, his father's
secondary wife, and Israel heard
about it. Now the sons of Jacob
were twelve. 23 The sons of Leah:
Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and
Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and
Issachar, and Zebulun. 24 The sons
of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.
25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's
servant: Dan and Naphtali. 26 And
the sons of Zilpah, Leah's servant:
Gad and Asher. These are the sons
of Jacob who were born to him in
Paddan Aram. 27 So Jacob came to
Isaac his father at Mamre in Kiriath
Arba (which is Hebron), where
Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.
28 Now the days of Isaac were one
hundred eighty years. 29 And Isaac
took his last breath and died, and
was gathered to his people, old and
full of days. And his sons Esau and
Jacob buried him.

36 Now these are the
generations of Esau
(that is, Edom).
2 Esau took his wives
from the daughters of Canaan:
Adah the daughter of Elon, the
Hethite; and Oholibamah the
daughter of Anah, the daughter of
Zibeon, the Hivite; 3 and
Basemath,[a] Ishmael's daughter,
sister of Nebaioth. 4 Adah bore to
Esau Eliphaz. Basemath bore
Reuel. 5 Oholibamah bore Jeush,[b]
and Jalam, and Korah. These are
the sons of Esau, who were born to
him in the land of Canaan. 6 Esau
took his wives, his sons, his
daughters, and all the people of his
household, with his livestock, all
his animals, and all of the property
he had acquired in the land of
Canaan, and went out from the land
of Canaan[c] away from the presence
of his brother Jacob. 7 For their
possessions were too great for them
to remain together, and the land in
which they were traveling could
not support them because of their
livestock. 8 And Esau (also known
as Edom) settled in the hill country
of Seir.

9 These are the generations of
Esau the father of the Edomites in
the hill country of Seir: 10 these are
the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz,
the son of Adah, the wife of Esau;
and Reuel, the son of Basemath, the
wife of Esau. 11 The sons of Eliphaz
were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and
Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 Timna was
the secondary wife to Eliphaz,
Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz
Amalek. These are the sons of
Adah, Esau's wife. 13 These are the
sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah,

[a] 36:3 This may be the nickname of Mahalath. See 26:34 footnote
[b] 36:5 MT Qere SP versions. MT Kethib reads "Jeish"
[c] 36:6 SP LXX OL. MT reads "out into a land"

Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 14These were the sons of Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah.

15These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz, 16chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek: these are the chiefs who came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. 17These are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these are the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 18These are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah: these are the chiefs who came of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19These are the sons of Esau (also known as Edom), and these are their chiefs.

20These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, 21and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These are the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom. 22The sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam. Lotan's sister was Timna. 23These are the sons of Shobal: Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. 24These are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah. This is the Anah who found the hot springs in the desert as he pastured the donkeys of his father Zibeon. 25These are the sons of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26These are the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Keran. 27These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. 28These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 29These are the chiefs of the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah, 30chief Dishon, chief Ezer, and chief Dishan: these are the chiefs of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

31These are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before any king reigned over the children of Israel. 32Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom. The name of his city was Dinhabah. 33When Bela died, and Jobab, the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 34And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 35And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad who struck Midian in the field of Moab reigned in his place. The name of his city was Avith. 36And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 37And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth-on-the-River reigned in his place. 38And Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 39And Baal Hanan the son of Achbor died,

and Hadad[a] reigned in his place. The name of his city was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab.

40These are the names of the chiefs who came from Esau, according to their families, according to their places, and by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, 41chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 42chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 43chief Magdiel, and chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom, according to their settlements in the land they possessed. This is Esau the father of Edom.

37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan. 2These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, tended the flock with his brothers; he was an assistant to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father. 3Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he had been born to him in his old age. And he made a long ornamented robe[b] for him. 4His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, and they hated him, and couldn't speak a kind word to him.

5Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him all the more. 6He said to them, "Please listen to this dream I had: 7And look, we were binding sheaves in the field, and look, my sheaf arose and also stood upright. And look, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf."

8Then his brothers said to him, "Will you indeed reign over us? Or will you indeed rule over us?" So they hated him all the more for his dreams and for what he said. 9And he had another dream, and told it to his father and[c] to his brothers, and said, "Look, I had yet another dream, and look, the sun and the moon and eleven stars bowed down to me." 10When he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, "What is this dream that you had? Will I and your mother and your brothers indeed come and bow down to the ground in front of you?" 11His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept thinking about the matter.

12Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. 13And Israel said to

[a]36:39 Hebrew Mss SP Syr and 1 Chronicles 1:50. MT reads "Hadar," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b]37:3 LXX reads "a coat of many colors"

[c]37:9 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "to his father and" from haplography: yw-yw

Joseph, "Aren't your brothers pasturing the flock near Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he said to him, "I am ready."

[14]So he said to him, "Go now, see whether it is well with your brothers and well with the flock, and report back to me." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. [15]And a man found him, and look, he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

[16]He said, "I am looking for my brothers. Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."

[17]The man said, "They have left here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. [18]Now they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them they plotted against him to kill him. [19]And they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming. [20]Come now, and let's kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we will say that a vicious animal has devoured him. Then we will see what will become of his dreams."

[21]But Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let's not take his life." [22]Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might deliver him out of their hands, to restore him to his father. [23]It happened, when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his robe, the long ornamented robe that he was wearing. [24]And they took him and threw him into the cistern. (Now the pit was empty. There was no water in it.)

[25]Then they sat down to eat a meal. And they looked up, and look, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing aromatic gum and balm and myrrh on their way to carry them down to Egypt. [26]Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? [27]Come, and let's sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay a hand on him, for he is our brother, our flesh." And his brothers agreed. [28]So the Midianites merchants passed by, and they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the cistern, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph to Egypt.

[29]And Reuben returned to the cistern and saw that Joseph wasn't in the cistern; and he tore his

clothes.[a] 30He went back to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone. Now, what am I to do?" 31They took Joseph's robe and killed a male goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32And they sent the long ornamented robe and they brought it to their father, and said, "We found this. Please examine it to see whether it is your son's robe or not."
33And he recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe. A vicious animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." 34Then Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth around his waist, and mourned for his son many days. 35All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, "Indeed, I will go down to Sheol[b] to my son mourning." And his father wept for him. 36Now the Midianites[c] sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

38 It happened at that time that Judah moved away from his brothers and stayed with an Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. 2There Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite whose name was Shua. And he married her and slept with her. 3She conceived and gave birth to a son, and he named him Er. 4She conceived again and gave birth to a son, and she named him Onan. 5Then she gave birth to another son, and named him Shelah. And he was at Kezib when she gave birth to him. 6And Judah got a wife for Er, his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 7Now Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of YHWH, so God[d] killed him. 8Then Judah said to Onan, "Sleep with your brother's wife and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her, and raise up offspring for your brother." 9But Onan knew that the offspring wouldn't be his. So it happened when he slept with his brother's wife that he released his semen on the ground, so that he would not produce offspring for his brother. 10And what he did was evil in the sight of God,[e] so he killed him also. 11Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah is grown up." For he thought, "I do not want him to die too, like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

12After some time, Judah's wife, the daughter of Shua, died. And Judah finished mourning, and went up to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13And Tamar was told,

[a] 37:29 A traditional sign of mourning in the ancient Near East was to tear ones clothes

[b] 37:35 Sheol is the place of the dead
[c] 37:36 LXX SP Syr Vg. MT reads "Medanites"
[d] 38:7 LXX OL(E). MT reads "YHWH"
[e] 38:10 LXX Zeno. MT reads "YHWH"

saying, “Look, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.” 14She took off her widow’s clothes and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the way to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him as a wife. 15When Judah saw her, he thought that she was a prostitute because she had covered her face. 16He went over to her by the road and said, “Please come, let me sleep with you,” for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, “What will you give me for sleeping with you?”

17He said, “I will send you a young goat from the flock.” She said, “Will you give me something as a guarantee until you send it?”

18He said, “What kind of guarantee should I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her, and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. 19And she got up and left, and took off her veil, and put on her widow’s clothing. 20Judah sent the young goat by his friend, the Adullamite, to receive the guarantee back from the woman’s hand, but he did not find her. 21Then he asked the men of the place, saying, “Where is the prostitute that was at Enaim by the road?” They said, “There has been no prostitute here.”

22He returned to Judah, and said, “I haven’t found her; and also the men of the place said, ‘There has been no prostitute here.’” 23Judah said, “Let her keep the things, lest we be publicly shamed. Look, I sent this young goat, but you did not find her.”

24Now it happened about three months later that Judah was told, saying, “Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has turned to prostitution, and now, look, she is pregnant by prostitution.” Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.” 25When she was brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, saying, “By the man who owns these I am pregnant.” She also said, “Please discern whose these are—the signet, and the cord, and the staff.”

26Then Judah recognized them, and said, “She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” He did not sleep with her again. 27It happened when it was time for her to give birth, that look, there were twins in her womb. 28As she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand, saying, “This one came out first.” 29It happened, as he drew back his hand, that look, his brother came out, and she said, “How did you break through?” So he was named Perez.[a] 30Afterward his brother came out, that had the

[a]38:29 Perez means “breaking out”

scarlet thread on his hand, so he was named Zerah.[a]

39 Now Joseph was brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. 2And YHWH was with Joseph, and he became a successful man. And he was in the household of his master the Egyptian. 3And his master saw that God[b] was with him, and that God[c] made everything that he did to succeed in his hands. 4So Joseph found favor in the sight of his master,[d] and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. 5And it came about that from the time that he made him overseer of his household and over all that he had, that YHWH[e] blessed[f] the Egyptian's house because of Joseph; and the blessing of YHWH[g] was on all that he had, in the house and in the field. 6So he left everything that he had in Joseph's care. He did not concern himself with anything, except for the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. 7And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife took notice of Joseph and she said, "Sleep with me."

8But he refused, and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, and he has put all that he has into my care. 9There is no one greater in this household than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, since you are his wife. How then can I do such a great evil, and sin against God?"

10And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to sleep with her or to be with her. 11Now it happened about this time that he went into the house to do his work, and there were none of the men of the house inside. 12She grabbed him by his garment, saying, "Sleep with me." And he left his garment in her hand and ran outside. 13When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had run outside, 14she called to the men of her house, and spoke to them, saying, "Look, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us. He came in to me to sleep with me, and I cried with a loud voice. 15It happened, when he heard that I raised my voice and cried out, that he left his garment by me and ran outside." 16So she left his

[a]38:30 Zerah means "scarlet" or "brightness"
[b]39:3 LXX(107'-125). MT reads "YHWH"
[c]39:3 LXX(314*(vid)) OL(I). MT reads "YHWH"
[d]39:4 LXX SP Vg. MT lacks "of his master" from haplography by homoioteleuton: nyw-nyw
[e]39:5 Chr (VIII 537) lacks "YHWH"
[f]39:5 LXX(54 [= *cII*]) reads "into the hands of Joseph" instead of "and/that YHWH blessed"
[g]39:5 Hier lacks "YHWH"

garment beside her, until his master
came home. 17And she told him the
same story, saying, "The Hebrew
servant, whom you have brought to
us, came in to me to mock me, and
said to me, "Let me sleep with
you."[a] 18But when I raised my voice
and cried out, he left his garment
beside me and ran outside."

19And it happened when his master
heard the words that his wife spoke
to him, saying, "This is what your
servant did to me," that he became
furious. 20Then Joseph's master
took him and put him into the
prison, the place where the king's
prisoners were bound, and he was
there in prison. 21But God[b] was
with Joseph and showed him
kindness and gave him favor in the
sight of the keeper of the prison.
22The keeper of the prison put
Joseph in charge of all the prisoners
who were in the prison; he was
made responsible for everything
that was done there. 23The keeper
of the prison paid no attention to
anything that was under his
supervision, because God[c] was with
him, and[d] made everything he did
successful.

40 It happened after
these things that the
cupbearer of the
king of Egypt and his baker
offended their lord, the king of
Egypt. 2Pharaoh was angry with his
two officers, the chief cupbearer
and the chief baker. 3So he put them
in custody in the house of the
captain of the guard, in the prison,
the place where Joseph was
confined. 4The captain of the guard
assigned them to Joseph, and he
attended them. They stayed in
prison for some time. 5And the
cupbearer and the baker for the
king of Egypt, who were confined
in jail, both had a dream the same
night, and each dream had its own
meaning. 6Joseph met them in the
morning and looked at them and
saw that they were sad. 7He asked
Pharaoh's officers who were with
him in custody in his master's
house, saying, "Why do you look
so sad today?"

8They said to him, "We both
had dreams, but there is no one who
can interpret it." Joseph said to
them, "Do not interpretations
belong to God? Please tell it to me."

9The chief cupbearer told his
dream to Joseph, and said to him,
"In my dream, look, a vine was in
front of me, 10and in the vine were
three branches. When it budded, its
blossoms opened, and its clusters
ripened into grapes. 11Pharaoh's
cup was in my hand, and I took the
grapes and squeezed them into
Pharaoh's cup, and I placed the cup
into Pharaoh's hand."

[a]39:17 LXX OL Ms Syr(hex). MT lacks "and said to…you " from haplography: wy-wy
[b]39:21 GregI1 PsBas Jos-M, reading deus "God." MT reads "YHWH"
[c]39:23 LXX(318 [= *y*]). MT reads "YHWH"
[d]39:23 LXX(19-B(S) [= b]) read kai "and/then." MT reads "YHWH"

12Then Joseph said to him,
"This is its interpretation: the three
branches are three days. 13Within
three days Pharaoh will lift up your
head and restore you to your office.
You will put Pharaoh's cup into his
hand as you used to when you were
his cupbearer. 14But remember me
when it goes well for you, and
please do me the kindness to
mention me to Pharaoh and get me
out of this prison. 15For indeed, I
was kidnapped from the land of the
Hebrews, and even here I have
done nothing that they should have
put me into the pit."

16When the chief baker saw
that the interpretation was
favorable, he said to Joseph, "I also
appeared in my dream, and look,
three baskets of white bread were
on my head. 17In the top basket
there was all kinds of baked goods
for Pharaoh, but the birds were
eating them out of the basket on my
head."

18Joseph answered, "This is
its interpretation: the three baskets
are three days. 19Within three days
Pharaoh will lift up your head from
off you, and impale you on a pole,
and the birds will eat your flesh off
you." 20And it happened on the
third day, which was Pharaoh's
birthday, that he gave a feast for all
his servants, and he lifted up the
head of the chief cupbearer and the
head of the chief baker among his
servants. 21He restored the chief
cupbearer to his position again, and
he placed the cup into Pharaoh's
hand; 22but he hanged the chief
baker, as Joseph had interpreted to
them. 23But the chief cupbearer did
not remember Joseph, but forgot
him.

41 Now it happened at
the end of two full
years that Pharaoh
had a dream, and look, he was
standing by the Nile. 2And look,
there came up out of the Nile seven
cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed
among the reeds. 3And look, seven
other cows came up after them out
of the Nile, miserable-looking and
thin, and stood by the other cows at
the edge of the Nile. 4The
miserable-looking and thin cows
ate up the seven sleek and fat cows.
Then Pharaoh woke up. 5And he
slept and dreamed a second time.
And look, seven heads of grain
came up on one stalk, healthy and
good. 6Then look, seven heads of
grain, thin and blasted with the east
wind, sprouted up after them. 7The
thin heads swallowed up the seven
healthy and full heads. Then
Pharaoh woke up, and look, it was
a dream. 8It happened in the
morning that his mind was
troubled, so he summoned all of
Egypt's magicians and wise men.
And Pharaoh told them his dreams,
but there was no one who could
interpret them to Pharaoh.

9Then the chief cupbearer
spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I
remember my faults today.
10Pharaoh was angry with his
servants and put me in prison in the
house of the captain of the guard,
me and the chief baker. 11We had a
dream on the same night, he and I,
each having a dream with its own

meaning. [12]Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guards, and we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us, to each man he interpreted according to his own dream. [13]And it happened just the way he interpreted them to us, so it was: I was restored to my office, and he was hanged."

[14]Then Pharaoh summoned Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the pit. And he shaved himself, changed his clothes, and came in to Pharaoh. [15]And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, but there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said about you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

[16]And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "Apart from God, the welfare of Pharaoh will receive no answer."[a]

[17]Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream, look, I stood on the edge of the Nile. [18]And look, there came up out of the river seven cows, fat and sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. [19]And look, seven other cows came up after them, scrawny and very miserable-looking and thin. I had never seen such bad-looking cows in all the land of Egypt. [20]The thin and miserable-looking cows ate up the first seven fat cows. [21]But when they had eaten them up, no one would have known that they had eaten them, for they were still as miserable-looking as at the beginning. Then I woke up. [22]And I fell asleep,[b] and I saw in my dream, and look, seven heads of grain growing on one stalk, full and good. [23]And look, seven heads of grain, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprouted up after them. [24]And the seven[c] thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. And I told it to the magicians, but no one could tell me its meaning."

[25]Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one. God has told Pharaoh what he is about to do. [26]The seven good cows represent seven years, and the seven good heads of grain represent seven years. The dreams are the same. [27]And the seven thin and miserable-looking cows that came up after them represent seven years, and also the seven empty heads of grain blasted with the east wind. They are seven years of famine. [28]It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. [29]Look, seven years of great abundance will come throughout all the land of Egypt. [30]But after them seven years of famine will come, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt. The famine will devastate the land,

[a]41:16 DSS LXX SP. MT reads "It isn't in me. God will give Pharoah an answer of peace"

[b]41:22 LXX. MT lacks "And I fell asleep," from homoioarcton: w'-w'

[c]41:24 DSS LXX OL Ms. MT lacks "seven"

31and the abundance will not be remembered in the land because of the famine that follows it, for it will be very severe. 32Now the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the matter has been fixed by God, and God will carry it out soon.
33Now therefore Pharaoh should look for a discerning and wise man, and give him authority over the land of Egypt. 34Pharaoh should do this, and should appoint overseers over the land, and they should take[a] a fifth of all the produce[b] of the land of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. 35They should gather all the food during these good years that are coming and store the grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and they should preserve it. 36That food will be a reserve for the land during the seven years of famine that will come on the land of Egypt, so that the land will survive the famine."
37The proposal was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" 39So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Because God has shown you all of this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40You will be in charge of my house, and according to your word will all my people be ruled. Only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Look, I have put you in charge over all the land of Egypt." 42Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in robes of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. 43And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had, and they called out before him, "Bow the knee.[c]" So he put him in charge over the entire land of Egypt. 44Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your permission no one will do anything or go anywhere[d] in all the land of Egypt." 45Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-Paaneah.[e] And he gave him Asenath the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, as a wife. So Joseph went out through the land of Egypt.

46Joseph was thirty years old when he began to serve[f] Pharaoh king of Egypt. Joseph left the presence of Pharaoh and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47During the seven years of abundance the land produced large harvests.[g] 48And he collected all the food during the seven years when there was abundance[h] in the land of

[a]41:34 LXX, cf. BHS. MT has lost a waw.
[b]41:34 LXX. MT lacks "all the produce" from a three-letter homoioteleuton: ואת - ו את
[c]41:43 Lit. "Abrek!"
[d]41:44 Lit. "will lift up his hand or his foot"
[e]41:45 Hebrew translation for Egyptian df3wn'ty p3nn'i3h: "Overseer of the Storehouse of Abundance. He of the Excellent Spirit"
[f]41:46 Lit. "he stood before"
[g]41:47 Lit. "produced by handfuls"
[h]41:48 SP LXX. MT reads "the seven years that were"

Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He placed in every city the food from the fields surrounding it.
49 Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he stopped measuring it, because it could not be measured.
50 To Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.
51 Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh:[a] "For God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."
52 And the name of the second he called Ephraim[b]: "For God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."
53 And the seven years of abundance that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end.
54 Then the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was food.
55 When all the land of Egypt experienced the famine, the people cried to Pharaoh for food. Then Pharaoh said to all Egypt, "Go to Joseph. Whatever he says to you, do."
56 So the famine was over all the surface of the land. Then Joseph opened all the storehouses of grain[c] and sold[d] to the Egyptians. And the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.
57 And all the countries came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

42 Now Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, so Jacob said to his sons, "Why do you look at one another?"
2 He said, "Look, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us from there, so that we may live and not die."
3 So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.
4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "Some harm might happen to him."
5 So the sons of Israel went to buy grain[e] among the other travelers, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.
6 Now Joseph was the ruler[f] over the country, and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves down to him with their faces to the ground.
7 Joseph saw his brothers, and he recognized them, but he acted like he did not know them, and spoke harshly with them. And he said to them, "Where do you come from?"

[a] 41:51 "Manasseh" sounds like the Hebrew for "forget"
[b] 41:52 "Ephraim" sounds like the Hebrew for "twice fruitful"
[c] 41:56 LXX Syr. MT lacks "stores of grain" from haplography by sight confusion in a square script: t_kl-t_br
[d] 41:56 Vocalization according to SP Mss and 42:6, cf. BHS and Wenham, Genesis 16-50 (WBC), 388
[e] 42:5 LXX(53-129-246-664 = *f*) Sa Arab, reading siton = bar. MT lacks "grain" from a two-letter homoioteleuton: br-br
[f] 42:6 Heb. shallit, "ruler, governor," possibly equivalent to the Egyptian title of vizier, a rendering of Egyptian tjati, the highest official to serve Pharaoh in ancient Egypt

And they said, “From the land of Canaan to buy food.”

8So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 9Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed about them, and said to them, “You are spies. You have come to look for the vulnerabilities[a] of the country.”

10But they said to him, “No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. 11We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants are not spies.”

12But he said to them, “No, but you have come to look for the vulnerabilities of the country.”

13But they said, “We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and look, the youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.”

14But Joseph said to them, “It is as I said to you, saying, ‘You are spies.’ 15This is how you will be tested. By the life of Pharaoh, you will not leave from here until your youngest brother comes here. 16Send one of you, and let him get your brother, and you will stay in prison, so that your words can be tested, whether there is truth in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies.” 17So he put all of them together in prison for three days.

18Then Joseph said to them the third day, “Do what I say, and live, for I fear God. 19If you are honest, then let one of your brothers remain confined in your prison; but you go and[b] carry grain for the hunger of your households. 20But bring your youngest brother to me so that your words will be verified, and you won’t die.” To this they agreed. 21Then they said to one another, “We are certainly guilty concerning our brother, because we saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us, and we wouldn’t listen. Therefore this distress has come upon us.” 22Reuben answered them, saying, “Did I not tell you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the boy,’ but you wouldn’t listen? Therefore, look, now comes a reckoning for his blood.” 23Now they did not know that Joseph could understand them, since he was speaking through an interpreter. 24He stepped away from them and wept. Then he returned to them and talked with them. Then he took Simeon from them and bound him in front of them. 25Then Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, and to restore every man’s silver into his sack, and to give them food for the journey. And it was done for them.

26They loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from

[a]42:9 Lit. “nakedness”

[b]42:19 LXX Vg. MT lacks “and” from haplography: w-w

there. [27]As one of them opened his sack to give his donkey food at the lodging place, he saw his silver. Look, it was in the mouth of his sack. [28]He said to his brothers, "My silver has been returned. Look, it is in my sack." And they were dismayed, and they turned trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?" [29]Then they returned to their father Jacob to the land of Canaan, and told him all that had happened to them, saying, [30]"The man, the lord of the country, spoke harshly to us, and he put us in custody[a] as spies of the country. [31]But we said to him, 'We are honest men. We are not spies. [32]We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Canaan.' [33]The man, the lord of the country, said to us, 'By this I will know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me, and take grain[b] for the hunger of your households, and go your way. [34]Bring your youngest brother to me. Then I will know that you are not spies, but that you are honest men. So I will deliver your brother to you, and you may travel in the land.'"

[35]Then it happened as they emptied their sacks, that look, every man's bag of silver was in his sack. When they and their father saw their bags of silver, they were afraid. [36]Then their father Jacob said to them, "You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin away. All this has come against me."

[37]Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Put him in my care, and I will bring him back to you." [38]But he said, "My son will not go down with you, for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should happen to him on the journey you are taking, then you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol."

43 Now the famine was severe in the land. [2]So it came about when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go again, buy us a little more food."

[3]But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The man strictly warned us, saying, 'You may not see my face unless your brother is with you.' [4]If you'll send our brother with us, we'll go down and buy you food, [5]but if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, 'You may not see my face unless your brother is with you.'"

[6]Then Israel said, "Why did you bring this trouble on me by

[a]42:30 LXX cf. 40:3, 41:10, 42:17. MT lacks "in custody" from homoioarcton by sight confusion: bm-km

[b]42:33 LXX Tg Syr cf. BHS. MT lacks "grain"

telling the man that you had another brother?"

7They said, "The man kept asking about ourselves, and concerning our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?' So we just answered his questions. How were we to know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

8Then Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the boy with me and we'll get up and go, so that we may live and not die, both we and you, and also our little ones. 9I will be collateral for him. You can hold me responsible for him. If I fail to bring him to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever, 10for if we hadn't delayed, surely we would have returned a second time by now."

11Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your bags and bring a gift for the man, a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds. 12Take twice as much silver in your hand, and take back the silver that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it was an oversight. 13Take your brother also, and get up, go back to the man. 14May El Shaddai[a] grant you mercy before the man, that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. If I am deprived of my children, then I am deprived."

15The men took this gift, and they took twice as much silver with them, and Benjamin. Then they got up and went down to Egypt, and presented themselves before Joseph. 16When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the servant of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare it; for the men will eat with me at noon."

17The man did as Joseph had said, and the man brought the men to Joseph's house. 18But the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are brought here; so that he may capture us, and make us slaves, and take our donkeys." 19So they came near to the man of Joseph's house and they spoke to him at the entrance of the house, 20and said, "My lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food. 21But when we came to the lodging place, we opened our sacks, and look, every man's silver was in the mouth of his sack, our silver in full weight. So we have brought it back in our hand. 22We have brought down additional silver with us to buy food. We do

[a]43:14 "El Shaddai" probably means "God of abundant provision," who abundantly supplies for the needs of his children. Cf. Genesis 17:2, 28:3, 43:14, 49:25; Job 5:19-26

not know who put our silver in our sacks."

23He said, "Peace to you. Do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks. I received your silver." Then he brought Simeon out to them. 24The man brought the men into Joseph's house and gave them water, and they washed their feet. Then he gave their donkeys food. 25They prepared the gift for Joseph's arrival at noon, for they heard that they would eat a meal there.

26When Joseph came home, they prepared the gift they had brought with them into the house, and bowed themselves down to him with their face[a] to the ground. 27Then he asked them of their welfare, and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

28And they answered, "Your servant, our father, is well.[b] He is still alive." Then he said, "Blessed be that man by God."[c] And they bowed and prostrated themselves. 29And he looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you told me about?" Then he said, "God be gracious to you, my son." 30Then Joseph hurried out, for he was overcome with emotion because of his brother, and he was at the point of tears. So he entered into his chamber and wept there. 31Then he washed his face and came out. And he controlled himself and said, "Serve the food."
32They served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is disgraceful to the Egyptians. 33And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at each other with amazement. 34Then he gave portions to them in front of him, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank until they all became drunk.

44 Then he instructed the manager of his house, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with as much food as they can carry, and put each man's silver in the mouth of his sack. 2Put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, along with the silver for his grain." So he did according to the word that Joseph had told him. 3As soon as the morning dawned, the men were sent off along with their donkeys. 4When they were far from the city, Joseph said to his manager, "Up, go after the men, and when

[a]43:26 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "face," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: aleph-aleph

[b]43:28 Lit. "Peace to your servant, to our father"

[c]43:28 LXX SP. MT lacks "And he said…God" from haplography: wy-wy

you overtake them, ask them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good? 5Why have you stolen my silver cup?[a] Isn't it from this that my lord drinks and by which he indeed uses for divination? You have done evil in doing this.'" 6And he caught up with them and spoke these words to them.

7But they said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing. 8Look, the money that we found in the mouths of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? 9With whomever of your servants it is found, he must die, and we also will be my lord's slaves."

10And he said, "Very well, then, it will be as you say. The one with whom it is found will be my slave, but you will be blameless."

11Then they hurried, and each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack. 12And he searched, beginning with the oldest, and ending at the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13Then they tore their clothes, and each man loaded his donkey and returned to the city.

14So Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him. 15And Joseph said to them, "What is this deed that you have done? Didn't you know that a man like me can indeed practice divination?"

16Then Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we clear ourselves? God has uncovered the guilt of your servants. Look, we are my lord's slaves, both we, and the one in whose possession the cup was found."

17But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so. The man in whose possession the cup was found, he will be my slave. But as for you, go up to your father in peace." 18Then Judah approached him, and said, "My lord, please allow your servant to speak a word in the ears of my lord, and do not become angry with your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself. 19My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Do you have a father or a brother?' 20And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child born when he was old, a little one, and his brother is dead, and he is his mother's only child, and his father loves him.' 21Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, so that I can see him myself.' 22And we said to my lord, 'The boy can't leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' 23But

[a]44:5 LXX. MT lacks "Why have you…cup"

you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.' [24]And it happened when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. [25]But our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food.' [26]We said, 'We can't go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down, for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' [27]Then your servant my father said to us, 'You know that my wife bore me two sons. [28]And the one disappeared from me, and I said, "Surely he is torn in pieces." And I haven't seen him since. [29]If you take this one also from me, and harm happens to him, you will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.' [30]So now, when I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us, since his life is bound up in the boy's life, [31]it will happen, when he sees that the boy is not with us,[a] that he will die. Your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. [32]For your servant became collateral for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him to you, then I will bear the blame to my father forever.' [33]So now, please let your servant remain instead of the boy, a slave to my lord, and let the boy go up with his brothers. [34]For how will I go up to my father if the boy isn't with me? I could not bear to see the misery that would come on my father."

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood before him, so he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. [2]And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the house of Pharaoh heard about it. [3]Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still live?" But his brothers couldn't answer him, for they were terrified at his presence. [4]Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." So they moved closer. And he said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. [5]Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves that you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. [6]For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there will be five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. [7]God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. [8]So now, it wasn't you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.[b] [9]Now hurry and go up to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord of all

[a]44:31 SP LXX. MT lacks "with us"
[b]45:8 Or, as Egyptian titles: "'A Father to Pharaoh,' and 'Lord of all his house,' and 'Ruler over all the land of Egypt'"

Egypt. Come down to me. Do not
delay. 10You shall dwell in the land
of Gesen,[a] and you will be near to
me, you, your children, and your
children's children, and your
flocks, and your herds, and
everything that you have. 11There I
will provide for you, for there are
still five years of famine to come,
otherwise you and your household
and all that you have would become
destitute."' 12Look, your eyes see,
and the eyes of my brother
Benjamin, that it is my mouth
which is speaking to you. 13So you
must tell my father about all my
glory in Egypt, and of all that you
have seen. But you must hurry and
bring my father down here." 14Then
he threw his arms around his
brother Benjamin's neck and wept,
and Benjamin wept on his shoulder.
15And he kissed all his brothers and
wept on them, and after that his
brothers talked with him.

16Now the report of it was
heard in Pharaoh's house, saying,
"Joseph's brothers have come." It
pleased Pharaoh and his servants.
17And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Tell
your brothers, 'Do this: Load your
animals and go. Enter the land of
Canaan. 18Take your father and
your families and come to me, and
I will give you the best of the land
of Egypt, and you will eat the
richness of the land.' 19Now you
are commanded, 'Do this : Take
wagons from the land of Egypt for
your little ones, and for your wives,
and bring your father and come.
20Also, do not worry about your
possessions, for the best of all of
the land of Egypt is yours."

21So the sons of Israel did
that. And Joseph gave them
wagons, according to the
commandment of Pharaoh, and
gave them provisions for the
journey. 22He gave to all of them, to
each one, a change of clothing. But
to Benjamin he gave three hundred
pieces of silver and five changes of
clothing. 23To his father he sent the
following: ten donkeys loaded with
the best things of Egypt, and ten
female donkeys loaded with grain
and food and provision for his
father on the journey. 24So he sent
his brothers off, and as they
departed he said to them, "Do not
be fearful on the journey."

25So they went up out of Egypt
and came into the land of Canaan to
their father Jacob. 26And they told
him, saying, "Joseph is still alive,
and he is ruler over all the land of
Egypt." But he was unmoved,
because he did not believe them.
27But when they told him all the
words of Joseph, which he had said
to them, and when he saw the
wagons which Joseph had sent to
transport him, the spirit of their
father Jacob revived. 28Then Israel
said, "I'm convinced. My son

[a]45:10 OL Mss Vulgate cf. LXX (Gesem), Artapanus (Kessen), and ancient Egyptian inscriptions from Dendera (Gesem), Kahun (Kesem), and Edfu (pa-Kes). MT vocalizes the same consonantal text as Goshen

Joseph is still alive. I will go and
see him before I die."

46 So Israel set out with all that he had and arrived at Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2And God spoke to Israel in a vision[a] at night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am."

3He said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. 4I will go down with you into Egypt, and I myself will surely bring you up again, and Joseph will close your eyes."

5Then Jacob rose up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob, and their little ones, and their wives on the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6So they took their livestock and their possessions which they had aquired in the land of Canaan, and arrived in Egypt, Jacob and all his descendants with him, 7his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and he brought all his descendants with him to Egypt. 8Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn. 9And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. 10And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jakin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman. 11And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamuel.[b] 13And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah,[c] and Jashub,[d] and Shimron. 14And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. 15These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, as well as his daughter Dinah. All the persons of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three. 16And the sons of Gad: Zephon,[e] and Haggi, and[f] Shuni, and Ezbon, and[g] Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. 17And the sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Jishvah, and Jishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malkiel. 18These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his

[a]46:2 LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "visions"
[b]46:12 SP LXX OL(S) Syr, cf. Numbers 26:21 DSS SP; 1Chronicles 2:5 LXX Syr. MT reads "Hamul"
[c]46:13 SP cf. LXX (Phoua) Vg (Phua) 1 Chronicles 7:1. MT reads "Puvah"
[d]46:13 LXX Mss SP cf. Numbers 26:24; 1 Chronicles 7:1, reading yswb "Jashub." MT reads ywb "Yob"
[e]46:16 SP LXX, cf. Numbers 26:15. MT reads "Ziphion"
[f]46:16 Hebrew Mss LXX SP Syr. MT lacks "and"
[g]46:16 LXX. MT lacks "and"

daughter Leah, and these she bore to Jacob, sixteen persons. 19The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20To Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him. 21And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Beker, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, and Ahiram,[a] and Shuppim,[b] and Huppim, and Ard. 22These are the sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob: all the persons were fourteen. 23And the sons of Dan: Shuham.[c] 24And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. 25These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel; and these she bore to Jacob: all the persons were seven. 26All the persons who came with Jacob into Egypt, who were his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, all the persons were sixty-six. 27And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.[d]

28And he sent Judah ahead of him to Joseph to accompany him to Gesen,[e]. Then they arrived in the land of Gesen. 29And Joseph prepared his chariot and went up to meet his father Israel in Gesen. And he presented himself to him and he threw his arms around his neck and wept for a long time. 30Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

31Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and speak with Pharaoh and will tell him, 'My brothers and my father's household who were in the land of Canaan have come to me. 32The men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of livestock, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

33And it will come to pass, when Pharaoh summons you and says, 'What is your occupation?' 34that you are to say, 'Your servants have looked after livestock from our youth until now, both we, and our fathers:' in order that you may settle in the land of Gesen; since all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians."

47 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers, with their flocks, their herds, and all that they own,

[a]46:21 Numbers 26:38. MT reads "Ehi, and Rosh"
[b]46:21 1Chronicles 7:12 MT (spm "Shuppim"), cf. Numbers 26:39 Hebrew Mss (swpm "Shupham"). MT reads mpym "Muppim"
[c]46:23 Numbers 26:42. MT reads "Hushim"
[d]46:27 The number includes Jacob and seventy-one descendants, which includes Dinah, Joseph, Manasseh, and Ephraim, minus Er and Onan. LXX reads "seventy-five"
[e]46:28 Cf. 45:10 fn

have come from the land of Canaan. And look, they are in the land of Gesen." [2]And from among his brothers he took five men and presented them before Pharaoh. [3]Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "What is your occupation?" And they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers."

[4]And they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks. For the famine is severe in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants live in the land of Gesen."

[5]Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, "Your father and your brothers have come to you, [6]and the land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land. They may live in the land of Gesen. If you know any able men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock."

[7]Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob, and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. [8]And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many are the days of the years of your life?"

[9]So Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are one hundred thirty years. Few and difficult have been the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning." [10]Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from Pharaoh's presence.

[11]Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and gave them property in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses,[a] as Pharaoh had commanded. [12]And Joseph provided food for his father, his brothers, and all of his father's household, according to the number of their dependents.

[13]Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan grew weak because of the famine. [14]Joseph gathered up all of the money to be found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the grain they were purchasing. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's treasury.[b] [15]And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone."

[16]Then Joseph said, "Give me your livestock and I will give you

[a]47:11 Old Latin E/S reads "Egypt, in the best of the land of Gesem (Goshen)." LXX(D(G)) lacks "in the land of Rameses"

[b]47:14 Lit. "house"

food[a] for your livestock, if your silver is gone."

17So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle, and for the donkeys. And he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock for that year. 18When that year was over, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that all our silver is spent and that the herds of livestock belong to my lord. There is nothing left, as my lord can see, except our bodies and our lands. 19Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we and our land will be servants to Pharaoh. Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land won't become desolate."

20So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, because every Egyptian sold his field, since the famine was severe on them. So the land became Pharaoh's. 21And as for the people, he subjugated them as slaves[b] from one end of the border of Egypt to the other end of it. 22Only he did not buy the land of the priests, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off their allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore they did not have to sell their land. 23Then Joseph said to the people, "Look, I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed for you so you can plant the seed in the land. 24And it will come to pass at the harvests that you must give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths will be yours for seed for the field, and for your food, and for those of your households, and as food for your little ones."

25Then they said, "You have saved our lives. Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves."

26So Joseph made it a statute still in effect for the land of Egypt, that a fifth must go to Pharaoh. Only the land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's.

27So Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the land of Gesen. And they aquired property in it and were fertile and became numerous. 28And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were one hundred forty-seven years. 29And the time approached for Israel to die, so he summoned his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh and deal kindly and truly with me. Please do not bury me in Egypt, 30but when I lie down with my fathers you must carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial

[a]47:16 LXX SP Syr. MT lacks "food" from haplography: lkm-lhm

[b]47:21 LXX SP Vg. MT reads "he moved them to the cities"

place." And he said, "I will do what you have asked."
31Then he said, "Take an oath to me," and he took an oath to him. Then Israel bowed[a] over the top of his staff.[b]

48 And it came about after these things that someone said to Joseph, "Look, your father is sick." And taking with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, he went to Jacob.[c] 2And someone reported to Jacob, and said, "Look, your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel strengthened himself and sat up in the bed. 3And Jacob said to Joseph, "El Shaddai[d] appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, 4and said to me, 'Look, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your descendants after you for an everlasting possession.' 5And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. 6And your offspring born to you after them will be yours. But in their inheritance they are to be called after the names of their brothers.[e] 7But as for me, when I came from Paddan Aram,[f] Rachel died, in my sorrow,[g] in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath. And I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

8Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and said, "Who are these?" 9And Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Please bring them to me, so that I can bless them." 10Now the eyes of Israel were failing because of his age, so that he couldn't see. Then he brought them near to him, and he kissed them and embraced them. 11And Israel said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face, but look, God has let me see your offspring as well." 12Then Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the ground. 13And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and

[a]47:31 Or, "bowed in worship"
[b]47:31 Vocalization according to LXX and Hebrews 11:21. MT reads "bed," the difference being vocalization of the same consonantal text as either matteh "staff" or mittah "bed." Hebrews 11:21
[c]48:1 LXX. MT lacks "he went to Jacob" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy
[d]48:3 "El Shaddai" probably means "God of abundant provision," who abundantly supplies for the needs of his children. Cf. Genesis 17:2, 28:3, 43:14, 49:25; Job 5:19-26

[e]48:6 That is, any children of Joseph born after Ephraim and Manasseh will be incorporated into the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh
[f]48:7 SP LXX OL Syr. MT omits Aram
[g]48:7 Lit. "died against me"

brought them near to him. 14And Israel stretched out his right hand and placed it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the firstborn. 15Then he blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, 16the Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys. And may my name be carried on in them, and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac. And may they grow into a multitude upon the earth."

17When Joseph saw that his father placed his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he grasped his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. 18And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Put your right hand on his head."
19But his father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also will become a people, and he also will be great. However, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations." 20So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessing, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. 21Then Israel said to Joseph, "Look, I am about to die, but God will be with you, and God will bring you back from this land[a] to the land of your fathers. 22Moreover, I give to you one portion[b] more than your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

49 Then Jacob summoned his sons, and said: "Gather yourselves together so that I may tell you what will happen to you in the days to come.

2Assemble yourselves and hear,
you sons of Jacob.
Listen to Israel, your father.

3Reuben, you are my firstborn, my
strength, and the the
firstfruits of my
virility,
preeminent in dignity and
preeminent in power.
4Uncontrolled as the waters, you
will not excel,
because you went up to your
father's bed,
you went up[c] and defiled my
couch.[d]
5Simeon and Levi are brothers.
Their swords are weapons of
violence.
6May I never enter their council.
May my honor never be
joined with their
assembly.
For in their anger they killed men,

[a]48:3 LXX. MT lacks "God…from this land" from haplography by homoioarcton: 'l-'l
[b]48:22 Or, "mountain slope"
[c]49:4 LXX Tg Syr. MT reads "he went up"
[d]49:4 Genesis 35:22

and for pleasure they
hamstrung oxen.
7Cursed be their anger, for it has
been fierce,
and their fury, for it was
cruel.
I will divide them in Jacob,
and scatter them in Israel.

8Judah, your brothers will praise
you.
Your hand will be on the
neck of your enemies.
Your father's sons will bow
down before you.
9Judah is a lion's cub.
From the prey, my son, you
rise up.
Like a lion he crouches and lies
down, as a lioness.
Who will rouse him up?
10The scepter will not depart from
Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from
between his feet,
until he comes to whom it
belongs.[a]
And it is he whom the
peoples will obey.
11Binding his foal to the vine,
and his donkey's colt to the
choice vine.
He will wash his garments in
wine,
and his robes in the blood of
grapes.
12His eyes will be darker than
wine,
and his teeth whiter than
milk.
13Zebulun will dwell at the
seashore,
and he will be a harbor for
ships,
and his border will be at
Sidon.

14Issachar is a strong donkey
lying down between the
saddlebags.
15When he sees a good
resting place, that the
land is pleasant,
he will bend his back to the
burden,
and become a slave doing
forced labor.

16Dan will judge his people
as one of the tribes of Israel.
17Dan will be a serpent on the
road,
a viper by the path,
that bites the horse's heels
so that his rider falls
backward.
18I wait for your salvation, God.[b]

19Gad will be attacked by raiders,
but he will raid at their
heels.

20Asher's food will be rich,
and he will provide royal
delicacies.

21Naphtali is a doe set free

[a]49:10 LXX cf. Syr Tg, reading שֶׁלֹה, "to whom it [belongs]." A multitude of Hebrew Mss and SP Mss have שלה. MT Kethib reads שִׁילֹה "Shiloh"

[b]49:18 Hi (*Ezech* 1 *Pach* XCVIII 7; reading dei) Phil(1/3)(para tou theou). MT reads "YHWH"

that bears beautiful fawns.

22 Joseph is a fruitful son,
a fruitful son by a spring.
His branches run over a wall.
23 The archers will attack him with bitterness, and shoot at him, and harass him.
24 Yet his bow will remain steady,
and his arms will be made agile
by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob,
by the name[a] of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,
25 by the God of your father, who will help you, and
El[b] Shaddai, who will bless you with blessings of the sky above,
blessings of the deep that lies below,
and blessings of the breasts and of the womb.
26 The blessings of your father are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains,[c]
and the bounty of the everlasting hills.
They will be on the head of Joseph,
and on the brow of the prince among his brothers.

27 Benjamin is a ravenous wolf.
In the morning he will devour the prey,
and at evening he will divide the plunder."

28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed each one with his own individual blessing. 29 Then he instructed them, and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hethite, 30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is near Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hethite as a burial place. 31 There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah. There they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah. 32 The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the sons of Heth." 33 When Jacob finished instructing his sons, he drew his legs up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

50 Then Joseph hugged his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him. 2 Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 Forty days were required for it, for that is how many the days it takes for

[a] 49:24 Tg Syr, vocalized as "by the name." MT vocalizes as "from there"
[b] 49:25 Hebrew Ms SP LXX Syr. MT reads the preposition 'et
[c] 49:26 LXX, reading "mountains," where the final yod is a construct plural marker rather than a pronominal suffix. MT reads "my ancestors"

embalming. The Egyptians mourned for him for seventy days.

4When the days for mourning for him had passed, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5'My father made me take an oath, saying, "Look, I am dying. Bury me in the tomb that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father, and I will return again.'"

6And Pharaoh said, "Go up, and bury your father, in keeping with your oath."

7So Joseph went up to bury his father, and all the officials of Pharaoh went up with him, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Gesen. 9And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very large company. 10Then they came to the threshing floor of Atad which is across the Jordan, and they mourned there with a great and very bitter lamentation. And he observed seven days of mourning for his father. 11When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a deep mourning by the Egyptians." Therefore, its name was called Abel Mizraim,[a] which is across the Jordan. 12So his sons did to him just as he commanded them, 13for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah near Mamre, which Abraham bought along with the field as a burial site from Ephron the Hethite. 14Then after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all that went up with him to bury his father.

15When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." 16So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, saying, 17'Thus you are to tell Joseph, "Now please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18Then his brothers also went and fell down in front of him, and they said, "Look, we are your slaves." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20As for you, you meant evil against me, but[b] God turned it into good in order to bring about this present result, to save the lives of many people. 21So therefore, do not be afraid. I will provide for you and

[a]50:11 Abel Mizraim means "mourning of the Egyptians"

[b]50:20 SP LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "But"

your little ones." And he consoled them and spoke kindly to them.

22So Joseph lived in Egypt, he, and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred ten years. 23Joseph saw Ephraim's descendants to the third generation. The children also of Makir, the son of Manasseh, were counted as Joseph's own.[a] 24And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up out of this land to the land which he promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25Then Joseph made the sons of Israel take an oath, saying, "God will surely take care of you. Then you must carry up my bones from here." 26So Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old, and they embalmed him and placed him in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

1 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob,[b] each with his household: 2Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5All the people who were directly descended from Jacob were seventy-five,[c] and Joseph was in Egypt already. 6Joseph died, as did all his brothers, and all that generation. 7The children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9He said to his people, "Look, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. 10Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it happen that when any war breaks out, they also join themselves to our enemies, and fight against us, and escape out of the land." 11Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. They built storage cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Rameses. 12But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out.[d] And they were in dread of the children of Israel. 13And the Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel labor, 14and they made their lives bitter with hard labor, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of labor in the field, all their labors which they ruthlessly made them do.

15The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the

[a]50:23 Lir. "were born on Joseph's knees"
[b]1:1 LXX DSS spacing Bo add "their father"
[c]1:5 DSS (4QExod(b) and 4QGen-Exod(a)) LXX. MT SP read "seventy." Cf. Acts 7:14
[d]1:12 LXX adds "exceedingly, exceedingly"

name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah, [16]and he said, "When you perform the duty of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stool; if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." [17]But the midwives feared God, and did not do what the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the baby boys alive. [18]The king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and have saved the boys alive?"

[19]The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women aren't like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

[20]God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied, and grew very mighty. [21]It happened, because the midwives feared God, that he gave them families. [22]Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "You are to cast every son who is born to the Hebrews[a] into the river, but every daughter you are to keep alive."

2 A man of the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi as his wife. [2]The woman conceived, and bore a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. [3]When she could no longer hide him, she took a papyrus box for him and coated it with bitumen and with pitch. And she put the child in it and put it among the rushes by the bank of the river. [4]And his sister stood at a distance, to see what would be done to him. [5]Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river. Her maidens walked along by the riverside. She saw the box among the rushes, and sent her handmaid to get it. [6]She opened it, and saw the child, and look, the baby cried. And she[b] had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

[7]Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Should I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

[8]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go."

The maiden went and called the child's mother. [9]Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages."

The woman took the child, and nursed it. [10]The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son.

[a]1:22 LXX SP Tg. MT lacks "to the Hebrews," from a simple omission

[b]2:6 SP LXX read "the daughter of Pharaoh"

She named him Moses,[a] and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

[11]It happened in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brothers, and looked at their burdens. He saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his brothers. [12]He looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no one, he killed the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

[13]He went out the second day, and look, two men of the Hebrews were fighting with each other. He said to him who did the wrong, "Why do you strike your fellow?"

[14]He said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you plan to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?"[b] Moses was afraid, and said, "Surely this thing is known." [15]Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.

[16]Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. [17]The shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and drew water for them,[c] and watered their flock. [18]When they came to Reuel, their father, he said, "How is it that you have returned so early today?"

[19]They said, "An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew water for us, and watered the flock."

[20]He said to his daughters, "Where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."

[21]And Moses was content to dwell with the man. And he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter in marriage.[d] [22]She bore a son, and he named him Gershom,[e] for he said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land."

[23]It happened in the course of those many days, that the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. [24]God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. [25]God saw

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[a]2:10 Heb. Mosheh, from Heb. mahshah "to draw out"

[b]2:14 LXX. MT lacks "yesterday" from haplography by homoioarcton: 't-'t. Acts 7:28

[c]2:17 LXX. MT lacks "and drew water for them" from haplography: n_wy-n_wy

[d]2:21 LXX SP. MT lacks "in marriage" from homoioteleuton: sh-sh

[e]2:22 "Gershom" sounds like the Hebrew for "a foreigner there"

the children of Israel, and God took notice.

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to God's mountain, to Horeb. [2]The angel of YHWH appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and look, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. [3]Moses said, "I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt."

[4]When YHWH saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses. Moses."

He said, "Here I am."

[5]He said, "Do not come close. Take your sandals off of your feet, for the place you are standing on is holy ground."[a] [6]Moreover he said, "I am the God of your fathers,[b] the God of Abraham, and[c] the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."[d]

Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look at God.

[7]YHWH said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. [8]I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Girgashites,[e] and the Jebusites. [9]Now, look, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me. Moreover I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. [10]Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

[11]And Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

[12]And God spoke to Moses, saying,[f] "Certainly I will be with you. This will be the token to you, that I have sent you: when you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

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[a]3:5 Acts 7:33
[b]3:6 SP LXX(58 72 [= *O*] 84 [= *t*] Carl 49) Mss Eth(CG) Bo and Acts 7:32. MT reads "father"
[c]3:6 Hebrew Mss SP LXX. MT lacks "and"
[d]3:6 Matthew 22:32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:32
[e]3:8 DSS LXX Eth Ms Bo Ms cf SP. MT lacks "and the Girgashites"
[f]3:12 LXX. MT lacks lit. "God to Moses, saying" from homoioteleuton: 'mr-'mr

13 And Moses said to God,
"Look, when I come to the children
of Israel, and tell them, 'The God of
your fathers has sent me to you;'
and they ask me, 'What is his
name?' What should I tell them?"
14 And God said to Moses, "I AM
THAT I AM,"[a] and he said, "You
shall tell the children of Israel this:
'I AM[b] has sent me to you.'" 15 And
God said moreover to Moses, "You
shall tell the children of Israel this,
'YHWH, the God of your fathers,
the God of Abraham,[c] the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has
sent me to you.' This is my name
forever, and this is my memorial to
all generations. 16 Go, and gather
the elders of the people of[d] Israel
together, and tell them, 'YHWH, the
God of your fathers, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,
has appeared to me, saying, "I have
surely visited you, and seen that
which is done to you in Egypt;
17 and I have said, I will bring you
up out of the affliction of Egypt to
the land of the Canaanites, and the
Hethites, and the Amorites, and the
Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the
Girgashites,[e] and the Jebusites, to a
land flowing with milk and
honey."' 18 They will listen to your
voice, and you shall come, you and
the elders of Israel, to the king of
Egypt, and you shall tell him, 'The[f]
God of the Hebrews has met with
us. Now please let us go three days'
journey into the wilderness, that we
may sacrifice to[g] our God.' 19 I
know that the king of Egypt won't
give you permission to go, except
by a mighty hand. 20 I will put forth
my hand and strike Egypt with all
my wonders which I will do in its
midst, and after that he will let you
go. 21 I will give this people favor in
the sight of the Egyptians, and it
will happen that when you go, you
shall not go empty-handed. 22 But
every woman shall ask of her
neighbor, and of her who visits her
house, articles of silver and articles
of gold, and clothing; and you shall
put them on your sons, and on your
daughters. So you shall plunder the
Egyptians.

4 Moses answered, "But,
look, they will not
believe me, nor listen to
my voice; for they will say, 'God[h]
has not appeared to you.'"

2 YHWH said to him, "What is
that in your hand?"

He said, "A staff."

3 He said, "Throw it on the
ground."

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[a] 3:14 Hebrew "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh" or Ehyah Asher Ehyah"
[b] 3:14 "Ehyeh," or "Ehyah." LXX: ego eimi
[c] 3:15 LXX SP add "and"
[d] 3:16 DSS LXX SP. MT lacks "the children of" from haplography: ny-ny
[e] 3:17 LXX cf. DSS SP. MT lacks "and the Girgashites"
[f] 3:18 LXX. MT adds "YHWH"
[g] 3:18 LXX. MT adds "YHWH"
[h] 4:1 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

He threw it on the ground,
and it became a serpent; and Moses
ran away from it.

4YHWH said to Moses, "Put
forth your hand, and take it by the
tail." He put forth his hand, and laid
hold of it, and it became a staff in
his hand.

5"That they may believe that
YHWH, the God of their fathers, the
God of Abraham,[a] the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob, has appeared
to you." 6YHWH said furthermore
to him, "Now put your hand inside
your cloak." He put his hand inside
his cloak, and when he took it out,[b]
look, his hand was leprous, as white
as snow.

7He said, "Put your hand
inside your cloak again." He put his
hand inside his cloak again, and
when he took it out of his cloak,
look, it had turned again as his
other flesh.

8"It will happen, if they will
neither believe you nor listen to the
voice of the first sign, that they will
believe the voice of the latter sign.
9It will happen, if they will not
believe even these two signs,
neither listen to your voice, that
you shall take of the water of the
river, and pour it on the dry land.
The water which you take out of the
river will become blood on the dry
land."

10Moses said to YHWH,
"Please, Lord, I am not eloquent,
neither before now, nor since you
have spoken to your servant; for I
am slow of speech, and of a slow
tongue."
11YHWH said to him, "Who made
man's mouth? Or who makes the
mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the
blind? Is it not I, God?[c] 12Now
therefore go, and I will be with your
mouth, and teach you what you
shall speak."

13He said, "Oh, Lord, please
send someone else."

14The anger of YHWH was
kindled against Moses, and he said,
"What about Aaron, your brother,
the Levite? I know that he can
speak well. Also, look, he comes
forth to meet you. When he sees
you, he will be glad in his heart.
15You shall speak to him, and put
the words in his mouth. I will be
with your mouth, and with his
mouth, and will teach you what you
shall do. 16He will be your
spokesman to the people; and it will
happen, that he will be to you a
mouth, and you will be to him as
God. 17You shall take this staff in
your hand, with which you shall do
the signs."

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[a]4:5 LXX adds "and"
[b]4:6 DSS MT Mss LXX SP add "from his cloak"
[c]4:11 LXX. MT reads "YHWH." God has made all people, including those who, for whatever reason, happen to be deaf, or blind, or mute, or have a problem with speaking well, as Moses did. But God is there to help.

[18]Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.” Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”

[19]YHWH said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return into Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead.”

[20]Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. Moses took God’s staff in his hand. [21]YHWH said to Moses, “When you go back into Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your hand, but I will harden his heart and he will not let the people go. [22]You shall tell Pharaoh, ‘Thus says YHWH, Israel is my son, my firstborn, [23]and I have said to you, “Let my son go, that he may serve me;” and you have refused to let him go. Look, I will kill your son, your firstborn.’”

[24]It happened on the way at a lodging place, that YHWH met him and wanted to kill him. [25]Then Zipporah took a flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet; and she said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me.”

[26]So he let him alone. Then she said, “You are a bridegroom of blood,” because of the circumcision.

[27]YHWH said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.”

He went, and met him on God’s mountain, and kissed him. [28]Moses told Aaron all the words of YHWH with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had instructed him. [29]Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. [30]Aaron spoke all the words which God[a] had spoken to Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. [31]The people believed, and when they heard that God[b] had visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

5 Afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said to Pharaoh, “This is what YHWH, God of Israel, says, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’”

[2]Pharaoh said, “Who is YHWH, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I do not know YHWH, and moreover I will not let Israel go.”

[3]They said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to[c] our

[a]4:30 LXX. MT reads “YHWH”
[b]4:31 LXX. MT reads “YHWH”
[c]5:3 LXX. MT adds “YHWH”

God, lest he fall on us with pestilence, or with the sword."

4The king of Egypt said to them, "Why do you, Moses and Aaron, take[a] the people from their work? Get back to your burdens." 5Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens." 6The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, 7"You shall no longer give the people straw to make brick, as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8The number of the bricks, which they made before, you require from them. You shall not diminish anything of it, for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, 'Let us go and[b] sacrifice to our God.' 9Let heavier work be laid on the men so they may labor at it and pay no attention to lying words."

10The taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spoke to the people, saying, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you straw. 11Go yourselves, get straw where you can find it, for nothing of your work shall be diminished.'" 12So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather dry stalks for straw. 13The taskmasters kept pressing them, saying, "Fulfill your work quota, your daily amount, as when there was straw.[c]" 14The officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, "Why haven't you fulfilled your quota both yesterday and today, in making brick as before?"

15Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal this way with your servants? 16No straw is given to your servants, and they tell us, 'Make bricks.' And look, your servants are beaten, but the fault is with your own people."

17But he said, "You are slackers! Slackers! Therefore you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to God.[d]' 18Go therefore now, and work, for no straw shall be given to you, yet you shall deliver the same number of bricks."

19The officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in trouble, when it was said, "You shall not diminish anything from your daily quota of bricks."

20They met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: 21and they said to them, "May God[e] look at you, and judge, because you have made us a stench to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh,

[a]5:4 DSS LXX SP read "separate" instead of "take/draw away"
[b]5:8 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and"
[c]5:13 DSS LXX SP add "given to you"
[d]5:17 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]5:21 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 Moses returned to YHWH, and said,[a] "Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Why is it that you have sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people; neither have you delivered your people at all."

6 YHWH said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh, for by a strong hand he shall let them go, and by a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land."
2 Then God spoke to Moses, and said to him, "I am YHWH. 3 And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El Shaddai,[b] but I did not make myself known to them by my name YHWH. 4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojournings, in which they were foreigners. 5 Moreover I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Therefore tell the children of Israel, 'I am YHWH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments: 7 and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that I am YHWH your God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you as a possession. I am YHWH.'"

9 Moses spoke so to the children of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 11 "Go in, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land."

12 Moses spoke before YHWH, saying, "Look, the children of Israel haven't listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, who am of uncircumcised lips?" 13 YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a command to the children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses. The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. 15 The sons of Simeon:

[a] 5:22 LXX(B) adds "Please"
[b] 6:3 "El Shaddai" probably means "God of abundant provision," who abundantly supplies for the needs of his children. Cf. Genesis 17:2, 28:3, 43:14, 49:25; Job 5:19-26

Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jakin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon. 16These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi were one hundred thirty-seven years. 17The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, according to their families. 18The sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kohath were one hundred thirty-three years. 19The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations. 20Amram took Jochebed his father's sister to himself as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses:[a] and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty-seven years. 21The sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zikri. 22The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, as his wife; and she bore him Nadab and Abihu,[b] Eleazar and Ithamar. 24The sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites. 25Eleazar Aaron's son took one of the daughters of Putiel as his wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of ancestral houses of the Levites according to their families. 26These are the Aaron and Moses, to whom God[c] said, "Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their regiments." 27These are those who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from[d] Egypt. These are that Moses and Aaron.

28It happened on the day when YHWH spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29that YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, "I am YHWH. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."

30Moses said before YHWH, "Look, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh listen to me?"

7 YHWH said to Moses, "Look, I have made you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. 2You shall speak all that I command you; and Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 3I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4But Pharaoh will not listen to you, and I will lay my hand on Egypt, and bring forth my regiments, my people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5The Egyptians shall know that I am YHWH, when I

[a]6:20 Hebrew Ms LXX SP add "and Miriam their sister." Syr: "and Miriam." Numbers 26:59

[b]6:23 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg add "and"

[c]6:26 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

[d]6:27 LXX SP add "the land of"

stretch forth my hand on Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

6Moses and Aaron did so. As YHWH commanded them, so they did. 7Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 9"When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Perform a [a]miracle.' then you shall tell Aaron, 'Take your staff, and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it become a serpent.'"

10Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, as YHWH had commanded: and Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers. They also, the magicians of Egypt, did in like manner with their secret arts. 12For they cast down every man his staff, and they became serpents: but Aaron's staff swallowed up their rods. 13Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them; as YHWH had spoken.

14YHWH said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is stubborn. He refuses to let the people go. 15Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Look, he goes out to the water; and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the staff which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. 16You shall tell him, 'YHWH, God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness:" and look, until now you haven't listened. 17Thus says YHWH, "In this you shall know that I am YHWH. Look, I will strike with the staff that is in my hand on the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18The fish that are in the river shall die, and the river shall become foul; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink water from the river.[b]"'" 19YHWH said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and over their pools, and over all their ponds of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.'"

20Moses and Aaron did so, as YHWH commanded; and he lifted up the staff, and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21The fish that were in the river died; and the river became foul, and the Egyptians couldn't drink water from the river; and the blood was throughout all the land of Egypt. 22The magicians of Egypt did in like manner with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was

[a]7:9 LXX SP add "a sign or a"

[b]7:18 DSS SP insert vv. 16-18

hardened, and he did not listen to them; as YHWH had spoken. [23]Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he lay even this to heart. [24]All the Egyptians dug around the river for water to drink; for they couldn't drink of the water of the river. [25]Seven days were fulfilled, after YHWH had struck the river.

8 YHWH spoke to Moses, Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, "This is what YHWH says, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me. [2]If you refuse to let them go, look, I will plague all your borders with frogs: [3]and the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into your house, and into your bedchamber, and on your bed, and into the house of your servants, and on your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs: [4]and the frogs shall come up both on you, and on your people, and on all your servants.'" [5]YHWH said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother,[a] 'Stretch forth your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the streams, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.'" [6]Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. [7]The magicians[b] did in like manner with their secret arts, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

[8]Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Pray to YHWH, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to YHWH."

[9]Moses said to Pharaoh, "I give you the honor of setting the time that I should pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses,[c] and remain in the river only."

[10]He said, "Tomorrow." He said, "Be it according to your word, that you may know that there is none like YHWH our God. [11]The frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."

[12]Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to YHWH concerning the frogs which he had brought on Pharaoh. [13]YHWH did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields. [14]They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. [15]But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart, and did not listen to them, as YHWH had spoken.

[a]8:5 LXX. MT lacks "your brother," possibly from haplography: 'h-'h
[b]8:7 LXX adds "of the Egyptians"
[c]8:9 SP Vg adds "and from your servants, and from your people"

16YHWH said to Moses, "Tell
Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with[a]
your staff, and strike the dust of the
earth, that it may become lice
throughout all the land of Egypt.'"
17They did so; and Aaron stretched
out his hand with his staff, and
struck the dust of the earth, and
there were lice on man, and on
animal; all the dust of the earth
became lice throughout all the land
of Egypt. 18The magicians tried
with their secret arts to bring forth
lice, but they couldn't. There were
lice on man, and on animal. 19Then
the magicians said to Pharaoh,
"This is the finger of God:" and
Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and
he did not listen to them; as YHWH
had spoken.

20YHWH said to Moses, "Rise
up early in the morning, and stand
before Pharaoh; look, he comes
forth to the water; and tell him,
'This is what YHWH says, "Let my
people go, that they may serve me.
21Else, if you will not let my people
go, look, I will send swarms of flies
on you, and on your servants, and
on your people, and into your
houses: and the houses of the
Egyptians shall be full of swarms of
flies, and also the ground whereon
they are. 22I will set apart in that
day the land of Gesen,[b], in which
my people dwell, that no swarms of
flies shall be there; to the end you
may know that I am YHWH,[c] in the
midst of the earth. 23I will put a
division[d] between my people and
your people: by tomorrow shall this
sign be."'" 24YHWH did so; and
there came grievous swarms of
flies into the house of Pharaoh, and
into his servants' houses: and in all
the land of Egypt the land was
corrupted by reason of the swarms
of flies.

25Pharaoh called for Moses
and for Aaron, and said, "Go,
sacrifice to your God in the land."

26Moses said, "It isn't
appropriate to do so; for we shall
sacrifice the abomination of the
Egyptians to YHWH our God.
Look, shall we sacrifice the
abomination of the Egyptians
before their eyes, and won't they
stone us? 27We will go three days'
journey into the wilderness, and
sacrifice to YHWH our God, as he
shall command us."

28Pharaoh said, "I will let you
go, that you may sacrifice to YHWH
your God in the wilderness, only
you shall not go very far away. Pray
for me."
29Moses said, "Look, I go out from
you, and I will pray to God[e] that the
swarms of flies may depart from
Pharaoh, from his servants, and
from his people, tomorrow; only do

[a]8:16 DSS LXX SP. MT lacks "your hand with," possibly from haplography: ydk-mtk
[b]8:23 Cf. Genesis 45:10
[c]8:22 MT LXX(M+Mss) Ethiopic Syr(hex). LXX(AL) Bohairic add "God." LXX(B) Origen(Gk) add "Lord/YHWH"
[d]8:23 Or, "place redemption"
[e]8:29 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to YHWH." [30]Moses went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to God.[a] [31]YHWH did according to the word of Moses, and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. There remained not one. [32]Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

9 Then YHWH said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what YHWH, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, that they may serve me. [2]For if you refuse to let them go, and hold them still, [3]look, the hand of YHWH is on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks with a very grievous pestilence. [4]YHWH will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt; and there shall nothing die of all that belongs to the children of Israel." [5]God[b] appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow YHWH shall do this thing in the land.[c]" [6]YHWH did that thing on the next day; and all the livestock of Egypt died, but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. [7]Pharaoh sent, and, look, there was not so much as one of the livestock of[d] Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and he did not let the people go.

[8]YHWH said to Moses and to Aaron,[e] "Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.[f] [9]It shall become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with boils on man and on animal, throughout all the land of Egypt."

[10]They took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward the sky; and it became a boil breaking forth with boils on man and on animal. [11]The magicians couldn't stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils were on the magicians, and on all[g] the Egyptians. [12]YHWH hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as YHWH had spoken to Moses.

[13]YHWH said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what YHWH, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, that they may serve me. [14]For this time I will send all my plagues against your heart, against your officials, and against your people; that you may know that there is

[a]8:30 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]9:5 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]9:5 DSS SP insert vv. 1-5
[d]9:7 DSS LXX SP Syr add "children of"
[e]9:8 DSS LXX add "saying"
[f]9:8 LXX adds "and before his servants"
[g]9:11 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg add "the land of"

none like me in all the earth. 15For
now I would have put forth my
hand, and struck you and your
people with pestilence, and you
would have been cut off from the
earth; 16but indeed for this purpose
I have raised you up, to show you
my power, and that my name may
be proclaimed in all the earth;[a] 17as
you still exalt yourself against my
people, that you won't let them go.
18Look, tomorrow about this time I
will cause it to rain a very grievous
hail, such as has not been in Egypt
since the day it was founded even
until now. 19Now therefore
command that all of your livestock
and all that you have in the field be
brought into shelter. Every man and
animal that is found in the field, and
isn't brought home, the hail shall
come down on them, and they shall
die."'"

20Those who feared the word
of YHWH among the servants of
Pharaoh made their servants and
their livestock flee into the houses.
21Whoever did not regard the word
of YHWH left his servants and his
livestock in the field.

22YHWH said to Moses,
"Stretch forth your hand toward the
sky, that there may be hail in all the
land of Egypt, on man, and on
animal, and on every plant of the
field, throughout the land of
Egypt."

23Moses stretched forth his
staff toward the heavens, and
YHWH sent thunder, and hail, and
fire fell to the earth. YHWH rained
hail on the land of Egypt. 24So there
was very severe hail, and fire
mixed with the hail, such as had not
been in all the land of Egypt since
it became a nation. 25The hail
struck throughout all the land of
Egypt all that was in the field, both
man and animal; and the hail struck
every plant of the field, and broke
every tree of the field. 26Only in the
land of Gesen, where the children
of Israel were, there was no hail.

27Pharaoh sent, and called for
Moses and Aaron, and said to them,
"I have sinned this time. YHWH is
righteous, and I and my people are
wicked. 28Pray to YHWH; for there
has been enough of God's thunder
and hail and fire.[b] I will let you go,
and you shall stay no longer."

29Moses said to him, "As
soon as I have gone out of the city,
I will spread abroad my hands to
YHWH. The thunders shall cease,
neither shall there be any more hail;
that you may know that the earth is
YHWH's. 30But as for you and your
servants, I know that you do not yet
fear YHWH God."

31The flax and the barley
were struck, for the barley was in
the ear, and the flax was in bloom.
32But the wheat and the spelt were

[a]9:16 Romans 9:17

[b]9:28 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and fire" from haplography: w's-w's. Cf. Exodus 9:23

not struck, for they are late.
33 Moses went out of the city from
Pharaoh, and spread abroad his
hands to YHWH; and the thunders
and hail ceased, and the rain no
longer poured on the land. 34 When
Pharaoh saw that the rain and the
hail and the thunders were ceased,
he sinned yet more, and hardened
his heart, he and his servants. 35 The
heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and
he did not let the children of Israel
go, just as YHWH had spoken
through Moses.

10 YHWH said to
Moses, "Go in to
Pharaoh, for I have
hardened his heart, and the heart of
his servants, that I may show these
my signs in the midst of them, 2 and
that you may tell in the hearing of
your son, and of your son's son,
what things I have done to Egypt,
and my signs which I have done
among them; that you may know
that I am YHWH."

3 Moses and Aaron went in to
Pharaoh, and said to him, "This is
what YHWH, the God of the
Hebrews, says: 'How long will you
refuse to humble yourself before
me? Let my people go, that they
may serve me. 4 Or else, if you
refuse to let my people go, look,
tomorrow I will bring locusts into
your country, 5 and they shall cover
the surface of the earth, so that one
won't be able to see the earth. They
shall eat the residue of that which
has escaped, which remains to you
from the hail, and shall eat every
tree which grows for you out of the
field. 6 Your houses shall be filled,
and the houses of all your servants,
and the houses of all the Egyptians;
as neither your fathers nor your
fathers' fathers have seen, since the
day that they were on the earth to
this day.'" He turned, and went out
from Pharaoh.

7 Pharaoh's servants said to
him, "How long will this man be a
snare to us? Let the men go, that
they may serve[a] their God. Do you
not yet know that Egypt is
destroyed?"

8 Moses and Aaron were
brought again to Pharaoh, and he
said to them, "Go, serve[b] your God;
but who are those who will go?"

9 Moses said, "We will go
with our young and with our old;
with our sons and with our
daughters, with our flocks and with
our herds will we go; for we must
hold a feast to YHWH."
10 He said to them, "YHWH be with
you if I will let you go with your
dependents. See, evil is clearly
before your faces. 11 Not so. Go now
you who are men, and serve God[c];
for that is what you desire." They
were driven out from Pharaoh's
presence.

12 YHWH said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand over the

[a] 10:7 LXX. MT adds "YHWH"
[b] 10:8 LXX. MT adds "YHWH"
[c] 10:11 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt and eat every plant of the land,[a] even all that the hail has left."
13Moses stretched forth his staff over the land of Egypt, and YHWH brought an east wind on the land all that day, and all the night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14The locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt. They were very grievous. Before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. 15For they covered the surface of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened, and they ate every plant of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. There remained nothing green, either tree or plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt. 16Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and he said, "I have sinned against YHWH your God, and against you. 17Now therefore please forgive my sin again, and pray to YHWH your God, that he may also take away from me this death."
18He went out from Pharaoh, and prayed to God.[b] 19YHWH turned an exceeding strong west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove them into the Red Sea.[c] There remained not one locust in all the borders of Egypt. 20But YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

21YHWH said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt."
22Moses stretched forth his hand toward the sky, and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23They did not see one another, neither did anyone rise from his place for three days; but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24Then Pharaoh called to Moses and to Aaron[d] and said, "Go, serve YHWH.[e] Only let your flocks and your herds stay behind. Let your dependents also go with you."

25Moses said, "You must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to YHWH our God. 26Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof is[f] left behind, for of it we must take to serve YHWH our God; and we do not know with what we must serve YHWH, until we come there."

27But YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he wouldn't

[a]10:12 SP LXX add "and all the fruit of the trees"
[b]10:18 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]10:19 Heb. yam soph, "Sea at the End," or yam suph, "Sea/Lake of Rushes/Reeds." Later known as the Red Sea
[d]10:24 DSS MT Mss LXX Syr Ms Tg Ms Vg. MT lacks "and to Aaron," possibly from haplography: rn-rw
[e]10:24 LXX Syr add "your God"
[f]10:26 DSS LXX Tg. MT reads "shall be"

let them go. [28]Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me. Make sure you never see my face again; for in the day you see my face you shall die."

[29]Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will see your face again no more."

11 YHWH said to Moses, "Yet one plague more will I bring on Pharaoh, and on Egypt; afterwards he will let you go. When he lets you go, he will surely thrust you out altogether. [2]Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing.[a]" [3]YHWH gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

[4]And Moses said,[b] "This is what YHWH says: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt, [5]and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of livestock. [6]There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been, nor shall be any more. [7]But against any of the children of Israel a dog won't even bark or move its tongue, against man or animal; that you may know that YHWH makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. [8]All these your servants shall come down to me, and bow down themselves to me, saying, "Get out, with all the people who follow you;" and after that I will go out.'" He went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

[9]YHWH said to Moses, "Pharaoh won't listen to you, that my[c] wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." [10]Moses and Aaron did all these[d] wonders before Pharaoh, and YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 Now YHWH spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, [2]"This month shall be to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. [3]Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month, they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; [4]and if the household is too little for

[a]11:2 Hebrew(109) Ms SP LXX. MT lacks "and clothing," from homoioarction: w-w Cf. Exodus 12:35
[b]11:4 DSS LXX Mss Tg Ms adds "to Pharaoh"
[c]11:9 LXX adds "my signs and," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: ty-ty, and deleted in v.10 to harmonize
[d]11:10 LXX adds ~ "signs"

a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the souls; according to what everyone can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. [5]Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male in its first year. You shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: [6]and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at evening. [7]They shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel, on the houses in which they shall eat it. [8]They shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. [9]Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire; with its head, its legs and its inner parts. [10]You shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. [11]This is how you shall eat it: with your waist girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste: it is YHWH's Passover. [12]For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and animal. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am YHWH. [13]The blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be on you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. [14]This day shall be to you for a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to YHWH: throughout your generations you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

[15]"'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; even the first day you shall put away yeast out of your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. [16]In the first day there shall be to you a holy convocation, and in the seventh day a holy convocation; no manner of work shall be done in them, except that which every man must eat, that only may be done by you. [17]You shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this same day have I brought your regiments out of the land of Egypt: therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations by an ordinance forever. [18]In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty first day of the month at evening. [19]For seven days yeast must not be found in your houses, for whoever eats that which is leavened, that person must be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a foreigner, or one who is born in the land. [20]You must eat nothing leavened. In all your places where you live you must eat unleavened bread.'"

[21]Then Moses called for all the elders of the children of[a] Israel, and said to them, "Go and select lambs according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. [22]And you are to take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and apply it on the top and on both sides of the doorframe with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you is to go out of the door of his house until morning. [23]For YHWH will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, YHWH will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. [24]And you must observe this as an ordinance for you and your children forever. [25]And it shall come to pass when you enter the land which YHWH will give you, as he has promised, you must keep this ceremony. [26]And it shall be, when your children ask you, 'What do you mean by this ceremony?' [27]that you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of YHWH's Passover, because he passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed down and worshiped. [28]Then the children of Israel went away and did as YHWH had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

[29]And it came to pass at midnight that YHWH killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the prison, and all the firstborn of livestock. [30]And Pharaoh got up during the night, he, and all his servants, and all Egypt, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead. [31]Then he summoned for Moses and Aaron during the night, and said, "Get up, get out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve YHWH, as you have requested. [32]Take your flocks and your herds, as you have requested, and be gone, but bless me also."

[33]The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land quickly, for they said, "We will all be dead." [34]So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls wrapped in their clothing on their shoulders.

[35]Now the children of Israel did according to what Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and articles of gold and clothing. [36]And YHWH gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and they gave them whatever they wanted. And so they plundered Egypt.

[a]12:21 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "of the children of," from homoioteleuton: ny-ny

37 And the children of Israel
traveled from Rameses to Succoth,
about six hundred thousand men on
foot, besides their dependents.[a]
38 And a mixed crowd also went up
with them, and a huge number of
livestock, both flocks and herds.
39 And they baked unleavened
loaves using the dough that they
had brought out of Egypt; for it
wasn't leavened, because they were
thrust out of Egypt, and couldn't
wait, nor had they prepared any
provisions for themselves. 40 Now
the time that the children of Israel
lived in Egypt was four hundred
and thirty years. 41 And it came to
pass at the end of four hundred
thirty years, to the day, it came to
pass that all the regiments of
YHWH went out from the land of
Egypt. 42 It was a night when YHWH
kept vigil to bring them out from
the land of Egypt. So on this night
all the children of Israel must keep
a vigil to YHWH throughout their
generations.

43 And YHWH said to Moses
and Aaron, "This is the ordinance
of the Passover. No foreigner may
eat of it, 44 but every man's servant
who is bought for money, after you
have circumcised him, may he eat
of it. 45 A foreigner and a hired
servant must not eat of it. 46 It is to
be eaten in one house. You must
not take any of the meat outside the
house, and you are not to break any
of its bones.[b] 47 All the congregation
of Israel is to keep it. 48 If a
foreigner lives with you and wants
to keep the Passover to YHWH, all
his males must be circumcised, and
then he may take part and observe
it, and he will be like one who is
born in the land. But no
uncircumcised person may eat of it.
49 The same law will apply to the
native-born and to the foreigner
who lives among you." 50 So all the
children of Israel did as YHWH
commanded Moses and Aaron, so
they did. 51 And it happened on this
very day that YHWH brought the
children of Israel out of the land of
Egypt by their regiments.

13 Then YHWH spoke
to Moses, saying,
2 "Set apart to me all
the firstborn. Whatever is first from
the womb among the children of
Israel, both of man and of animal;
it is mine."

3 And Moses said to the
people, "Remember this day in
which you came out from Egypt,
out of the house of slavery, for with
a mighty hand YHWH brought you
out from this place. No leavened
bread shall be eaten. 4 On this day,
in the month of Abib, you are going
out. 5 And it shall be, when YHWH
brings you into the land of the
Canaanite, and the Hethite, and the
Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the
Girgashite,[c] and the Hivite, and the
Jebusite, which he swore to your
fathers to give you, a land flowing

[a] 12:37 noncombatants, dependent people, or little ones
[b] 12:46 John 19:36
[c] 13:5 SP. MT lacks "and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite"

with milk and honey, that you must keep this ceremony in this month.
6 Six[a] days you are to eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day is a feast to YHWH.
7 Unleavened bread is to be eaten throughout the seven days. Nothing leavened is to be seen among you, nor is any leaven to be seen among you in all your territory.
8 And you are to tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what YHWH did for me when I came out of Egypt.'
9 And it shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a reminder between your eyes, so that the law of YHWH may be in your mouth, for with a mighty hand YHWH brought you out of Egypt.
10 Therefore you are to keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

11 "And it shall be, when YHWH brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,
12 that you are to set apart to YHWH everything that is first from the womb. Every firstborn male animal belongs to YHWH.
13 Every firstborn of a donkey you are to redeem with a lamb, but if you will not redeem it, then you must break its neck. And every firstborn of man among your sons you must redeem.
14 And it shall be, when your son asks you in the future, saying, 'What is this?' then you are to tell him, 'With a mighty hand YHWH brought us out from Egypt, from the house of slavery.
15 And it happened, when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, that YHWH killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of people and the firstborn of animals. This is why I am sacrificing to YHWH any male that is first from the womb of an animal, but all my firstborn sons I redeem.'
16 So it will be as a sign on your hand and at the front of a headband around your forehead, for with a mighty hand YHWH brought us out of Egypt."

17 Then it came to pass when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearby, for God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt."
18 So God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up from the land of Egypt prepared for battle.
19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the children of Israel swear an oath, saying, "God will surely attend to you, and you are to carry my bones up with you from this place."
20 Then they set out from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness.
21 And God[b] went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on their way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day and by night.
22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire at night from in front of the people.

[a] 13:6 SP LXX and Deuteronomy 16:8. MT reads "Seven"

[b] 13:21 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

14 Now YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth,[a] between Migdol[b] and the sea, before Baal Zephon.[c] You shall camp opposite it by the sea. 3Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land. The wilderness has boxed them in.' 4And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them. And I will gain glory because of Pharaoh and because of all his army, and the Egyptians shall know that I am YHWH." And they did so.

5And when the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6Then he made ready his chariot, and took his army with him; 7and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and officers over all of them. 8And YHWH hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel; and the children of Israel were going out triumphantly.[d] 9And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

10When Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and look, the Egyptians were marching[e] after them, and they were very afraid. So the children of Israel cried out to YHWH. 11And they said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12Isn't this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

13But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand still, and see the salvation of God,[f] which he will work for you today, for the Egyptians you see today, you will never, ever see again. 14YHWH will fight for you, and you must be still."

15Then YHWH said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16And as for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the children of Israel will go through the midst of the sea on dry ground.

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[a]14:2 Pi-hahiroth means "to go forth abroad/ to face flight " or "mouth of wrath"
[b]14:2 Migdol means "tower/watchtower"
[c]14:2 Baal Zephon was claimed to be a god who was lord over the sea
[d]14:8 Lit. with a high hand.
[e]14:10 DSS LXX SP. MT reads "the Egyptians marched"
[f]14:13 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

17 And as for me, look, I am going
to harden the hearts of the
Egyptians so that they will go in
after them, and I will receive glory
over Pharaoh and all his army, his
chariots and his horsemen. 18 Then
the Egyptians will know that I am
YHWH, when I receive glory over
Pharaoh, his chariots and his
horsemen." 19 And the angel of God
who was going in front of the camp
of Israel moved and went behind
them, and the pillar of cloud moved
from in front of them and stood
behind them. 20 So it came between
the camp of Egypt and the camp of
Israel. Thus it was a cloud and
darkness and it lit up the night so
that the one did not come near the
other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out
his hand over the sea, and YHWH
pushed the sea back by a strong east
wind all night, and made the sea
into dry land, so the waters were
divided. 22 Then the children of
Israel went into the midst of the sea
on the dry ground, and the waters
were a wall to them on their right
and on their left. 23 And the
Egyptians pursued and went in
after them into the midst of the sea,
all of Pharaoh's horses, his
chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it
happened, in the morning watch,
that YHWH looked down on the
Egyptian camp through the pillar of
fire and cloud and threw the camp
into confusion. 25 And he bound[a]
their chariot wheels so that they
drove them with difficulty. And the
Egyptians said, "Let's flee from
before Israel, for YHWH fights for
them against the Egypt."

26 Then YHWH said to Moses,
"Stretch out your hand over the sea,
so that the waters may flow back on
the Egyptians, on their chariots,
and on their horsemen." 27 So
Moses stretched out his hand over
the sea, and the sea returned to its
normal state at daybreak. Now the
Egyptians were trying to escape
from it, but YHWH shook off[b] the
Egyptians in the midst of the sea.
28 Then the waters returned and
covered the chariots, the horsemen,
the entire army of Pharaoh that had
followed them into the sea. None of
them survived. 29 But the children of
Israel walked on dry ground in the
midst of the sea, and the waters
were a wall to them on their right
hand and on their left. 30 Thus
YHWH saved Israel that day from
the power of the Egyptians, and
Israel saw the Egyptians dead on
the seashore. 31 When Israel saw the
great power which YHWH used
against the Egyptians, then the
people feared YHWH, and they
believed God and his servant
Moses.[c]

[a] 14:25 LXX SP Syr, reading ויאסר (wayye'esor) "bound." MT reads ויסר (wayyasar) "removed," a graphic or aural confusion

[b] 14:27 Psalm 136:15

[c] 14:31 LXX. MT reads "believed in YHWH and in his servant Moses"

15 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to God,[a] and said,
"I will sing to YHWH, for he has triumphed gloriously.
The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
2 YAH is my strength and my song,[b]
and he has become my salvation.
This is my God, and I will praise him;
my father's God, and I will exalt him.
3 YHWH is a man of war.
YHWH is his name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army he hurled into the sea.[c]
His choice officers were drowned in the Red Sea.
5 The deeps cover them.
They went down into the depths like a stone.
6 Your right hand, YHWH, is glorious in power.
Your right hand, YHWH, dashes the enemy in pieces.
7 In the greatness of your excellency, you overthrow those who rise up against you.
You send forth your wrath. It consumes them as stubble.
8 With the blast of your nostrils, the waters were piled up.
The floods stood upright as a heap.
The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.
9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue. I will overtake. I will divide the spoil.
My desire shall be satisfied on them.
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'
10 You blew with your wind.
The sea covered them.
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who is like you, YHWH, among the gods?
Who is like you, glorious in holiness,
fearful in praises, doing wonders?
12 You stretched out your right hand.
The earth swallowed them.

13 "You, in your loving kindness, have led the people that you have redeemed.
You have guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.
14 The peoples have heard.
They tremble.
Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.

[a] 15:1 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b] 15:2 Hebrew Mss SP Vg, reading "my song." MT reads "song," having lost a yod suffix from haplography
[c] 15:4 LXX Syr. MT adds "and"

15 Then the chiefs of Edom were
dismayed.
Trembling takes hold of the
leaders of Moab.
All the inhabitants of
Canaan have melted
away.
16 Terror and dread falls on them.
By the greatness of your arm
they are as still as a
stone—
until your people pass over,
YHWH,
until the people pass over
who you have
purchased.
17 You shall bring them in,
and plant them in the
mountain of your
inheritance,
the place, YHWH, which you
have made for yourself
to dwell in;
the sanctuary, YHWH,[a]
which your hands have
established.
18 YHWH shall reign forever and
ever."

19 For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and YHWH brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea. 20 Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dances.
21 Miriam answered them,
"Sing to YHWH, for he has
triumphed gloriously.
The horse and his rider he has
thrown into the sea."

22 Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. 23 When they came to Marah, they couldn't drink from the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore its name was called Marah.[b] 24 The people murmured against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" 25 Then he cried to YHWH. YHWH showed him a tree, and he threw it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there he tested them; 26 and he said, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of YHWH your God, and will do that which is right in his eyes, and will pay attention to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you, which I have put on the Egyptians; for I am YHWH[c] who heals you.[d]

27 They came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm trees: and they camped there by the waters.

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[a] 15:17 DSS Hebrew Mss LXX SP Tg. MT reads "Lord"
[b] 15:23 Marah means "bitter"
[c] 15:26 DSS LXX SP MT. LXX(56(c)-129-246 [= *f*] 76-319 [= codices mixti]) add "God." LXX(30 [= *s*] B) Bohairic add "your God"
[d] 15:26 Or, "YHWH Rophe"

16 They took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai,[a] on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. 2The whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness; 3and the children of Israel said to them, "We wish that we had died by the hand of YHWH in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots, when we ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4Then said YHWH to Moses, "Look, I will rain bread from heaven[b] for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. 5It shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."
6Moses and Aaron said to all the[c] children of Israel, "At evening, then you shall know that YHWH has brought you out from the land of Egypt; 7and in the morning, then you shall see the glory of YHWH, because he has heard your murmurings against God.[d] Who are we, that you murmur against us?" 8Moses said, "Now YHWH shall give you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to satisfy you; because YHWH hears your murmurings which you murmur against him. And who are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against God.[e]" 9Moses said to Aaron, "Tell all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before God,[f] for he has heard your murmurings.'" 10It happened, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and look, the glory of YHWH appeared in the cloud. 11YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 12"I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At evening you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread: and you shall know that I am YHWH your God.'"

13It happened at evening that quail came up and covered the camp; and in the morning the dew lay around the camp. 14When the dew that lay had gone, look, on the surface of the wilderness was a small round thing, small as the frost on the ground. 15When the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread which YHWH has given you to eat." 16This is the thing which YHWH has commanded: "Gather of it

[a]16:1 "Sinai" means "thorny"
[b]16:4 John 6:31
[c]16:6 LXX adds "congregation of"
[d]16:7 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]16:8 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[f]16:9 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

everyone according to his eating; an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, you shall take it, every man for those who are in his tent." 17The children of Israel did so, and gathered some more, some less. 18When they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. [a]They gathered every man according to his eating. 19Moses said to them, "Let no one leave of it until the morning." 20Notwithstanding they did not listen to Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and became foul: and Moses was angry with them. 21They gathered it morning by morning, everyone according to his eating. When the sun grew hot, it melted. 22It happened that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one, and all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses. 23He said to them, "This is that which YHWH has spoken, 'Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to YHWH. Bake that which you want to bake, and boil that which you want to boil; and all that remains over lay up for yourselves to be kept until the morning.'" 24They laid it up until the morning, as Moses asked, and it did not become foul, neither was there any worm in it. 25Moses said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to YHWH. Today you shall not find it in the field. 26Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day is the Sabbath. In it there shall be none." 27It happened on the seventh day, that some of the people went out to gather, and they found none. 28YHWH said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? 29Look, because YHWH has given you the Sabbath, therefore he gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days. Everyone stay in his place. Let no one go out of his place on the seventh day." 30So the people rested on the seventh day. 31The house of Israel called its name Manna,[b] and it was like coriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers with honey. 32Moses said, "This is the thing which YHWH has commanded, 'Let an omer-full of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.'" 33Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar, and put an omer-full of manna in it, and place it before God,[c] to be kept throughout your generations." 34As YHWH commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35The children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land. They ate the manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan. 36Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

[a]16:18 2Co 8:15
[b]16:31 "Manna" means "What is it?"
[c]16:33 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

17 All the congregation of the children of Israel traveled from the wilderness of Sin, by their journeys, according to YHWH's commandment, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2Therefore the people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test YHWH?"

3The people were thirsty for water there; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

4Moses cried to YHWH, saying, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5YHWH said to Moses, "Walk on before the people, and take the elders of Israel with you, and take the staff in your hand with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6Look, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb. You shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7He called the name of the place Massah,[a] and Meribah,[b] because the children of Israel quarreled, and because they tested YHWH, saying, "Is YHWH among us, or not?"

8Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with God's staff in my hand." 10So Joshua did as Moses had told him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11It happened, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side. His hands were steady until sunset. 13Joshua defeated Amalek and his people[c] with the edge of the sword. 14YHWH said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial on a scroll, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under the sky." 15Moses built an altar, and called its name YHWH our Banner.[d] 16He said, "A hand upon the throne of YAH. YHWH will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

[a]17:7 Massah means testing
[b]17:7 Meribah means quarreling
[c]17:13 DSS Ms SP add "and struck them"
[d]17:15 Or, "YHWH Nissi"

18 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, how that YHWH had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, received Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her away, 3and her two sons. The name of one son was Gershom,[a] for Moses said, "I have lived as a foreigner in a foreign land". 4The name of the other was Eliezer,[b] for he said, "My father's God was my help and delivered me from Pharaoh's sword." 5Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses into the wilderness where he was camped, at the Mountain of God. 6And he said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her." 7Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed and kissed him. They asked each other of their welfare, and they came into the tent. 8Moses told his father-in-law all that YHWH had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardships that had come on them on the way, and how YHWH delivered them. 9Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which YHWH had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.[c] 10Jethro said, "Blessed be YHWH, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11Now I know that YHWH is greater than all gods because of the thing in which they dealt arrogantly against them." 12Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God. Aaron came with all of the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13It happened on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from the morning to the evening. 14When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the people, he said, "What is this thing that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning to evening?"

15Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. 16When they have a matter, they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws." 17Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good. 18You will surely wear away, both you, and this people that is with you; for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to perform it yourself alone. 19Listen now to my voice. I will give you counsel, and

[a]18:3 "Gershom" sounds like the Hebrew for "a foreigner there"
[b]18:4 Eliezer means "God is my helper"
[c]18:9 LXX Syr add "and out of the hand of Pharaoh," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: w-w

God be with you. You represent the people before God, and bring the causes to God. 20You shall teach them the statutes[a] and the laws, and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21Moreover you shall provide[b] out of all the people able men, such as fear God: men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22Let them judge the people at all times. It shall be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they shall judge themselves. So shall it be easier for you, and they shall share the load with you. 23If you will do this thing, and God commands you so, then you will be able to endure, and all of these people also will go to their place in peace."

24So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 26They judged the people at all times. They brought the hard causes to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. 27Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went his way into his own land.

19 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, on that same day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2When they had departed from Rephidim, and had come to the wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mountain. 3Moses went up to God, and God[c] called to him out of the mountain, saying, "This is what you shall tell the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself. 5Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession from among all peoples; for all the earth is mine; 6and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests,[d] and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."
7Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which God[e] commanded him. 8All the people answered together, and said, "All that God[f] has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to God.[g] 9YHWH said to Moses, "Look, I come to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and

[a]18:20 LXX adds "of God," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: ym-ym
[b]18:21 LXX SP add "for yourself"
[c]19:3 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]19:6 LXX reads "royal priesthood." 1Peter 2:9
[e]19:7 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[f]19:8 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]19:8 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

may also believe you forever."
Moses told the words of the people
to YHWH. 10YHWH said to Moses,
"Go to the people, and sanctify
them today and tomorrow, and let
them wash their garments, 11and be
ready against the third day; for on
the third day YHWH will come
down in the sight of all the people
on Mount Sinai. 12You shall set
bounds to the people all around,
saying, 'Be careful that you do not
go up onto the mountain, or touch
its border. Whoever touches the
mountain shall be surely put to
death. 13No hand shall touch him,
but he shall surely be stoned or shot
through;[a] whether it is animal or
man, he shall not live.' When the
trumpet sounds long, they shall
come up to the mountain."

14Moses went down from the
mountain to the people, and
sanctified the people; and they
washed their clothes. 15He said to
the people, "Be ready by the third
day. Do not have sexual relations
with a woman."
16It happened on the third day,
when it was morning, that there
were thunders and lightnings, and a
thick cloud on the mountain, and
the sound of an exceedingly loud
trumpet; and all the people who
were in the camp trembled.
17Moses led the people out of the
camp to meet God; and they stood
at the lower part of the mountain.
18And Mount Sinai was wrapped in
smoke because God[b] descended on
it in fire; and its smoke ascended
like the smoke of a furnace, and the
whole mountain quaked greatly.
19When the sound of the trumpet
grew louder and louder, Moses
spoke, and God answered him by a
voice. 20YHWH came down on
Mount Sinai, to the top of the
mountain. YHWH called Moses to
the top of the mountain, and Moses
went up.
21God[c] said to Moses, "Go down,
warn the people, lest they break
through to God[d] to look, and many
of them perish. 22Let the priests
also, who come near to God,[e]
sanctify themselves, or YHWH will
break out against them." 23Moses
said to God,[f] "The people can't
come up to Mount Sinai, for you
warned us, saying, 'Set bounds
around the mountain, and sanctify
it.'"
24YHWH said to him, "Go down
and you shall bring Aaron up with
you, but do not let the priests and
the people break through to come
up to God,[g] or he will break out
against them."

25So Moses went down to the
people, and told them.

20 God[h] spoke all these
words, saying, 2"I
am YHWH your
God, who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, out of the house of

[a]19:13 Hebrews 12:20
[b]19:18 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]19:21 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]19:21 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]19:22 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[f]19:23 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]19:24 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[h]20:1 LXX Tg Vg read "YHWH"

bondage. 3Do not have other gods before me.

4"Do not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5you must not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, YHWH your God, am a jealous God,[a] visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and upon the children's children,[b] upon the third and upon the fourth [generation] of those who hate me, 6and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7"Do not take the name of YHWH your God in vain, for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you may labor and do all your work, 10but the seventh day is a Sabbath to YHWH your God. You must not do any work in it, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your livestock, nor your stranger who is within your gates; 11for in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore YHWH blessed the seventh[c] day, and made it holy.

12"Honor your father and your mother,[d] that it may be well with you,[e] that your days may be long in the land[f] which YHWH your God gives you.

13"Do not commit adultery.[g]

14"Do not murder.

15"Do not steal.

16"Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

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[a]20:5 El Kanna
[b]20:5 Hebrew Mss, and Exodus 34:7. MT lacks "and upon the children's children" from homoioteleuton: bnym-bnym
[c]20:11 Pap Nash LXX Syr. MT reads "sabbath"
[d]20:12 Matthew 15:4; Mark 7:10
[e]20:12 LXX Pap Nash (line 17). Ephesians 6:3. MT lacks "it may be…that" from haplography: lm'n y-lm'n y. Cf. D. N. Freedman and S. D. Overton, in Imagining Biblical Worlds, 106; F. C. Burkitt, Jewish Quarterly Review 15 (1903), 395
[f]20:12 Ephesians 6:2-3
[g]20:13 Pap Nash LXX(LC) Philo (Decal. 10:36, Spec. Laws 3:8) Luke 18:20 Romans 13:9 Mark 10:19 (Byz); LXX(SB) Deut. MT SP LXX(A) Josephus (*Ant.* 3:92) and MT Deut have the order: Do not murder, Do not commit adultery. The likely cause of the reversed order in MT is homoioarcton in the three letter string… לֹא ת that repeats itself every three letters in 13-15, with restoration in the wrong order. Cf. U. Schmid, in XIV Congress of the IOSCS (2010), 604

17 "Do not covet[a] your
neighbor's house. Do not covet
your neighbor's wife,[b] nor his male
servant, nor his female servant, nor
his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything
that is your neighbor's."

18 And all the people saw the
thunder and the lightning and the
sound of the trumpet and the
mountain smoking, and the people
were afraid[c] and trembled and kept
their distance. 19 They said to
Moses, "Speak with us yourself,
and we will listen; but do not let
God speak with us, lest we die."

20 Moses said to the people,
"Do not be afraid, for God has
come to test you, and that his fear
may be before you, that you won't
sin." 21 The people stayed at a
distance, and Moses drew near to
the thick darkness where God was.

22 YHWH said to Moses, "This
is what you shall tell the children of
Israel: 'You yourselves have seen
that I have talked with you from
heaven. 23 You shall most certainly
not make alongside of me gods of
silver, or gods of gold for
yourselves. 24 You shall make an
altar of earth for me, and shall
sacrifice on it your burnt offerings
and your peace offerings, your
sheep and your cattle. In every
place where I record my name I
will come to you and I will bless
you. 25 If you make me an altar of
stone, you shall not build it of cut
stones; for if you lift up your tool
on it, you have polluted it. 26 Neither
shall you go up by steps to my altar,
that your nakedness may not be
exposed to it.'

21 "Now these are the
ordinances which
you shall set before
them.

2 "If you buy a Hebrew
servant, he shall serve six years and
in the seventh he shall go out free
without paying anything. 3 If he
comes in by himself, he shall go out
by himself. If he is married, then
his wife shall go out with him. 4 If
his master gives him a wife and she
bears him sons or daughters, the
wife and her children shall be her
master's, and he shall go out by
himself. 5 But if the servant shall
plainly say, 'I love my master, my
wife, and my children. I will not go
out free;' 6 then his master shall
bring him to God, and shall bring
him to the door or to the doorpost,
and his master shall bore his ear
through with an awl, and he shall
serve him for ever.

7 "If a man sells his daughter
to be a female servant, she shall not
go out as the male servants do. 8 If

[a] 20:17 Romans 7:7, 13:9
[b] 20:17 LXX has a different word order: "Do not covet your neighbor's wife. Do not covet your neighbor's house." LXX SP (with MT word order) add "nor his field," perhaps lost via: h-h, or the words are an expansion from the parallel in Deuteronomy 5:21
[c] 20:18 SP LXX Syr Tg Mss Vg. MT reads "and the people saw"

she doesn't please her master, who has married her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no right to sell her to a foreign people, seeing he has dealt deceitfully with her. [9]If he marries her to his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. [10]If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, and her marital rights. [11]If he doesn't do these three things for her, she may go free without paying any money.

[12]"One who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death, [13]but not if it is unintentional, but God allows it to happen: then I will appoint you a place where he shall flee. [14]If a man schemes and comes presumptuously on his neighbor to kill him, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die.

[15]"Anyone who attacks his father or his mother shall be surely put to death.

[16]"Anyone who kidnaps someone and sells him, or if he is found in his possession, he shall surely be put to death.

[17]"Anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.[a]

[18]"If men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he doesn't die, but is confined to bed; [19]if he rises again and walks around with his staff, then he who struck him shall be cleared: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall provide for his healing until he is thoroughly healed.

[20]"If a man strikes his servant or his maid with a staff, and he dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished. [21]Notwithstanding, if he gets up after a day or two, he shall not be punished, for he is his property.

[22]"If men fight and strike a pregnant woman so that her child is born prematurely, but there is no injury, he shall be surely fined as much as the woman's husband demands and the judges allow. [23]But if there is injury, then you must take life for life, [24]eye for eye, tooth for tooth,[b] hand for hand, foot for foot, [25]burning for burning, wound for wound, and bruise for bruise.

[26]"If a man strikes his servant's eye, or his maid's eye, and destroys it, he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. [27]If he strikes out his male servant's tooth, or his female servant's tooth, he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

[28]"If a bull gores a man or a woman to death, the bull shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the

[a]21:17 Matthew 15:4; Mark 7:10

[b]21:24 Matthew 5:38

bull shall not be held responsible.
29But if the bull had a habit of
goring in the past, and it has been
testified to its owner, and he has not
kept it in, but it has killed a man or
a woman, the bull shall be stoned,
and its owner shall also be put to
death. 30If a ransom is laid on him,
then he shall give for the
redemption of his life whatever is
laid on him. 31Whether it has gored
a son or has gored a daughter,
according to this judgment it shall
be done to him. 32If the bull gores a
male servant or a female servant,
thirty shekels of silver shall be
given to their master, and the ox
shall be stoned.

33"If a man opens a pit, or if a
man digs a pit and doesn't cover it,
and a bull or a donkey falls into it,
34the owner of the pit shall make it
good. He shall give money to its
owner, and the dead animal shall be
his.

35"If one man's bull injures
another's,[a] so that it dies, then they
shall sell the live bull, and divide its
price; and they shall also divide the
dead animal. 36Or if it is known that
the bull was in the habit of goring
in the past, and its owner has not
kept it in, he shall surely pay bull
for bull, and the dead animal shall
be his own.

22 "If a man steals an
ox or a sheep, and
kills it, or sells it; he shall pay five
oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a
sheep. 2If the thief is found
breaking in, and is struck so that he
dies, there shall be no guilt of
bloodshed for him. 3If the sun has
risen on him, there shall be guilt of
bloodshed for him; he shall make
restitution. If he has nothing, then
he shall be sold for his theft. 4If the
stolen property is found in his hand
alive, whether it is ox, donkey, or
sheep, he shall pay double.

5"If a man causes a field or
vineyard to be eaten, and lets his
animal loose, and it grazes in
another man's field, he shall make
restitution from his own field
according to his produce; and if he
shall have grazed over the whole
field,[b] he shall make restitution
from the best of his own field, and
from the best of his own vineyard.

6"If fire breaks out, and
catches in thorns so that the shocks
of grain, or the standing grain, or
the field are consumed; he who
kindled the fire shall surely make
restitution.

7"If a man delivers to his
neighbor money or stuff to keep,
and it is stolen out of the man's
house; if the thief is found, he shall
pay double. 8If the thief isn't found,
then the master of the house shall
come near to God, to find out if he
hasn't put his hand to his

[a]21:35 SP adds "or all cattle," possibly lost from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph

[b]22:5 (DSS) LXX SP. MT lacks "he shall make…field" from haplography: hsdh-bsdh

neighbor's goods. [9]For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any kind of lost thing, about which one says, 'This is mine,' the cause of both parties shall come before God. He whom God condemns shall pay double to his neighbor.

[10]"If a man delivers to his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies or is injured, or driven away, no man seeing it; [11]the oath of God[a] shall be between them both, whether he hasn't put his hand to his neighbor's goods; and its owner shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution. [12]But if it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner. [13]If it is torn in pieces, let him bring it for evidence. He shall not make good that which was torn.

[14]"If a man borrows anything of his neighbor's, and it is injured, or dies, its owner not being with it, he shall surely make restitution. [15]If its owner is with it, he shall not make it good. If it is a leased thing, it came for its lease.

[16]"If a man entices a virgin who isn't pledged to be married, and lies with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to be his wife. [17]If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

[18]"You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

[19]"Whoever has sex with an animal shall surely be put to death.

[20]"He who sacrifices to another[b] god, except to YHWH only,[c] shall be utterly destroyed.

[21]"You shall not wrong a foreigner, neither shall you oppress him, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

[22]"You shall not take advantage of any widow or fatherless child. [23]If you take advantage of them at all, and they cry at all to me, I will surely hear their cry; [24]and my wrath will grow hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

[25]"If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be to him as a creditor; neither shall you charge him interest. [26]If you take your neighbor's garment as collateral, you shall restore it to him before the sun goes down, [27]for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What would he sleep in? It

[a]22:11 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]22:20 LXX Mss SP cf. BHS. MT lacks "another" from haplography: ym-ym
[c]22:20 SP lacks "except to YHWH only"

will happen, when he cries to me, that I will hear, for I am gracious.

28"You shall not blaspheme God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

29"You shall not delay to offer from your harvest and from the outflow of your presses.

"You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me. 30You shall do likewise with your cattle and with your sheep. Seven days it shall be with its mother, then on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

31"You shall be holy men to me, therefore you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by animals in the field. You shall cast it to the dogs.

23 "You shall not spread a false report. Do not join your hand with the wicked to be an unjust witness. 2You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; neither shall you testify in court to side with a multitude to pervert justice; 3neither shall you favor a poor man in his cause.

4"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5If you see the donkey of him who hates you fallen down under his burden, do not leave him, you shall surely help him with it.

6"You shall not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits.

7"Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous: for I will not justify the wicked.

8"You shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of[a] those who have sight and perverts the words of the righteous.

9"You shall not oppress a foreigner, for you know the heart of a foreigner, seeing you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

10"For six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in its increase, 11but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the animal of the field shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard and with your olive grove.

12"Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the alien may be refreshed.

13"Be careful to do all things that I have said to you; and do not invoke the name of other gods, neither let them be heard out of your mouth.

[a]23:8 DSS MT Mss LXX SP Tg Syr.
MT lacks "the eyes of"

14"You shall observe a feast
to me three times a year. 15You
shall observe the feast of
unleavened bread. Seven days you
shall eat unleavened bread, as I
commanded you, at the time
appointed in the month Abib (for in
it you came out from Egypt), and
no one shall appear before me
empty. 16And the feast of harvest,
the first fruits of your labors, which
you sow in the field: and the feast
of harvest, at the end of the year,
when you gather in your labors out
of the field. 17Three times in the
year all your males shall appear
before Lord YHWH.[a]

18"You shall not offer the
blood of my sacrifice with leavened
bread, neither shall the fat of my
feast remain all night until the
morning. 19The first of the first
fruits of your ground you shall
bring into the house of YHWH your
God. "You shall not boil a kid in its
mother's milk. 20"Look, I send an
angel before you, to keep you by
the way, and to bring you into the
place which I have prepared. 21Pay
attention to him, and listen to his
voice. Do not provoke him, for he
will not pardon your disobedience,
for my name is in him. 22But if you
indeed listen to his voice, and do all
that I speak, then I will be an enemy
to your enemies, and an adversary
to your adversaries. 23For my angel
shall go before you, and bring you
in to the Amorite, and the Hethite,
and the Perizzite, and the
Canaanite, and the Girgashite,[b]
and[c] the Hivite, and the Jebusite;
and I will cut them off. 24You shall
not bow down to their gods, nor
serve them, nor follow their
practices, but you shall utterly
overthrow them and demolish their
pillars. 25You shall serve YHWH
your God, and I[d] will bless your
bread and your water, and I will
take sickness away from your
midst. 26No one will miscarry or be
barren in your land. I will fulfill the
number of your days. 27I will send
my terror before you, and will
confuse all the people to whom you
come, and I will make all your
enemies turn their backs to you. 28I
will send the hornet before you,
which will drive out the[e] Hivite, the
Canaanite, and the Hethite, from
before you. 29I will not drive them
out from before you in one year,
lest the land become desolate, and
the animals of the field multiply
against you. 30Little by little I will
drive them out from before you,
until you have increased and inherit
the land. 31I will set your border
from the Red Sea even to the sea of
the Philistines, and from the
wilderness to the River;[f] for I will

[a]23:17 LXX(129-413) Mss cf. vv. 19, 25, read "before Lord/YHWH your God"
[b]23:23 LXX. MT lacks "and the Girgashite"
[c]23:23 SP Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT lacks "and"
[d]23:25 LXX(BAFM) Vg. MT reads "he." Cf. B. S. Childs, The Book of Exodus, 451
[e]23:28 LXX adds "the Amorite"
[f]23:31 I.e., the Perath, later known by its Greek name, the Euphrates. Some

deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. 32You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me, for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you."

24 He said to Moses, "Come up to YHWH, you, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship[a] from a distance. 2Moses alone shall come near God,[b] but they shall not come near, neither shall the people go up with him."

3Moses came and told the people all the words of God,[c] and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which YHWH has spoken we will do."

4Moses wrote all the words of YHWH, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the mountain, and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. 5He sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of cattle to God.[d] 6Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7He took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people, and they said, "All that YHWH has spoken will we do, and be obedient."
8Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you[e] concerning all these words."

9Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up. 10They saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was like a paved work of sapphire[f] stone, like the skies for clearness. 11He did not lay his hand on the nobles of the children of Israel. They saw God, and ate and drank.

12YHWH said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and

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believe the River to be the Nahr el Kebir between Syria and Lebanon
[a]24:1 LXX adds "YHWH"
[b]24:2 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]24:3 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]24:5 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]24:8 LXX(71-527-619): pros humas o theos = צוה אליכם אלהים "God has commanded you." MT reads "YHWH has cut with you," from a tzadi-kaph and hey-taw confusion in an early square script of "commanded"… צוה and "cut" כרת, followed by a scribal interchange of "God" with "YHWH," in reminiscence of Deuteronomy 9:9. Since the above LXX Mss lack the words for "the blood," the reading is unlikely to be a harmonization to Hebrews 9:20. It is also possible that the three words in the Urtext here were damaged and subsequently repaired in reminiscence of Deuteronomy 9:9
[f]24:10 Or, lapis lazuli

the commands that I have written,
that you may teach them."

13Moses rose up with Joshua,
his servant, and Moses went up
onto God's Mountain. 14He said to
the elders, "Wait here for us, until
we come again to you. Look, Aaron
and Hur are with you. Whoever is
involved in a dispute can go to
them."

15Moses went up on the
mountain, and the cloud covered
the mountain. 16The glory of God[a]
settled on Mount Sinai, and the
cloud covered it six days. The
seventh day he called to Moses out
of the midst of the cloud. 17The
appearance of the glory of YHWH
was like devouring fire on the top
of the mountain in the eyes of the
children of Israel. 18Moses entered
into the midst of the cloud, and
went up on the mountain; and
Moses was on the mountain forty
days and forty nights.

25 YHWH spoke to
Moses, saying,
2"Speak to the
children of Israel, that they take an
offering for me. From everyone
whose heart makes him willing you
shall take my offering. 3This is the
offering which you shall take from
them: gold, silver, bronze, 4blue,
purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats'
hair, 5rams' skins dyed red, sea cow
hides, acacia wood, 6oil for the
light, spices for the anointing oil
and for the sweet incense, 7onyx
stones, and stones to be set for the
ephod and for the breastplate. 8Let
them make me a sanctuary, that I
may dwell among them.
9According to all that I show you,[b]
the pattern of the tabernacle, and
the pattern of all of its furniture,
even so you shall make it.

10"They shall make an ark of
acacia wood. Its length shall be
three feet eight inches[c], its breadth
two feet three inches[d], and two feet
three inches its height. 11You shall
overlay it with pure gold. You shall
overlay it inside and outside, and
you shall make a gold molding
around it. 12You shall cast four
rings of gold for it, and put them in
its four feet. Two rings shall be on
the one side of it, and two rings on
the other side of it. 13You shall
make poles of acacia wood, and
overlay them with gold. 14You shall
put the poles into the rings on the
sides of the ark to carry the ark.
15The poles shall be in the rings of
the ark. They shall not be taken
from it. 16You shall put the
testimony which I shall give you
into the ark. 17You shall make a
mercy seat of pure gold. Three feet
eight inches[e] shall be its length, and
two feet three inches[f] its breadth.

[a]24:16 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]24:9 LXX adds "in the mountain"
[c]25:10 Or, 1.13 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters. Lit. two and a half cubits
[d]25:10 Or, 0.68 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half
[e]25:17 Or, 1.13 meters. Lit. two and a half cubits
[f]25:17 Or, 0.68 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half

18 You shall make two cherubim of
hammered gold. You shall make
them at the two ends of the mercy
seat. 19 Make one cherub at the one
end, and one cherub at the other
end. You shall make the cherubim
on its two ends of one piece with
the mercy seat. 20 The cherubim
shall spread out their wings
upward, covering the mercy seat
with their wings, with their faces
toward one another. The faces of
the cherubim shall be toward the
mercy seat. 21 You shall put the
mercy seat on top of the ark, and in
the ark you shall put the testimony
that I will give you. 22 There I will
meet with you, and I will tell you
from above the mercy seat, from
between the two cherubim which
are on the ark of the testimony, all
that I command you for the children
of Israel.

23 "You shall make a table of
acacia wood. Two feet eleven
inches[a] shall be its length, and
eighteen inches[b] its breadth, and
two feet three inches[c] its height.
24 You shall overlay it with pure
gold, and make a gold molding
around it. 25 You shall make a rim of
a handbreadth around it. You shall
make a golden molding on its rim
around it. 26 You shall make four
rings of gold for it, and put the rings
in the four corners that are on its
four legs. 27 The rings shall be close
to the rim, for places for the poles
to carry the table. 28 You shall make
the poles of acacia wood, and
overlay them with gold, that the
table may be carried with them.
29 You shall make its dishes, its
spoons, its ladles, and its bowls to
pour out offerings with. You shall
make them of pure gold. 30 You
shall set bread of the presence on
the table before me always.

31 "You shall make a
lampstand of pure gold. Of
hammered work shall the
lampstand be made, even its base,
its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its
flowers, shall be of one piece with
it. 32 There shall be six branches
going out of its sides: three
branches of the lampstand out of its
one side, and three branches of the
lampstand out of its other side;
33 three cups made like almond
blossoms in one branch, a bud and
a flower; and three cups made like
almond blossoms in the other
branch, a bud and a flower, so for
the six branches going out of the
lampstand; 34 and in the lampstand
four cups made like almond
blossoms, its buds and its flowers;
35 and a bud under two branches of
one piece with it, and a bud under
two branches of one piece with it,
and a bud under two branches of
one piece with it, for the six
branches going out of the
lampstand. 36 Their buds and their
branches shall be of one piece with
it, all of it one beaten work of pure
gold. 37 You shall make its lamps
seven, and they shall light its lamps
to give light to the space in front of

[a] 25:23 Or, 0.9 meters. Lit. two cubits
[b] 25:23 Or, 0.45 meters. Lit. one cubit
[c] 25:23 Or, 0.68 meters. Lit. one and a half cubits

it. [38]Its snuffers and its snuff dishes
shall be of pure gold. [39]It shall be
made of a talent of pure gold, with
all these accessories. [40]See that you
make them after their pattern,
which has been shown to you on
the mountain.[a]

26 "Moreover you shall
make the tabernacle
with ten curtains; of
fine twined linen, and blue, and
purple, and scarlet, with cherubim.
The work of the skillful workman
you shall make them. [2]The length
of each curtain shall be forty-one
feet four inches[b], and the breadth of
each curtain five feet eleven
inches[c]: all the curtains shall have
one measure. [3]Five curtains shall be
coupled together one to another;
and the other five curtains shall be
coupled one to another. [4]You shall
make loops of blue on the edge of
the one curtain from the edge in the
coupling; and likewise you shall
make in the edge of the curtain that
is outmost in the second coupling.
[5]You shall make fifty loops in the
one curtain, and you shall make
fifty loops in the edge of the curtain
that is in the second coupling. The
loops shall be opposite one to
another. [6]You shall make fifty
clasps of gold, and couple the
curtains one to another with the
clasps: and the tabernacle shall be a
unit.
[7]"You shall make curtains of goats'
hair for a covering over the
tabernacle. You shall make them
eleven curtains. [8]The length of each
curtain shall be forthy-four feet
four inches[d], and the breadth of
each curtain five feet eleven inches:
the eleven curtains shall have one
measure. [9]You shall couple five
curtains by themselves, and six
curtains by themselves, and shall
double over the sixth curtain in the
forefront of the tent. [10]You shall
make fifty loops on the edge of the
one curtain that is outmost in the
coupling, and fifty loops on the
edge of the curtain which is
outmost in the second coupling.
[11]You shall make fifty clasps of
bronze, and put the clasps into the
loops, and couple the tent together,
that it may be one. [12]The
overhanging part that remains of
the curtains of the tent, the half
curtain that remains, shall hang
over the back of the tabernacle.
[13]Eighteen inches[e] on the one side,
and eighteen inches on the other
side, of that which remains in the
length of the curtains of the tent,
shall hang over the sides of the
tabernacle on this side and on that
side, to cover it.

[14]You shall make a covering
for the tent of rams' skins dyed red,
and a covering of sea cow hides
above.
[15]"You shall make the boards for
the tabernacle of acacia wood,
standing up. [16]Seventeen feet three
inches[f] shall be the length of a

[a]25:40 Hebrews 8:5
[b]26:2 Or, 12.6 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters. Lit. twenty-eight cubits
[c]26:2 Or, 1.8 meters. Lit. four cubits
[d]26:8 Or, 13.5 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[e]26:13 Lit. one cubit
[f]26:16 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits

board, and two feet three inches[a] the breadth of each board. 17There shall be two tenons in each board, joined to one another: thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18You shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward. 19You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. 20For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, 21and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 22For the far part of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards. 23You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the far part. 24They shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be entire to its top to one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. 25There shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26"You shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 27and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far part westward. 28The middle bar in the midst of the boards shall pass through from end to end. 29You shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and you shall overlay the bars with gold. 30You shall set up the tabernacle according to the way that it was shown to you on the mountain.

31"You shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cherubim. The work of the skillful workman shall it be made. 32You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, on four sockets of silver. 33You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil: and the veil shall separate the holy place from the most holy for you. 34You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. 35You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and you shall put the table on the north side.

36"You shall make a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. 37You shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold: their hooks shall be of gold: and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

[a]26:16 Or, 0.68 meters. Lit. one and a half cubits

27 "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, eight feet seven inches[a] long, and eight feet seven inches broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and its height shall be five feet two inches.[b] 2You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it; and you shall overlay it with bronze. 3You shall make its pots to take away its ashes, its shovels, its basins, its flesh hooks, and its fire pans: all its vessels you shall make of bronze. 4You shall make a grating for it of network of bronze: and on the net you shall make four bronze rings in its four corners. 5You shall put it under the ledge around the altar beneath, that the net may reach halfway up the altar. 6You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. 7Its poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar, when carrying it. 8You shall make it with hollow planks. They shall make it as it has been shown you on the mountain.

9"You shall make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen one hundred seventy-two feet three inches[c] long for one side: 10and its pillars shall be thirty-four feet five inches,[d] and their sockets twenty, of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. 11Likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings one hundred seventy-two feet three inches[e], and its pillars thirty-four feet five inches,[f] and their sockets thirty-four feet five inches, , of bronze; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver. 12For the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of eighty-six feet one inch[g]; their pillars seventeen feet three inches,[h] and their sockets seventeen feet three inches. 13The breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be eighty-six feet one inch[i]. 14The hangings for the one side of the gate shall be twenty-five feet ten inches[j]; their pillars five feet two inches[k], and their sockets five feet two inches. 15For the other side shall be hangings of twenty-five feet ten inches[l]; their pillars five feet two inches, and their sockets five feet two inches. 16For the gate of the court shall be a screen of thirty-four feet five inches, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the

[a]27:1 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[b]27:1 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits
[c]27:9 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[d]27:10 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty
[e]27:11 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[f]27:11 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty
[g]27:12 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[h]27:12 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten
[i]27:13 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[j]27:14 Or, 7.87 meters. Lit. fifteen cubits
[k]27:14 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three
[l]27:15 Or, 7.87 meters. Lit. fifteen cubits

embroiderer; their pillars six feet
eleven inches[a], and their sockets six
feet eleven inches. 17All the pillars
of the court around shall be filleted
with silver; their hooks of silver,
and their sockets of bronze. 18The
length of the court shall be one
hundred seventy-two feet three
inches[b], and the breadth eighty-six
feet one inch[c] every where, and the
height eight feet seven inches[d], of
fine twined linen, and their sockets
of bronze. 19All the instruments of
the tabernacle in all its service, and
all its pins, and all the pins of the
court, shall be of bronze.

20"You shall command the
children of Israel, that they bring to
you pure olive oil beaten for the
light, to cause a lamp to burn
continually. 21In the Tent of
Meeting, outside the veil which is
before the testimony, Aaron and his
sons shall keep it in order from
evening to morning before YHWH:
it shall be a statute forever
throughout their generations on the
behalf of the children of Israel.

28 "Bring Aaron your
brother, and his sons
with him, near to
you from among the children of
Israel, that he may minister to me in
the priest's office, even Aaron,
Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and
Ithamar, Aaron's sons. 2You shall
make holy garments for Aaron your
brother, for glory and for beauty.
3You shall speak to all who are
wise-hearted, whom I have filled
with the spirit of wisdom, that they
make Aaron's garments to sanctify
him, that he may minister to me in
the priest's office. 4These are the
garments which they shall make: a
breastplate, and an ephod, and a
robe, and a coat of checker work, a
turban, and a sash: and they shall
make holy garments for Aaron your
brother, and his sons, that he may
minister to me in the priest's office.
5They shall take the gold, and the
blue, and the purple, and the
scarlet, and the fine linen.

6"They shall make the ephod
of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet,
and fine twined linen, the work of
the skillful workman. 7It shall have
two shoulder straps joined to the
two ends of it, that it may be joined
together. 8The skillfully woven
band, which is on it, that is on him,
shall be like its work and of the
same piece; of gold, of blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine twined
linen. 9You shall take two onyx
stones, and engrave on them the
names of the sons of Israel: 10six of
their names on the one stone, and
the names of the six that remain on
the other stone, in the order of their
birth. 11With the work of an
engraver in stone, like the
engravings of a signet, you shall
engrave the two stones, according
to the names of the sons of Israel:
you shall make them to be enclosed
in settings of gold. 12You shall put

[a]27:16 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four
[b]27:9 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[c]27:18 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[d]27:18 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits

the two stones on the shoulder straps of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the sons of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before YHWH on his two shoulders for a memorial.[a] 13You shall make settings of gold, 14and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them like cords of braided work: and you shall put the braided chains on the settings.[b]
15"You shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, you shall make it. 16It shall be square and folded double; a span[c] shall be its length of it, and a span its breadth. 17You shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of ruby, topaz, and beryl shall be the first row; 18and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire[d], and an emerald; 19and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 20and the fourth row a chrysolite, an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be enclosed in gold in their settings. 21The stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, everyone according to his name, they shall be for the twelve tribes. 22You shall make on the breastplate chains like cords, of braided work of pure gold. 23You shall make on the breastplate two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24You shall put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 25The other two ends of the two braided chains you shall put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in its forepart. 26You shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on its edge, which is toward the side of the ephod inward. 27You shall make two rings of gold, and shall put them on the two shoulder straps of the ephod underneath, in its forepart, close by its coupling, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. 28They shall bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate may not swing out from the ephod. 29Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate for judging over his heart, when he goes in to the holy place, as a continual reminder before God.[e] 30You are to put in the breastplate for judging the Urim and the Thummim; and they are to be over Aaron's heart, when he goes in before YHWH. And Aaron will carry the means to make decisions for the children of Israel

[a]28:12 LXX adds "for them"
[b]28:14 LXX adds "fastening them on their shoulder-pieces in front"
[c]28:16 A span is the length from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger when the hand is stretched out (about 9 inches or 22.8 cm.)
[d]28:18 Or, lapis lazuli
[e]28:29 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

over his heart before YHWH continually.

31"You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32It shall have a hole for the head in its midst: it shall have a binding of woven work around its hole, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, that it not be torn. 33On its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, around its hem; and bells of gold between and around them: 34a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, around the hem of the robe. 35It shall be on Aaron to minister: and its sound shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before YHWH, and when he comes out, that he not die.

36"You shall make a plate of pure gold, and engrave on it, like the engravings of a signet, 'HOLY TO YHWH.' 37You shall put it on a lace of blue, and it shall be on the sash; on the front of the sash it shall be. 38It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall make holy in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always on his forehead, that they may be accepted before YHWH. 39You shall weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of the embroiderer.

40"You shall make coats for Aaron's sons, and you shall make sashes for them and you shall make headbands for them, for glory and for beauty. 41You shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 42You shall make them linen breeches to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the waist even to the thighs they shall reach: 43They shall be on Aaron, and on his sons, when they go in to the Tent of Meeting, or when they come near to the altar to minister in the holy place; that they do not bear iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute forever to him and to his descendants after him.

29 "This is the thing that you shall do to them to make them holy, to minister to me in the priest's office: take one young bull and two rams without blemish, 2unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil: you shall make them of fine wheat flour. 3You shall put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams. 4You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash them with water. 5You shall take the garments, and put on Aaron[a] the coat, the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and

[a]29:5 LXX adds "your brother"

dress him with the skillfully woven
band of the ephod; 6and you shall
set the turban on his head, and put
the holy crown on the turban. 7Then
you shall take the anointing oil, and
pour it on his head, and anoint him.
8You shall bring his sons, and put
coats on them. 9You shall wrap
sashes around them,[a] and bind
headbands on them: and they shall
have the priesthood by a perpetual
statute: and you shall consecrate
Aaron and his sons.

10"You shall bring the bull
before the Tent of Meeting: and
Aaron and his sons shall lay their
hands on the head of the bull.[b]
11You shall kill the bull before
YHWH, at the door of the Tent of
Meeting. 12You shall take of the
blood of the bull, and put it on the
horns of the altar with your finger;
and you shall pour out all the blood
at the base of the altar. 13You shall
take all the fat that covers the
entrails, the cover of the liver, the
two kidneys, and the fat that is on
them, and burn them on the altar.
14But the flesh of the bull, and its
skin, and its dung, you shall burn
with fire outside of the camp: it is a
sin offering.

15"You shall also take the one
ram; and Aaron and his sons shall
lay their hands on the head of the
ram. 16You shall kill the ram, and
you shall take its blood, and
sprinkle it around on the altar.
17You shall cut the ram into its
pieces, and wash its entrails, and its
legs, and put them with its pieces,
and with its head. 18You shall burn
the whole ram on the altar: it is a
burnt offering to YHWH; it is a
pleasant aroma, an offering made
by fire to YHWH.

19"You shall take the other
ram; and Aaron and his sons shall
lay their hands on the head of the
ram. 20Then you shall kill the ram,
and take some of its blood, and put
it on the tip of the right ear of
Aaron, and on the tip of the right
ear of his sons, and on the thumb of
their right hand, and on the big toe
of their right foot, and sprinkle the
blood around on the altar. 21You
shall take of the blood that is on the
altar, and of the anointing oil, and
sprinkle it on Aaron, and on his
garments, and on his sons, and on
the garments of his sons with him:
and he shall be made holy, and his
garments, and his sons, and his
sons' garments with him. 22Also
you shall take some of the ram's
fat, the fat tail, the fat that covers
the entrails, the cover of the liver,
the two kidneys, the fat that is on
them, and the right thigh (for it is a
ram of consecration), 23and one loaf
of bread, one cake of oiled bread,
and one wafer out of the basket of
unleavened bread that is before
YHWH. 24You shall put all of this in
Aaron's hands, and in his sons'
hands, and shall wave them for a
wave offering before YHWH. 25You

[a]29:9 LXX and Leviticus 8:13. While MT has the objective pronoun "them" it also adds "Aaron and his sons"

[b]29:10 LXX adds "before YHWH, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting"

shall take them from their hands, and burn them on the altar on the burnt offering, for a pleasant aroma before YHWH: it is an offering made by fire to YHWH.

[26]"You shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave offering before YHWH: and it shall be your portion. [27]You shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the thigh of the wave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: [28]and it shall be for Aaron and his sons as their portion forever from the children of Israel; for it is a wave offering: and it shall be a wave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their wave offering to YHWH.

[29]"The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them. [30]Seven days shall the son who is priest in his place put them on, when he comes into the Tent of Meeting to minister in the holy place.

[31]"You shall take the ram of consecration, and boil its flesh in a holy place. [32]Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. [33]They shall eat those things with which atonement was made, to consecrate and sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat of it, because they are holy. [34]If anything of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread, remains to the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

[35]"You shall do so to Aaron, and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. You shall consecrate them seven days. [36]Every day you shall offer the bull of sin offering for atonement: and you shall cleanse the altar, when you make atonement for it; and you shall anoint it, to sanctify it. [37]Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and the altar shall be most holy; whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

[38]"Now this is that which you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually, a continual burnt offering.[a] [39]The one lamb you shall offer in the morning; and the other lamb you shall offer at evening: [40]and with the one lamb a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering. [41]The other lamb you shall offer at evening, and shall do to it according to the meal

[a]29:38 LXX SP. MT lacks "a continual burnt offering" from haplography: tmyd-tmyd

offering of the morning, and according to its drink offering, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to YHWH. 42It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the Tent of Meeting before YHWH, where I will meet with you, to speak there to you. 43There I will meet with the children of Israel; and the place shall be sanctified by my glory. 44I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the altar: Aaron also and his sons I will sanctify, to minister to me in the priest's office. 45I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. 46They shall know that I am YHWH their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them: I am YHWH[a] their God.

30 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on. You shall make it of acacia wood. 2Its length shall be a twenty-one inches,[b] and its breadth twenty-one inches. It shall be square, and its height shall be three feet five inches.[c] Its horns shall be of one piece with it. 3You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, its sides around it, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding around it. 4You shall make two golden rings for it under its molding; on its two ribs, on its two sides you shall make them; and they shall be for places for poles with which to bear it. 5You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 6You shall put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you. 7Aaron shall burn incense of sweet spices on it every morning. When he tends the lamps, he shall burn it. 8When Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before YHWH throughout your generations. 9You shall offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt offering, nor meal offering; and you shall pour no drink offering on it. 10Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once in the year; with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once in the year he shall make atonement for it throughout your generations. It is most holy to YHWH."

11YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 12"When you take a census of the children of Israel, according to those who are numbered among them, then each man shall give a ransom for his soul to YHWH, when you number them; that there be no plague among them when you number them. 13They shall give this, everyone who passes over to those who are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary; (the shekel is twenty gerahs;) half a shekel for an offering to YHWH. 14Everyone who

[a]29:46 LXX reads "them; and to be their God"
[b]30:2 Lit. one cubit
[c]30:2 Or, 1.05 meters, using the Hebrew royal cubit of 52.5 centimeters, or 20.67 inches. Lit. two cubits

passes over to those who are numbered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering to YHWH. 15The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when they give the offering of YHWH, to make atonement for your souls. 16You shall take the atonement money from the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the Tent of Meeting; that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before YHWH, to make atonement for your souls."

17YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 18"You shall also make a basin of bronze, and its base of bronze, in which to wash. You shall put it between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. 19Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in it. 20When they go into the Tent of Meeting, they shall wash with water, that they not die; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to YHWH. 21So they shall wash their hands and their feet,[a] that they not die: and it shall be a statute forever to them, even to him and to his descendants throughout their generations."

22Moreover YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 23"Also take fine spices: of liquid myrrh, five hundred shekels; and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, even two hundred and fifty; and of fragrant cane, two hundred and fifty; 24and of cassia five hundred, after the shekel of the sanctuary; and a hin of olive oil. 25You shall make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil. 26You shall use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the testimony, 27the table and all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the altar of incense, 28the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its base. 29You shall sanctify them, that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them shall be holy. 30You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. 31You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to me throughout your generations. 32It shall not be poured on man's flesh, neither shall you make any like it, according to its composition: it is holy. It shall be holy to you. 33Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it on a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people.'"

34YHWH said to Moses, "Take to yourself sweet spices, gum resin, and onycha, and galbanum; sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be an equal weight; 35and you shall make incense of it, a perfume after

[a]30:21 LXX adds "with water, whenever they are to go into the tabernacle of witness; they are to wash themselves with water"

the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy: [36]and you shall beat some of it very small, and put some of it before the testimony in the Tent of Meeting, where I will meet with you. It shall be to you most holy. [37]The incense which you shall make, according to its composition you shall not make for yourselves: it shall be to you holy for YHWH. [38]Whoever shall make any like that, to smell of it, he shall be cut off from his people."

31 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Look, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: [3]and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, [4]to devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, [5]and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. [6]I, look, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the heart of all who are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded you: [7]the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the testimony, the mercy seat that is on it, all the furniture of the Tent, [8]the table and its vessels, the pure lampstand with all its vessels, the altar of incense, [9]the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels, the basin and its base, [10]the finely worked garments—the holy garments for Aaron the priest—the garments of his sons to minister in the priest's office, [11]the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded you they shall do."

[12]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [13]"Speak also to the children of Israel, saying, 'Most certainly you shall keep my Sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am YHWH who sanctifies you. [14]You shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. [15]Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to YHWH. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death. [16]Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. [17]It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.'"

[18]He gave to Moses, when he finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, the two tablets of the testimony, stone tablets, written with God's finger.

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the

people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods, which shall go before us; for this Moses, the man[a] who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."[b]

2Aaron said to them, "Take off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them to me."

3All the people took off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4He received what they handed him, and fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made it a molten calf; and they said, "These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt."

5When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation, and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to YHWH."

6They rose up early on the next day, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.[c]

7And YHWH spoke to Moses, saying,[d] "Go down at once, for your people whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. 8They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.'"

9YHWH said to Moses, "I have seen these people, and look, they are a stiff-necked people. 10Now therefore leave me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of you a great nation."

11Moses pleaded with YHWH his God, and said, "YHWH, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, that you have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'He brought them forth for evil, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the surface of the earth?' Turn from your fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against your people. 13Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your

[a]32:1 Acts 7:40 lacks "the man"
[b]32:1 Acts 7:40
[c]32:6 1Co 10:7
[d]32:7 DSS LXX SP Vg Mss. MT Tg Syr Vg lack "saying," possibly from the graphic similarity of l'mwr and lk rd

descendants as the stars of the sky, and all this land that I have spoken of I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

14 YHWH repented of the evil which he said he would do to his people.

15 Moses turned, and went down from the mountain, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand; tablets that were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other they were written. 16 The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tables.

17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is the noise of war in the camp."

18 He said, "It isn't the voice of those who shout for victory, neither is it the voice of those who cry for being overcome; but the noise of those who sing that I hear." 19 It happened, as soon as he came near to the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Moses' anger grew hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mountain. 20 He took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you have brought a great sin on them?"

22 Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord grow hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. 23 For they said to me, 'Make us gods, which shall go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 24 I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them take it off:' so they gave it to me; and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

25 When Moses saw that the people had broken loose, (for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies), 26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on YHWH's side, come to me."

All the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. 27 He said to them, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Every man put his sword on his thigh, and[a] go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and every man kill his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'" 28 The sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 And Moses said, "You have been

[a] 32:27 DSS LXX SP Syr. MT lacks "and"

consecrated today to YHWH, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so he has given a blessing to you this day."
30It happened on the next day, that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. And now I will go up to God.[a] Perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

31Moses returned to YHWH, and said, "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made themselves gods of gold. 32Yet now, if you will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out of your book which you have written."

33YHWH said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. 34Now go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Look, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless in the day when I punish, I will punish them for their sin." 35YHWH struck the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

33 YHWH spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people that you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' 2I will send an angel before you; and I will drive out the Canaanite, and[b] the Amorite, and the Hethite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite,[c] and[d] the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3to a land[e] flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of you, for you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you in the way."

4When the people heard this evil news, they mourned: and no one put on his jewelry.

5YHWH said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. If I were to go up into your midst for one moment, I would consume you. Therefore now take off your jewelry from you, that I may know what to do to you.'"

6The children of Israel stripped themselves of their jewelry from Mount Horeb onward.

7Now Moses used to take the tent and to pitch it outside the camp, far away from the camp, and he called it "The Tent of Meeting." It happened that everyone who sought YHWH went out to the Tent of Meeting, which was outside the camp. 8It happened that when

[a]32:30 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]33:2 SP Hebrew Mss Vg. MT lacks "and"
[c]33:2 LXX cf SP. MT lacks "and the Girgashite"
[d]33:2 SP Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT lacks "and"
[e]33:3 LXX reads "And I will bring you to a land"

Moses went out to the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood, everyone at their tent door, and watched Moses, until he had gone into the Tent. 9It happened, when Moses entered into the Tent, that the pillar of cloud descended, stood at the door of the Tent, and spoke with Moses. 10All the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent, and all the people rose up and worshiped, everyone at their tent door. 11YHWH spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. He turned again into the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart out of the Tent.

12Moses said to YHWH, "Look, you tell me, 'Bring up this people:' and you haven't let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight: and consider that this nation is your people."

14He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15He said to him, "If your presence doesn't go with me, do not carry us up from here. 16For how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in that you go with us, so that we are separated, I and your people, from all the people who are on the surface of the earth?"

17YHWH said to Moses, "I will do this thing also that you have spoken; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

18He said, "Please show me your glory."

19He said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of YHWH before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."[a] 20He said, "You cannot see my face, for man may not see me and live." 21YHWH also said, "Look, there is a place by me, and you are to station yourself on the rock. 22It will happen, while my glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

34 YHWH said to Moses, "Chisel two stone tablets like the first:[b] and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. 2Be ready

[a]33:19 Romans 9:15

[b]34:1 LXX adds "and come up to me to the mountain." Cf. Exodus 24:12

by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and station yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. 3No one shall come up with you; neither let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mountain."

4He chiseled two tablets of stone like the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up to Mount Sinai, as YHWH had commanded him, and took in his hand two stone tablets. 5YHWH descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of YHWH. 6YHWH passed by before him, and proclaimed, "YHWH. YHWH, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness and truth, 7keeping loving kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear [the guilty], visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, upon the third and on the fourth [generation]."

8Moses hurried and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. 9He said, "If now I have found favor in your sight,[a] please let my Lord go in the midst of us; although this is a stiff-necked people; pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

10He said, "Look, I make a covenant: before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been worked in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among which you are shall see the work of YHWH; for it is an awesome thing that I do with you. 11Observe that which I command you this day. Look, I drive out before you the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hethite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Girgashite,[b] and the Jebusite. 12Be careful, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be for a snare in the midst of you: 13but you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and you shall cut down their Asherim;[c] 14for you shall worship no other god: for YHWH,[d] whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. 15Do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, lest they play the prostitute after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and one call you and you eat of his sacrifice; 16and you take of their daughters to your sons,[e] and their daughters play the prostitute after their gods, and make your sons play the prostitute after their gods. 17You shall make no cast idols for yourselves.

[a]34:9 LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[b]34:11 DSS(vid) SP LXX. MT lacks "the Girgashites" from homoioarcton
[c]34:13 LXX adds "and the graven images of their gods you must burn with fire." Cf. Deuteronomy 7:5, 12:3
[d]34:14 LXX adds "God"
[e]34:16 LXX Syr add "and you should give of your daughters to their sons," possibly lost from haplography

18"You shall keep the feast of
unleavened bread. Seven days you
shall eat unleavened bread, as I
commanded you, at the time
appointed in the month Abib; for in
the month Abib you came out from
Egypt. 19All firstborn of the womb
are mine, and all your male[a] cattle,
the firstborn of ox or sheep. 20The
firstborn of a donkey you shall
redeem with a lamb: and if you will
not redeem it, then you shall break
its neck. All the firstborn of your
sons you shall redeem. No one shall
appear before me empty.

21"Six days you shall work,
but on the seventh day you shall
rest: in plowing time and in harvest
you shall rest. 22You shall observe
the feast of weeks with the first
fruits of wheat harvest, and the
feast of harvest at the year's end.
23Three times in the year all your
males shall appear before Lord[b]
YHWH, the God of Israel. 24For I
will drive out nations before you
and enlarge your borders; neither
shall any man desire your land
when you go up to appear before
YHWH, your God, three times in
the year.

25"You shall not offer the
blood of my sacrifice with leavened
bread; neither shall the sacrifice of
the feast of the Passover be left to
the morning. 26You shall bring the
first of the first fruits of your
ground to the house of YHWH your
God. You shall not boil a young
goat in its mother's milk."

27YHWH said to Moses,
"Write you these words: for in
accordance with these words I have
made a covenant with you and with
Israel."

28He was there with YHWH
forty days and forty nights; he
neither ate bread, nor drank water.
He wrote on the tablets the words
of the covenant, the ten
commandments.

29It happened, when Moses
came down from Mount Sinai with
the two tablets of the testimony in
Moses' hand, when he came down
from the mountain, that Moses did
not know that the skin of his face
shone by reason of his speaking
with him. 30When Aaron and all the
children of Israel saw Moses, look,
the skin of his face shone; and they
were afraid to come near him.
31Moses called to them, and Aaron
and all the leaders of the
congregation returned to him; and
Moses spoke to them. 32Afterward
all the children of Israel came near,
and he gave them all of the
commandments that YHWH had
spoken with him on Mount Sinai.
33When Moses was done speaking
with them, he put a veil on his face.
34But when Moses went in before
YHWH to speak with him, he took
the veil off, until he came out; and

[a]34:19 LXX cf. BDB 2620. MT reads "remember," a possible hey-taw confusion

[b]34:23 LXX lacks "Lord"

he came out, and spoke to the children of Israel that which he was commanded. 35The children of Israel saw Moses' face, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

35 Moses assembled all the congregation of the children of Israel, and said to them, "These are the words which YHWH has commanded, that you should do them. 2'Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of solemn rest to YHWH: whoever does any work in it shall be put to death. 3You shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations on the Sabbath day.'"

4Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which YHWH commanded, saying, 5'Take from among you an offering to YHWH. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, YHWH's offering: gold, silver, bronze, 6blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, 7rams' skins dyed red, sea cow hides, acacia wood, 8oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense, 9onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breastplate.

10"'Let every wise-hearted man among you come, and make all that YHWH has commanded: 11the tabernacle, its outer covering, its roof, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 12the ark, and its poles, the mercy seat, the curtain to screen it; 13the table with its poles and all its vessels, and the show bread; 14the lampstand also for the light, with its vessels, its lamps, and the oil for the light; 15and the altar of incense with its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; 16the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its vessels, the basin and its base; 17the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; 18the pins of the tabernacle, the pins of the court, and their cords; 19the finely worked garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.'"

20All the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. 21They came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and brought YHWH's offering, for the work of the Tent of Meeting, and for all of its service, and for the holy garments. 22They came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought brooches, earrings, signet rings, and armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man who offered an offering of gold to YHWH. 23Everyone, with whom was found blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dyed red, and sea cow hides, brought them. 24Everyone who did offer an

offering of silver and bronze brought YHWH's offering; and everyone, with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it. [25]All the women who were wise-hearted spun with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, the blue, the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen. [26]All the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' hair. [27]And the leaders brought the onyx stones, and the stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastplate; [28]and the spice, and the oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. [29]The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to YHWH; every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all the work, which YHWH had commanded to be made by Moses.

[30]Moses said to the children of Israel, "Look, God[a] has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. [31]He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; [32]and to make skillful works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, [33]in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of skillful workmanship. [34]He has put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. [35]He has filled them with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of workmanship, of the engraver, of the skillful workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of those who do any workmanship, and of those who make skillful works.

36 "Bezalel and Oholiab shall work with every wise-hearted man, in whom YHWH[b] has put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that YHWH has commanded."

[2]Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart God[c] had put wisdom, even everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to the work to do it: [3]and they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, with which to make it. They brought yet to him freewill offerings every morning. [4]All the wise men, who performed all the work of the sanctuary, each came from his work which they did. [5]They spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which YHWH commanded to make."

[6]Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman make anything else for the offering for

[a]35:30 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]36:1 LXX Bo lacks "YHWH"
[c]36:2 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing. 7For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.
8All the wise-hearted men among those who did the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, blue, purple, and scarlet, with cherubim, the work of the skillful workman, they made them. 9The length of each curtain was forty-eight feet three inches,[a] and the breadth of each curtain six feet eleven inches.[b] All the curtains were the same size. 10He coupled five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he coupled one to another. 11He made loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain from the edge in the coupling. Likewise he made in the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the second coupling. 12He made fifty loops in the one curtain, and he made fifty loops in the edge of the curtain that was in the second coupling. The loops were opposite one to another. 13He made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was a unit.
14He made curtains of goats' hair for a covering over the tabernacle. He made them eleven curtains. 15The length of each curtain was fifty-one feet eight inches,[c] and six feet eleven inches[d] the breadth of each curtain. The eleven curtains were the same size. 16He coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. 17He made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the coupling, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain which was outmost in the second coupling. 18He made fifty clasps of bronze to couple the tent together, that it might be a unit. 19He made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sea cow hides above.
20He made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. 21Seventeen feet three inches[e] was the length of a board, and two feet seven inches[f] the breadth of each board. 22Each board had two tenons, joined one to another. He made all the boards of the tabernacle this way. 23He made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward. 24He made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons. 25For the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards, 26and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 27For the far part of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. 28He made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the far part. 29They

[a]36:9 Or, 14.7 meters. Lit. twenty-eight cubits
[b]36:9 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits
[c]36:15 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[d]36:15 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits
[e]36:21 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. Ten cubits
[f]36:21 Or, 0.79 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half

were double beneath, and in like manner they were all the way to its top to one ring. He did thus to both of them in the two corners. 30There were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; under every board two sockets.

31He made bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 32and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle at the rear westward. 33He made the middle bar to pass through in the midst of the boards from the one end to the other. 34He overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold for places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35He made the veil of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim. He made it the work of a skillful workman. 36He made four pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were of gold. He cast four sockets of silver for them. 37He made a screen for the door of the tent, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of an embroiderer; 38and the five pillars of it with their hooks. He overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold, and their five sockets were of bronze.

37 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length was four feet four inches,[a] and its breadth two feet seven inches,[b] and two feet seven inches its height. 2He overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold for it around it. 3He cast four rings of gold for it, in its four feet; even two rings on its one side, and two rings on its other side. 4He made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6He made a mercy seat of pure gold. Its length was four feet four inches,[c] and two feet seven inches,[d] its breadth. 7He made two cherubim of gold. He made them of beaten work, at the two ends of the mercy seat; 8one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end. He made the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends. 9The cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward one another. The faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

10He made the table of acacia wood. Its length was three feet five inches,[e] and its breadth was twenty-one inches,[f] and its height was two feet seven inches.[g] 11He overlaid it

[a]37:1 Or, 1.31 meters. Lit. two and a half cubits
[b]37:1 Or, 0.79 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half
[c]37:6 Or, 1.31 meters. Lit. two and a half cubits
[d]37:6 Or, 0.79 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half
[e]37:10 Or, 1.05 meters. Lit. two cubits
[f]37:10 Lit. one cubit
[g]37:10 Or, 0.79 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half

with pure gold, and made a gold molding around it. 12He made a border of a handbreadth around it, and made a golden molding on its border around it. 13He cast four rings of gold for it, and put the rings in the four corners that were on its four feet. 14The rings were close by the border, the places for the poles to carry the table. 15He made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table. 16He made the vessels which were on the table, its dishes, its spoons, its bowls, and its pitchers with which to pour out, of pure gold.

17He made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of beaten work. Its base, its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers were of one piece with it. 18There were six branches going out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of its one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of its other side: 19three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a bud and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bud and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 20In the lampstand were four cups made like almond blossoms, its buds and its flowers; 21and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of it. 22Their buds and their branches were of one piece with it. The whole thing was one beaten work of pure gold. 23He made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff dishes, of pure gold. 24He made it of a talent of pure gold, with all its vessels.
25He made the altar of incense of acacia wood. It was square: its length was twenty-one inches,[a] and its breadth twenty-one inches. Its height was three feet five inches.[b] Its horns were of one piece with it. 26He overlaid it with pure gold, its top, its sides around it, and its horns. He made a gold molding around it. 27He made two golden rings for it under its molding crown, on its two ribs, on its two sides, for places for poles with which to carry it. 28He made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 29He made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices, after the art of the perfumer.

38 He made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood. It was square. Its length was eight feet seven inches,[c] its breadth was eight feet seven inches, and its height was five feet two inches.[d] 2He made its horns on its four corners. Its horns were of one piece with it, and he overlaid it with bronze. 3He made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the fire pans. He made

[a]37:25 Lit. one cubit
[b]37:25 Or, 1.05 meters. Lit. two cubits
[c]38:1 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[d]38:1 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits

all its vessels of bronze. 4He made
for the altar a grating of a network
of bronze, under the ledge around it
beneath, reaching halfway up. 5He
cast four rings for the four ends of
bronze grating, to be places for the
poles. 6He made the poles of acacia
wood, and overlaid them with
bronze. 7He put the poles into the
rings on the sides of the altar, with
which to carry it. He made it hollow
with planks.

8He made the basin of
bronze, and its base of bronze, out
of the mirrors of the ministering
women who ministered at the door
of the Tent of Meeting.
9He made the court: for the south
side southward the hangings of the
court were of fine twined linen, one
hundred seventy-two feet three
inches;[a] 10their pillars were thirty-
four feet five inches,[b] and their
sockets thirty-four feet five inches,
of bronze; the hooks of the pillars
and their fillets were of silver. 11For
the north side one hundred seventy-
two feet three inches;[c] their pillars
thirty-four feet five inches, and
their sockets thirty-four feet five
inches, of bronze; the hooks of the
pillars, and their fillets, of silver.
12For the west side were hangings
of eighty-six feet one inch,[d] their
pillars seventeen feet three inches,[e]
and their sockets seventeen feet
three inches; the hooks of the
pillars, and their fillets, of silver.
13For the east side eastward eighty-
six feet one inch. 14The hangings
for the one side were twenty-five
feet ten inches;[f] their pillars five
feet two inches,[g] and their sockets
five feet two inches; 15and so for
the other side: on this hand and that
hand by the gate of the court were
hangings of twenty-five feet ten
inches;[h] their pillars five feet two
inches,[i] and their sockets five feet
two inches. 16All the hangings
around the court were of fine
twined linen. 17The sockets for the
pillars were of bronze. The hooks
of the pillars and their fillets were
of silver; and the overlaying of their
capitals, of silver; and all the pillars
of the court were filleted with
silver. 18The screen for the gate of
the court was the work of the
embroiderer, of blue, purple,
scarlet, and fine twined linen.
Thirty-four feet five inches[j] was the
length, and the height in the breadth
was eight feet seven inches,[k] like to
the hangings of the court. 19Their
pillars were six feet eleven inches,[l]
and their sockets six feet eleven
inches, of bronze; their hooks of

[a]38:9 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[b]38:10 Lit. twenty
[c]38:11 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[d]38:12 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[e]38:12 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten
[f]38:14 Or, 7.87 meters. Lit. fifteen cubits
[g]38:14 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three
[h]38:15 Or, 7.87 meters. Lit. fifteen cubits
[i]38:15 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three
[j]38:18 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. Twenty cubits
[k]38:18 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[l]38:19 Or, 2.1 meters. Or, Lit. four

silver, and the overlaying of their capitals, and their fillets, of silver. [20]All the pins of the tabernacle, and around the court, were of bronze.

[21]This is the amount of material used for the tabernacle, even the Tabernacle of the Testimony, as they were counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. [22]Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that YHWH commanded Moses. [23]With him was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in blue, in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen.

[24]All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents, and seven hundred thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. [25]The silver of those who were numbered of the congregation was one hundred talents, and one thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: [26]a beka a head, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for everyone who passed over to those who were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty men. [27]The one hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; one hundred sockets for the one hundred talents, a talent for a socket. [28]Of the one thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. [29]The bronze of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand four hundred shekels. [30]With this he made the sockets to the door of the Tent of Meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, all the vessels of the altar, [31]the sockets around the court, the sockets of the gate of the court, all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins around the court.

39 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet, they made finely worked garments, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as YHWH commanded Moses.

[2]He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. [3]They beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, in the purple, in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, the work of the skillful workman. [4]They made shoulder straps for it, joined together. At the two ends it was joined together. [5]The skillfully woven band that was on it, with which to fasten it on, was of the same piece, like its work; of gold, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen; as YHWH commanded Moses.

[6]They worked the onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold, engraved with the engravings of a signet, according to the names of

the sons of Israel. [7]He put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel, as YHWH commanded Moses.

[8]He made the breastplate, the work of a skillful workman, like the work of the ephod; of gold, of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen. [9]It was square. They made the breastplate double. Its length was a span, and its breadth a span, being double. [10]They set in it four rows of stones. A row of ruby, topaz, and beryl was the first row; [11]and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire[a], and an emerald; [12]and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; [13]and the fourth row, a chrysolite, an onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in gold settings. [14]The stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, everyone according to his name, for the twelve tribes. [15]They made on the breastplate chains like cords, of braided work of pure gold. [16]They made two settings of gold, and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. [17]They put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. [18]The other two ends of the two braided chains they put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod, in its front. [19]They made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on its edge, which was toward the side of the ephod inward. [20]They made two rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder straps of the ephod underneath, in its front, close by its coupling, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. [21]They bound the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not come loose from the ephod, as YHWH commanded Moses.

[22]He made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. [23]The opening of the robe in its midst was like the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding around its opening, that it should not be torn. [24]They made on the skirts of the robe pomegranates of blue, purple, scarlet, and twined linen. [25]They made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates around the skirts of the robe, between the pomegranates; [26]a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, around the skirts of the robe, to minister in, as YHWH commanded Moses.

[27]They made the coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, [28]and the turban of fine linen, and the linen headbands of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twined linen, [29]and the sash of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, the work of the

[a]39:11 Or, lapis lazuli

embroiderer, as YHWH commanded Moses.

30They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it a writing, like the engravings of a signet: "HOLY TO YHWH." 31They tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten it on the turban above, as YHWH commanded Moses.

32Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished. The children of Israel did according to all that YHWH commanded Moses; so they did. 33They brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent, with all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, 34the covering of rams' skins dyed red, the covering of sea cow hides, the veil of the screen, 35the ark of the testimony with its poles, the mercy seat, 36the table, all its vessels, the show bread, 37the pure lampstand, its lamps, even the lamps to be set in order, all its vessels, the oil for the light, 38the golden altar, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, the screen for the door of the Tent, 39the bronze altar, its grating of bronze, its poles, all of its vessels, the basin and its base, 40the hangings of the court, its pillars, its sockets, the screen for the gate of the court, its cords, its pins, all the instruments of the service of the tabernacle, for the Tent of Meeting, 41the finely worked garments for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. 42According to all that YHWH commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. 43Moses saw all the work, and look, they had done it as YHWH had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

40 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"On the first day of the first month you shall raise up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. 3You shall put the ark of the testimony in it, and you shall veil the ark with the curtain. 4You shall bring in the table, and set in order the things that are on it. You shall bring in the lampstand, and light its lamps. 5You shall set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 6You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. 7You shall set the basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and shall put water in it. 8You shall set up the court around it, and hang up the screen of the gate of the court. 9You shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is in it, and shall make it holy, and all its furniture: and it will be holy. 10You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering, with all its vessels, and sanctify the altar: and the altar will be most holy. 11You shall anoint the basin and its base, and sanctify it. 12You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall wash them with water. 13You shall put on Aaron the holy garments; and you shall anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may

minister to me in the priest's office.
14You shall bring his sons, and put
coats on them. 15You shall anoint
them, as you anointed their father,
that they may minister to me in the
priest's office. Their anointing
shall be to them for an everlasting
priesthood throughout their
generations." 16Moses did so.
According to all that YHWH
commanded him, so he did.

17It happened in the first
month in the second year,[a] on the
first day of the month, that the
tabernacle was set up. 18And Moses
erected the tabernacle, and put its
sockets in place, and set up its
hooks and[b] its boards, and put in its
bars, and he erected its pillars. 19He
spread the covering over the tent,
and put the roof of the tabernacle
above on it, as YHWH commanded
Moses. 20He took and put the
testimony into the ark, and set the
poles on the ark, and put the mercy
seat above on the ark. 21He brought
the ark into the tabernacle, and set
up the curtain as the screen, and
concealed the ark of the testimony,
as YHWH commanded Moses. 22He
put the table in the Tent of Meeting,
on the side of the tabernacle
northward, outside of the veil. 23He
set the bread in order on it before
YHWH, as YHWH commanded
Moses. 24He put the lampstand in
the Tent of Meeting, opposite the
table, on the side of the tabernacle
southward. 25He lit the lamps
before YHWH, as YHWH
commanded Moses. 26He put the
golden altar in the Tent of Meeting
before the veil; 27and he burnt
incense of sweet spices on it, as
YHWH commanded Moses. 28He
put up the screen of the door to the
tabernacle. 29He set the altar of
burnt offering at the door of the
tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting,
and offered on it the burnt offering
and the meal offering, as YHWH
commanded Moses. 30He set the
basin between the Tent of Meeting
and the altar, and put water in it,
with which to wash. 31Moses,
Aaron, and his sons washed their
hands and their feet there. 32When
they went into the Tent of Meeting,
and when they came near to the
altar, they washed, as YHWH
commanded Moses. 33He raised up
the court around the tabernacle and
the altar, and set up the screen of
the gate of the court. So Moses
finished the work.

34Then the cloud covered the
Tent of Meeting, and the glory of
YHWH filled the tabernacle.
35Moses wasn't able to enter into
the Tent of Meeting, because the
cloud stayed on it, and YHWH's
glory filled the tabernacle. 36When
the cloud was taken up from over
the tabernacle, the children of Israel
went onward, throughout all their
journeys; 37but if the cloud wasn't
taken up, then they did not travel
until the day that it was taken up.
38For the cloud of YHWH was on
the tabernacle by day, and there

[a]40:17 DSS LXX SP add "after they came out of Egypt," possibly lost in MT by sight confusion: yt-ym

[b]40:18 DSS. MT lacks "its hooks and" from haplography. Cf. E. C. Ulrich, Qumran Cave 4, 7:142

was fire in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Leviticus

1 YHWH called to Moses, and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When anyone of you offers an offering to YHWH, you shall offer your offering of the livestock, from the herd and from the flock.

3"'If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall offer it at the door of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before YHWH. 4He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. 5And he shall kill the bull before YHWH. Aaron's sons, the priests, shall present the blood and sprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 6And he shall skin the burnt offering, and cut it into pieces. 7The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay wood in order on the fire; 8and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall lay the pieces, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar; 9but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. The priest shall burn the whole on the altar, for a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH.

10"'If his offering is from the flock,[a] from the sheep, or from the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer a male without blemish.[b] 11He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before YHWH. Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 12He shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat. The priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire which is on the altar, 13but the entrails and the legs he shall wash with water. The priest shall offer the whole, and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH.

14"'If his offering to YHWH is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall offer his offering of turtledoves, or of young pigeons. 15The priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out on the side of the altar; 16and he shall take away its crop with its filth, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, in the place of the ashes. 17He shall tear it by its wings, but shall not divide it apart. The priest shall burn

[a]1:10 LXX SP add "to YHWH"

[b]1:10 LXX adds "And he is to put his hand on its head," possibly lost by haplography: w-w

it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH.

2 "'When anyone offers a grain offering to YHWH, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it.[a] 2He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests; and he shall take his handful of its fine flour, and of its oil, with all its frankincense; and the priest shall burn its memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH. 3That which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is a most holy thing of the offerings of YHWH made by fire.

4"'When you offer an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. 5If your offering is a meal offering of the griddle, it shall be of unleavened fine flour, mixed with oil. 6You shall cut it in pieces, and pour oil on it. It is a meal offering. 7If your offering is a meal offering of the pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. 8And you[b] shall bring the meal offering that is made[c] of these things to YHWH, and it shall be presented to the priest, and he shall bring it to the altar. 9The priest shall take from the meal offering its memorial, and shall burn it on the altar, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH. 10That which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is a thing most holy of the offerings of YHWH made by fire.

11"'No meal offering, which you shall offer to YHWH, shall be made with yeast; for you shall burn no yeast, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire to YHWH. 12As an offering of firstfruits you shall offer them to YHWH: but they shall not ascend for a pleasant aroma on the altar. 13Every offering of your meal offering you shall season with salt; neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God[d] to be lacking from your meal offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.

14"'If you offer a meal offering of first fruits to YHWH, you shall offer for the meal offering of your first fruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised grain of the fresh ear. 15You shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it: it is a meal offering. 16The priest shall burn as its memorial, part of its bruised grain, and part of its oil, along with all its frankincense: it is an offering made by fire to YHWH.

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[a]2:1 DSS Ms LXX(BAL) SP add "it is a grain offering"
[b]2:8 DSS LXX read "he"
[c]2:8 (DSS) LXX read "And he shall offer the sacrifice which he shall make"
[d]2:13 LXX reads "YHWH"

"'If his offering is a sacrifice[a] of peace offerings; if he offers it from the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before YHWH. 2He shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the Tent of Meeting: and Aaron's sons, the priests shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.[b] 3He shall offer of the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made by fire to YHWH; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, 4and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 5Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar on the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire[c]: it is an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH.
6"'If his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to YHWH is from the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. 7If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before YHWH; 8and he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it before the Tent of Meeting: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 9He shall offer from the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made by fire to God[d]; its fat, the entire tail fat, he shall take away close to the backbone; and the fat that covers the inwards, and all the fat that is on the inwards, 10and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 11And the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar; it is food, an offering made by fire to YHWH.

12"'If his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before YHWH: 13and he shall lay his hand on its head, and kill it before[e] the Tent of Meeting; and the[f] sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar. 14He shall offer from it as his offering, an offering made by fire to YHWH; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, 15and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away. 16The priest shall burn them on the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a pleasant aroma; all the fat is YHWH's.

17"'It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that you shall eat neither fat nor blood.'"

[a]3:1 DSS LXX add "to YHWH"
[b]3:2 LXX adds "of burnt offering," possibly lost in MT from homoioarcton and or sight confusion: hey chet-hey hey
[c]3:5 LXX SP add "upon the altar," possibly lost in MT from homoioarcton: 's-'s
[d]3:9 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]3:13 LXX adds "YHWH by the doors of"
[f]3:13 LXX SP add "priests the"

4 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If anyone sins unintentionally, in any of the things which YHWH has commanded not to be done, and does any one of them: [3]if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin, which he has sinned, a young bull without blemish to YHWH for a sin offering. [4]He shall bring the bull to the door of the Tent of Meeting before YHWH; and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before YHWH. [5]The anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull, and bring it to the Tent of Meeting. [6]The priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before YHWH, before the veil of the sanctuary. [7]The priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before YHWH, which is in the Tent of Meeting; and he shall pour out all of rest of the blood of the bull at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the Tent of Meeting. [8]He shall take all the fat of the bull of the sin offering off of it; the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat that is on the entrails, [9]and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the cover on the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take away, [10]as it is taken off of the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings. The priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering. [11]The bull's skin, all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, its entrails, and its dung, [12]even the whole bull shall he carry forth outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire. Where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

[13]"'If the whole congregation of Israel sins, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the things which YHWH has commanded not to be done, and are guilty; [14]when the sin in which they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for a sin offering, and bring it before the Tent of Meeting. [15]The elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before YHWH; and the bull shall be killed before YHWH. [16]The anointed priest shall bring of the blood of the bull to the Tent of Meeting: [17]and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before YHWH, before the veil. [18]He shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before YHWH, that is in the Tent of Meeting; and the rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the Tent of Meeting. [19]All its fat he shall take from it, and burn it on the altar. [20]Thus shall he do with the bull; as he did with the bull of the sin offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. [21]He shall carry forth the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is the sin offering for the assembly.

22"'When a ruler sins, and unwittingly does any one of all the things which YHWH his God has commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 23if his sin, in which he has sinned, is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish. 24He shall lay his hand on the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before YHWH. It is a sin offering. 25The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering. He shall pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. 26All its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and he will be forgiven.

27"'If anyone of the common people sins unwittingly, in doing any of the things which YHWH has commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 28if his sin, which he has sinned, is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned. 29He shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. 30The priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. 31All its fat he shall take away, like the fat is taken away from off of the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasant aroma to YHWH; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he will be forgiven.

32"'If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. 33He shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. 34The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering; and all the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar. 35All its fat he shall take away, like the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar, on the offerings of YHWH made by fire; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned, and he will be forgiven.

5 "'If anyone sins, in that he hears the voice of adjuration, he being a witness, whether he has seen or known, if he doesn't report it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2"'Or if anyone touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean animal, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean crawling creatures, and it is hidden from him, and he is unclean, then he shall be guilty.

3"'Or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever his

uncleanness is with which he is unclean, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty.

4"'Or if anyone swears rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatever it is that a man might utter rashly with an oath, and it is hidden from him; when he knows of it, then he shall be guilty of one of these. 5It shall be, when he is guilty of one of these, he shall confess that in which he has sinned: 6and he shall bring his trespass offering to YHWH for his sin which he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.[a]

7"'If he can't afford a lamb, then he shall bring his trespass offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to YHWH; one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. 8He shall bring them to the priest, who shall first offer the one which is for the sin offering, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not sever it completely. 9He shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering. 10He shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

11"'But if he can't afford two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he shall bring his offering for that in which he has sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, neither shall he put any frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering. 12He shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as the memorial portion, and burn it on the altar, on the offerings of YHWH made by fire. It is a sin offering. 13The priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin that he has sinned in any of these things, and he will be forgiven; and the rest shall be the priest's, as the meal offering.'"

14YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 15"If anyone commits a trespass, and sins unwittingly, in the holy things of YHWH; then he shall bring his trespass offering to YHWH, a ram without blemish from the flock, according to your estimation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering. 16He shall make restitution for that which he has done wrong in the holy thing, and shall add a fifth part to it, and give

[a]5:6 LXX SP add "that he has sinned, and he shall be forgiven." Cf. Leviticus 4:35; 5:10; 19:22

it to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and he will be forgiven.

17"If anyone sins, and does any of the things which YHWH has commanded not to be done; though he did not know it, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. 18He shall bring a ram without blemish from of the flock, according to your estimation, for a trespass offering, to the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning the thing in which he sinned and did not know it, and he will be forgiven. 19It is a trespass offering. He is certainly guilty before YHWH."

6 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"If anyone sins, and commits a trespass against YHWH, and deals falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or of bargain, or of robbery, or has oppressed his neighbor, 3or has found what was lost and lies about it and swears falsely concerning any of the sinful things that a man may do; 4then it shall be, if he has sinned, and is guilty, he shall restore that which he took by robbery, or the thing which he has gotten by oppression, or the deposit which was committed to him, or the lost thing which he found, 5or any thing[a] about which he has sworn falsely; he shall restore it even in full, and shall add a fifth part more to it. To him to whom it belongs he shall give it, in the day of his being found guilty. 6He shall bring his trespass offering to YHWH, a ram without blemish from the flock, according to your estimation, for a trespass offering, to the priest. 7The priest shall make atonement for him before YHWH, and he will be forgiven concerning whatever he does to become guilty."

8YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 9"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the burnt offering: the burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning; and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.[b] 10The priest shall put on his linen garment, and he shall put on his linen breeches upon his body; and he shall remove the ashes from where the fire has consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11He shall take off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 12The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it, it shall not go out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning: and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it, and shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. 13Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

[a]6:5 LXX SP Tg Syr Ms add "word, matter"

[b]6:9 LXX adds "it must not be put out"

14"'This is the law of the meal
offering: the sons of Aaron shall
offer it before YHWH, before the
altar. 15He shall take from there his
handful of the fine flour of the meal
offering, and of its oil, and all the
frankincense which is on the meal
offering, and shall burn it on the
altar for a pleasant aroma, as its
memorial, to YHWH. 16That which
is left of it Aaron and his sons shall
eat. It shall be eaten without yeast
in a holy place. They shall eat it in
the court of the Tent of Meeting 17It
shall not be baked with yeast. I
have given it as their portion of my
offerings made by fire. It is most
holy, as the sin offering, and as the
trespass offering. 18Every male
among the descendants of Aaron
shall eat of it, as their portion
forever throughout your
generations, from the offerings of
YHWH made by fire. Whoever
touches them shall be holy.'"

19YHWH spoke to Moses,
saying, 20"This is the offering of
Aaron and of his sons, which they
shall offer to YHWH in the day
when he is anointed: the tenth part
of an ephah of fine flour for a meal
offering perpetually, half of it in the
morning, and half of it in the
evening. 21It shall be made with oil
in a griddle. When it is soaked, you
shall bring it in. You shall offer the
meal offering in baked pieces for a
pleasant aroma to YHWH. 22The
anointed priest that will be in his
place from among his sons shall
offer it. By a statute forever, it shall
be wholly burnt to YHWH. 23Every
meal offering of a priest shall be
wholly burned. It shall not be
eaten."

24YHWH spoke to Moses,
saying, 25"Speak to Aaron and to
his sons, saying, 'This is the law of
the sin offering: in the place where
the burnt offering is killed, the sin
offering shall be killed before
YHWH. It is most holy. 26The priest
who offers it for sin shall eat it. It
shall be eaten in a holy place, in the
court of the Tent of Meeting.
27Whatever shall touch its flesh
shall be holy. When there is any of
its blood sprinkled on a garment,
you shall wash that on which it was
sprinkled in a holy place. 28But the
earthen vessel in which it is boiled
shall be broken; and if it is boiled in
a bronze vessel, it shall be scoured,
and rinsed in water. 29Every male
among the priests shall eat of it: it
is most holy. 30No sin offering, of
which any of the blood is brought
into the Tent of Meeting to make
atonement in the Holy Place, shall
be eaten: it shall be burned with
fire.

7 "'This is the law of the
trespass offering. It is
most holy. 2In the place
where they kill the burnt offering,
he shall kill the trespass offering;
and its blood he shall sprinkle
around on the altar. 3He shall offer
all of its fat: the fat tail, and the fat
that covers the entrails, 4and the
two kidneys, and the fat that is on
them, which is by the loins, and the
cover on the liver, with the kidneys,
shall he take away; 5and the priest
shall burn them on the altar for an
offering made by fire to YHWH: it

is a trespass offering. 6Every male among the priests may eat of it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It is most holy.

7"'As is the sin offering, so is the trespass offering; there is one law for them. The priest who makes atonement with them shall have it. 8The priest who offers any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered. 9Every meal offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the pan, and on the griddle, shall be the priest's who offers it. 10Every meal offering, mixed with oil or dry, belongs to all the sons of Aaron, one as well as another.

11"'This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which one shall offer to YHWH. 12If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mixed with oil. 13With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his offering with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving. 14Of it he shall offer one out of each offering for a heave offering to YHWH. It shall be the priest's who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings. 15The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his offering. He shall not leave any of it until the morning.

16"'But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow, or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the next day what remains of it shall be eaten: 17but what remains of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire. 18If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed to him who offers it. It will be an abomination, and the soul who eats any of it will bear his iniquity.

19"'The flesh that touches any unclean thing shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. As for the flesh, everyone who is clean may eat it; 20but the soul who eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that belongs to YHWH, having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 21When anyone touches any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man, or an unclean animal, or any unclean abomination, and eats some of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which belong to YHWH, that soul shall be cut off from his people.'"

22YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 23"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'You shall eat no fat, of bull, or sheep, or goat. 24The fat of that which dies of itself, and the fat of that which is torn of animals, may be used for any other service, but you shall in no way eat of it. 25For whoever eats the fat of the animal, of which men offer an

offering made by fire to YHWH, even the soul who eats it shall be cut off from his people. [26]You shall not eat any blood, whether it is of bird or of animal, in any of your dwellings. [27]Whoever it is who eats any blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people.'"

[28]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [29]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to YHWH shall bring his offering to YHWH out of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. [30]With his own hands he shall bring the offerings of YHWH made by fire. He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before YHWH. [31]The priest shall burn the fat on the altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. [32]The right thigh you shall give to the priest for a heave offering out of the sacrifices of your peace offerings. [33]He among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right thigh for a portion. [34]For the waved breast and the heaved thigh I have taken from the children of Israel out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as their portion forever from the children of Israel.'"

[35]This is the anointing portion of Aaron, and the anointing portion of his sons, out of the offerings of YHWH made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister to YHWH in the priest's office; [36]which YHWH commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them. It is their portion forever throughout their generations. [37]This is the law of the burnt offering, of the meal offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecration, and of the sacrifice of peace offerings; [38]which YHWH commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their offerings to YHWH, in the wilderness of Sinai.

8 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; [3]and assemble all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Meeting."

[4]Moses did as YHWH commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the Tent of Meeting. [5]Moses said to the congregation, "This is the thing which YHWH has commanded to be done." [6]Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. [7]He put the coat on him, tied the sash on him, clothed him with the robe, put the ephod on him, and he tied the skillfully woven band of the ephod on him, and fastened it to him with it. [8]He placed the breastplate on him; and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim. [9]He set the turban on his head; and on

the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as YHWH commanded Moses. [10]Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and sanctified them. [11]He sprinkled it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, and the basin and its base, to sanctify them. [12]He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. [13]Moses brought Aaron's sons, and clothed them with coats, and tied sashes on them, and put headbands on them; as YHWH commanded Moses.

[14]He brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering. [15]He killed it; and Moses took the blood, and put it around on the horns of the altar with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement for it. [16]He took all the fat that was on the entrails, and the cover of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat; and Moses burned it on the altar. [17]But the bull, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp; as YHWH commanded Moses. [18]He presented the ram of the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. [19]He killed it; and Moses sprinkled the blood around on the altar. [20]He cut the ram into its pieces; and Moses burned the head, and the pieces, and the fat. [21]He washed the entrails and the legs with water; and Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma. It was an offering made by fire to YHWH; as YHWH commanded Moses. [22]He presented the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. [23]He killed it; and Moses took some of its blood, and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the great toe of his right foot. [24]He brought Aaron's sons; and Moses put some of the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the great toe of their right foot; and Moses sprinkled the blood around on the altar. [25]He took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the cover of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right thigh; [26]and out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before YHWH, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat, and on the right thigh. [27]He put all these in Aaron's hands and in his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before YHWH. [28]Moses took them from their hands, and burned them on the altar on the burnt offering. They were a consecration for a pleasant aroma. It was an offering made by fire to YHWH. [29]Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before YHWH. It was Moses' portion of the ram of consecration, as YHWH commanded Moses. [30]Moses took some of the anointing oil, and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on

Aaron, on his garments, and on his sons, and on his sons' garments with him, and sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the flesh at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecration, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' 32What remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. 33You shall not go out from the door of the Tent of Meeting seven days, until the days of your consecration are fulfilled: for he shall consecrate you seven days. 34What has been done this day, so YHWH has commanded to do, to make atonement for you. 35You shall stay at the door of the Tent of Meeting day and night seven days, and keep YHWH's command, that you do not die: for so I am[a] commanded." 36Aaron and his sons did all the things which YHWH commanded by Moses.

9 It happened on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; 2and he said to Aaron, "Take a calf from the herd for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer them before YHWH. 3You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt offering; 4and a bull and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before YHWH; and a meal offering mixed with oil: for today YHWH appears to you.'"

5They brought what Moses commanded before the Tent of Meeting: and all the congregation drew near and stood before YHWH. 6Moses said, "This is the thing which YHWH commanded that you should do: and the glory of YHWH shall appear to you." 7Moses said to Aaron, "Draw near to the altar, and offer your sin offering, and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself, and for the people; and offer the offering of the people, and make atonement for them; as YHWH commanded."

8So Aaron drew near to the altar, and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself. 9The sons of Aaron presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it on the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar: 10but the fat, and the kidneys, and the cover from the liver of the sin offering, he burned upon the altar; as YHWH commanded Moses. 11The flesh and the skin he burned with fire outside the camp. 12He killed the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons delivered the blood to

[a]8:35 LXX reads "for so has YHWH God"

him, and he sprinkled it around on the altar. 13They delivered the burnt offering to him, piece by piece, and the head: and he burned them upon the altar. 14He washed the entrails and the legs, and burned them on the burnt offering on the altar. 15He presented the people's offering, and took the goat of the sin offering which was for the people, and killed it, and offered it for sin, like the first. 16He presented the burnt offering, and offered it according to the ordinance. 17He presented the meal offering, and filled his hand from there, and burned it upon the altar, besides the burnt offering of the morning. 18He also killed the bull and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron's sons delivered to him the blood, which he sprinkled around on the altar, 19and the fat of the bull and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covers the entrails, and the kidneys, and the cover of the liver: 20and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burned the fat on the altar: 21and the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before YHWH, as Moses commanded. 22Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and he came down from offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.

23Moses and Aaron went into the Tent of Meeting, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of YHWH appeared to all the people. 24There came forth fire from before YHWH, and consumed the burnt offering and the fat upon the altar: and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

10 And the two[a] sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, each took his censer and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and offered strange fire before YHWH, which he[b] had not commanded them. 2And fire came forth from before YHWH, and devoured them, and they died before YHWH.

3Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what YHWH spoke of, saying,

'I will show myself holy to those
who come near me,
and before all the people I
will be glorified.'"

Aaron held his peace. 4Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Draw near, carry your brothers from before the sanctuary out of the camp." 5So they drew near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said.

6Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons,[c] "Do not let the hair of your heads go loose, neither tear your clothes;

[a]10:1 DSS LXX. MT lacks "two" from haplography: ny-ny

[b]10:1 DSS LXX read "YHWH"

[c]10:6 LXX adds "that were left"

that you do not die, and that he not be angry with all the congregation: but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which YHWH has kindled. 7You shall not go out from the door of the Tent of Meeting, lest you die; for the anointing oil of YHWH is on you." They did according to the word of Moses.

8YHWH spoke to Aaron, saying, 9"Drink no wine nor strong drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tent of Meeting,[a] that you do not die: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations: 10and that you are to make a distinction between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean; 11and that you are to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which YHWH has spoken to them by Moses."

12Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons who were left, "Take the meal offering that remains of the offerings of YHWH made by fire, and eat it without yeast beside the altar; for it is most holy; 13and you shall eat it in a holy place, because it is your portion, and your sons' portion, of the offerings of YHWH made by fire: for so I am commanded. 14The waved breast and the heaved thigh you shall eat in a clean place, you, and your sons, and your daughters with you: for they are given as your portion, and your sons' portion, out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the children of Israel. 15The heaved thigh and the waved breast they shall bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before YHWH: and it shall be yours, and your sons' with you, as a portion forever; as YHWH has commanded."

16Moses diligently inquired about the goat of the sin offering, and, look, it was burned: and he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who were left, saying, 17"Why haven't you eaten the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, seeing it is most holy, and he has given it to you[b] to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before YHWH? 18Look, its blood was not brought into the inner part of the sanctuary: you certainly should have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded."

19Aaron spoke to Moses, "Look, this day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before YHWH; and such things as these have happened to me: and if I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been pleasing in the sight of YHWH?"

[a]10:9 LXX adds "or when you approach the altar"

[b]10:17 LXX adds "to eat," possibly lost from haplography by homoioarcton: l-l

[20]When Moses heard that, it was pleasing in his sight.

11 YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'These are the living things which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth. [3]Whatever parts the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and chews the cud among the animals, that you may eat.

[4]"'Nevertheless these you shall not eat of those that chew the cud, or of those who part the hoof:[a] the camel, because he chews the cud but doesn't have a parted hoof, he is unclean to you. [5]The coney, because he chews the cud but doesn't have a parted hoof, he is unclean to you. [6]The hare, because she chews the cud but doesn't part the hoof, she is unclean to you. [7]The pig, because he has a split hoof, and is cloven-footed, but doesn't chew the cud, he is unclean to you. [8]Of their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch; they are unclean to you.

[9]"'These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, that you may eat. [10]All that do not have fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of all the living creatures that are in the waters, they are an abomination to you, [11]and you detest them. You shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall detest their carcasses. [12]Whatever has no fins nor scales in the waters, that is an abomination to you.

[13]"'These you shall detest among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the vulture, and the black vulture, [14]and the red kite, any kind of black kite, [15]any kind of raven, [16]the horned owl, the screech owl, and the gull, any kind of hawk, [17]the little owl, the cormorant, the great owl, [18]the white owl, the desert owl, the osprey, [19]the stork,[b] any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat.

[20]"'All flying insects that walk on all fours are an abomination to you. [21]Yet you may eat these: of all winged crawling creatures that go on all fours, which have legs above their feet, with which to hop on the earth. [22]Even of these you may eat: any kind of locust, any kind of katydid, any kind of cricket, and any kind of grasshopper. [23]But all winged crawling creatures which have four feet, are an abomination to you.

[24]"'By these you will become unclean: whoever touches the carcass of them shall be unclean until the evening. [25]Whoever carries any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening.

[a]11:4 LXX adds "and divide claws"

[b]11:19 LXX adds "and"

[26]"'Every animal which parts
the hoof, and is not cloven-footed,
nor chews the cud, is unclean to
you. Everyone who touches them
shall be unclean. [27]Whatever goes
on its paws, among all animals that
go on all fours, they are unclean to
you. Whoever touches their carcass
shall be unclean until the evening.
[28]He who carries their carcass shall
wash his clothes, and be unclean
until the evening. They are unclean
to you.

[29]"'These are they which are
unclean to you among the creatures
that crawl on the earth: the weasel,
the rat, any kind of great lizard,
[30]the gecko, and the monitor lizard,
the wall lizard, the skink, and the
chameleon. [31]These are they which
are unclean to you among all that
crawl. Whoever touches them
when they are dead, shall be
unclean until the evening. [32]On
whatever any of them falls when
they are dead, it shall be unclean;
whether it is any vessel of wood, or
clothing, or skin, or sack, whatever
vessel it is, with which any work is
done, it must be put into water, and
it shall be unclean until the
evening; then it will be clean.
[33]Every earthen vessel, into which
any of them falls, all that is in it
shall be unclean, and you shall
break it. [34]All food which may be
eaten, that on which water comes,
shall be unclean; and all drink that
may be drunk in every such vessel
shall be unclean. [35]Everything
whereupon part of their carcass
falls shall be unclean; whether
oven, or range for pots, it shall be
broken in pieces: they are unclean,
and shall be unclean to you.
[36]Nevertheless a spring[a] or a cistern
in which water is a gathered shall
be clean: but that which touches
their carcass shall be unclean. [37]If
part of their carcass falls on any
sowing seed which is to be sown, it
is clean. [38]But if water is put on the
seed, and part of their carcass falls
on it, it is unclean to you.

[39]"'If any animal, of which
you may eat, dies; he who touches
its carcass shall be unclean until the
evening. [40]He who eats of its
carcass shall wash his clothes, and
be unclean until the evening. He
also who carries its carcass shall
wash his clothes,[b] and be unclean
until the evening.

[41]"'Every swarming thing
that swarms on the earth is an
abomination. It shall not be eaten.
[42]Whatever goes on its belly, and
whatever goes on all fours, or
whatever has many feet, even all
creatures that crawl on the earth,
them you shall not eat; for they are
an abomination. [43]You shall not
make yourselves abominable with
any crawling creature that crawls,
neither shall you make yourselves
unclean with them, that you should
be defiled thereby. [44]For I am
YHWH your God. Sanctify

[a]11:36 LXX SP add "of water"

[b]11:40 LXX adds "and bathe himself in water," possibly lost in MT from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w

yourselves therefore, and be holy;
for I[a] am holy:[b] neither shall you
defile yourselves with any kind of
crawling creature that moves on the
earth. 45For I am YHWH who
brought you up out of the land of
Egypt, to be your God. You shall
therefore be holy, for I am holy.[c]

46"'This is the law of the
animal, and of the bird, and of
every living creature that moves in
the waters, and of every creature
that crawls on the earth, 47to make
a distinction between the unclean
and the clean, and between the
living thing that may be eaten and
the living thing that may not be
eaten.'"

12 YHWH spoke to
Moses, saying,
2"Speak to the
children of Israel, saying, 'If a
woman conceives, and bears a male
child, then she shall be unclean
seven days; as in the days of her
monthly period she shall be
unclean. 3In the eighth day the flesh
of his foreskin shall be
circumcised. 4She shall continue in
the blood of purification thirty-
three days. She shall not touch any
holy thing, nor come into the
sanctuary, until the days of her
purifying are completed. 5But if she
bears a female child, then she shall
be unclean two weeks, as in her
period; and she shall continue in the
blood of purification sixty-six days.

6"'When the days of her
purification are completed, for a
son, or for a daughter, she shall
bring to the priest at the door of the
Tent of Meeting, a year old lamb
for a burnt offering, and a young
pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin
offering: 7and he shall offer it
before YHWH, and[d] make
atonement for her; and she shall be
cleansed from the fountain of her
blood.

"'This is the law for her who
bears, whether a male or a female.
8If she cannot afford a lamb, then
she shall take two turtledoves, or
two young pigeons;[e] the one for a
burnt offering, and the other for a
sin offering: and the priest shall
make atonement for her, and she
shall be clean.'"

13 YHWH spoke to
Moses and to Aaron,
saying, 2"When a
man shall have a rising in his
body's skin, or a scab, or a bright
spot, and it becomes in the skin of
his body the plague of leprosy, then
he shall be brought to Aaron the
priest, or to one of his sons, the
priests: 3and the priest shall
examine the plague in the skin of
the body: and if the hair in the
plague has turned white, and the
appearance of the plague is deeper
than the body's skin, it is the plague
of leprosy; and the priest shall
examine him, and pronounce him

[a]11:44 LXX adds "YHWH your God"
[b]11:44 1Peter 1:15-16
[c]11:45 1Peter 1:16
[d]12:7 LXX SP add "the priest"
[e]12:8 Luke 2:24

unclean. [4]If the bright spot is white in the skin of his body, and its appearance isn't deeper than the skin, and its hair hasn't turned white, then the priest shall isolate the infected person for seven days. [5]The priest shall examine him on the seventh day, and, look, if in his eyes the plague is arrested, and the plague hasn't spread in the skin, then the priest shall isolate him for seven more days. [6]The priest shall examine him again on the seventh day; and look, if the plague has faded, and the plague hasn't spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. It is a scab. He shall wash his clothes, and be clean. [7]But if the scab spreads on the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall show himself to the priest again. [8]The priest shall examine him; and look, if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is leprosy.

[9]"When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest; [10]and the priest shall examine him. Look, if there is a white rising in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is raw flesh in the rising, [11]it is a chronic leprosy in the skin of his body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean. He shall not isolate him, for he is unclean.

[12]"If the leprosy breaks out all over the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of the infected person from his head even to his feet, as far as it appears to the priest; [13]then the priest shall examine him; and, look, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean of the plague. It has all turned white: he is clean. [14]But whenever raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean. [15]The priest shall examine the raw flesh, and pronounce him unclean: the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy. [16]Or if the raw flesh turns again, and is changed to white, then he shall come to the priest; [17]and the priest shall examine him; and, look, if the plague has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him clean of the plague. He is clean.

[18]"When the body has a boil on its skin, and it has healed, [19]and in the place of the boil there is a white rising, or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be shown to the priest; [20]and the priest shall examine it; and look, if its appearance is lower than the skin, and its hair has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. It has broken out in the boil. [21]But if the priest examines it, and look, there are no white hairs in it, and it isn't deeper than the skin, but is dim, then the priest shall isolate him seven days. [22]If it spreads in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a

plague.[a] 23But if the bright spot stays in its place, and hasn't spread, it is the scar from the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24"Or when the body has a burn from fire on its skin, and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white, or white, 25then the priest shall examine it; and look, if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and its appearance is deeper than the skin; it is leprosy. It has broken out in the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. 26But if the priest examines it, and look, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it isn't lower than the skin, but is faded; then the priest shall isolate him seven days. 27The priest shall examine him on the seventh day. If it has spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. 28If the bright spot stays in its place, and hasn't spread in the skin, but is faded, it is the swelling from the burn, and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is the scar from the burn.

29"When a man or woman has a plague on the head or on the beard, 30then the priest shall examine the plague; and look, if its appearance is deeper than the skin, and the hair in it is yellow and thin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is an itch, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard. 31If the priest examines the plague of itching, and look, its appearance isn't deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall isolate him the person infected with itching seven days. 32On the seventh day the priest shall examine the plague; and look, if the itch hasn't spread, and there is no yellow hair in it, and the appearance of the itch isn't deeper than the skin, 33then he shall be shaved, but he shall not shave the itch; and the priest shall shut him up who has the itch seven more days. 34On the seventh day, the priest shall examine the itch; and look, if the itch hasn't spread in the skin, and its appearance isn't deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. He shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 35But if the itch spreads in the skin after his cleansing, 36then the priest shall examine him; and look, if the itch has spread in the skin, the priest shall not look for the yellow hair; he is unclean. 37But if in his eyes the itch is arrested, and black hair has grown in it; the itch is healed, he is clean. The priest shall pronounce him clean.

38"When a man or a woman has bright spots in the skin of the body, even white bright spots; 39then the priest shall examine them; and look, if the bright spots on the skin of their body are a dull

[a]13:22 LXX adds "it has broken out in the boil"

white, it is a harmless rash, it has broken out in the skin; he is clean.

40"If a man's hair has fallen from his head, he is bald. He is clean. 41If his hair has fallen off from the front part of his head, he is forehead bald. He is clean. 42But if there is on the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague; it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead. 43Then the priest shall examine him; and, look, if the rising of the plague is reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the flesh, 44he is a leprous man. He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean. His plague is on his head.

45"The leper in whom the plague is shall wear torn clothes, and the hair of his head shall hang loose. He shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry, 'Unclean. Unclean.' 46All the days in which the plague is in him he shall be unclean. He is unclean. He shall dwell alone. Outside of the camp shall be his dwelling.

47"The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it is a woolen garment, or a linen garment; 48whether it is in warp, or woof; of linen, or of wool; whether in a skin, or in anything made of skin; 49if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything made of skin; it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be shown to the priest. 50The priest shall examine the plague, and isolate the plague seven days. 51He shall examine the plague on the seventh day. If the plague has spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever use the skin is used for, the plague is a destructive mildew. It is unclean. 52He shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of skin, in which the plague is: for it is a destructive mildew. It shall be burned in the fire.

53"If the priest examines it, and look, the plague hasn't spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin; 54then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which the plague is, and he shall isolate it seven more days. 55Then the priest shall examine it, after the plague is washed; and look, if the plague hasn't changed its color, and the plague hasn't spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire. It is a mildewed spot, whether the bareness is inside or outside. 56If the priest looks, and look, the plague has faded after it is washed, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof: 57and if it appears again in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin, it is spreading. You shall burn with fire that in which the plague is. 58The garment, either the warp, or the woof, or whatever thing of skin it is, which you shall wash, if the plague has departed from them,

then it shall be washed the second time, and it will be clean."

59This is the law of the plague of mildew in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp, or the woof, or in anything of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

14 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying,

2"This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. He shall be brought to the priest, 3and the priest shall go forth out of the camp. The priest shall examine him, and look, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, 4then the priest shall command them to take for him who is to be cleansed two living clean birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. 5The priest shall command them to kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. 6As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. 7He shall sprinkle on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird go into the open field.

8"He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water; and he shall be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, but shall dwell outside his tent seven days. 9It shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his body in water, then he shall be clean.

10"On the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish,[a] and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil. 11The priest who cleanses him shall set the man who is to be cleansed, and those things, before YHWH, at the door of the Tent of Meeting.

12"The priest shall take one of the male lambs, and offer him for a trespass offering, with the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before YHWH. 13He shall kill the male lamb in the place where they kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the place of the sanctuary; for as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering. It is most holy. 14The priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his

[a]14:10 LXX SP add "a year old"

right foot. 15The priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand. 16The priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before YHWH. 17The priest shall put some of the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering. 18The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, and the priest shall make atonement for him before YHWH.

19"The priest shall offer the sin offering, and[a] make atonement for him who is to be cleansed because of his uncleanness: and afterward he shall kill the burnt offering; 20and the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meal offering on the altar.[b] The priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21"If he is poor, and can't afford so much, then he shall take one male lamb for a trespass offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal offering, and a log of oil; 22and two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford; and the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering.

23"On the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, before YHWH. 24The priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before YHWH. 25He shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering. The priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. 26The priest shall pour some of the oil into the palm of his own left hand; 27and the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before YHWH. 28Then the priest shall put some of the oil that is in his hand on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the trespass offering. 29The rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put on the head of him who is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before YHWH. 30He shall offer one of the turtledoves, or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to afford, 31the[c] one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meal offering.

[a]14:19 LXX adds "the priest"
[b]14:20 LXX SP add "before YHWH"
[c]14:31 LXX Syr. DSS MT repeat "which he can afford" by accidental dittography

The priest shall make atonement for him who is to be cleansed before YHWH."

32This is the law for him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to afford the sacrifice for his cleansing.

33YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 34"When you have come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put a spreading mildew in a house in the land of your possession, 35then he who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, 'There seems to me to be some sort of plague in the house.' 36The priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goes in to examine the plague, that all that is in the house not be made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to inspect the house. 37He shall examine the plague; and look, if the plague is in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, and it appears to be deeper than the wall; 38then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. 39The priest shall come again on the seventh day, and look.[a] If the plague has spread in the walls of the house, 40then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which is the plague, and cast them into an unclean place outside of the city: 41and he shall cause the inside of the house to be scraped all over, and they shall pour out the mortar, that they scraped off, outside of the city into an unclean place. 42They shall take other[b] stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.

43"If the plague comes again, and breaks out in the house, after he has taken out the stones, and after he has scraped the house, and after it was plastered; 44then the priest shall come in and look; and look, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a destructive mildew in the house. It is unclean. 45And he shall break down the house, its stones, and its timber, and all the house's mortar. He shall carry them out of the city into an unclean place.

46"Moreover he who goes into the house while it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening. 47He who lies down in the house shall wash his clothes;[c] and he who eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48"If the priest shall come in, and examine it, and look, the plague hasn't spread in the house, after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. 49To cleanse the house he shall take

[a]14:39 LXX adds "the house; and, look"
[b]14:42 LXX adds "scraped"
[c]14:47 LXX adds "and be unclean until evening," possibly lost in MT from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w

two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. 50He shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. 51He shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times. 52He shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, with the living bird, with the cedar wood, with the hyssop, and with the scarlet; 53but he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the open field. So shall he make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean."

54This is the law for any plague of leprosy, and for an itch, 55and for the destructive mildew of a garment, and for a house, 56and for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot; 57to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean.

This is the law of leprosy.

15 YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When any man has a discharge from his body, because of his discharge he is unclean. 3This shall be his uncleanness in his discharge: whether his body runs with his discharge, or his body has stopped from his discharge, it is his uncleanness. All the days of the discharge of his body, even if his body obstructs his discharge,[a] it is his uncleanness.

4"'Every bed whereon he who has the discharge lies shall be unclean; and everything he sits on shall be unclean. 5Whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 6He who sits on anything whereon the man who has the discharge sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

7"'He who touches the body of him who has the discharge shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

8"'If he who has the discharge spits on him who is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

9"'Whatever saddle he who has the discharge rides on shall be unclean.[b] 10Whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. He who carries those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in

[a]15:3 (DSS) LXX SP. MT lacks "it is his uncleanness. All…discharge" from haplography: bsrw mzwbw-bsrw mzwbw. Cf. J. Vroom, A Cognitive Approach to Copying Errors, JSOT 40.3, 16-17

[b]15:9 LXX adds "until the evening"

water, and be unclean until the evening.

11"'Whoever he who has the discharge touches, without having rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

12"'The earthen vessel, which he who has the discharge touches, shall be broken; and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13"'When he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes; and he shall bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

14"'On the eighth day he shall take two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before YHWH to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and give them to the priest: 15and the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. The priest shall make atonement for him before YHWH for his discharge.

16"'If any man has an emission of semen, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the evening. 17Every garment, and every skin, whereon the semen is, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. 18If a man lies with a woman and there is an emission of semen, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the evening.

19"'If a woman has a discharge, and her discharge in her flesh is blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days: and whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening.

20"'Everything that she lies on in her impurity shall be unclean. Everything also that she sits on shall be unclean. 21Whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 22Whoever touches anything that she sits on shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 23If it is on the bed, or on anything whereon she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening.

24"'If any man lies with her, and her monthly flow is on him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed whereon he lies shall be unclean.

25"'If a woman has a discharge of her blood many days not in the time of her period, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her period; all the days of the discharge of her uncleanness shall be as in the days of her period: she is unclean. 26Every bed whereon she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed of her period: and everything whereon she sits shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her period. 27Whoever touches these things

shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening.

28"'But if she is cleansed of her discharge, then she shall count to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. 29On the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting. 30The priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her before YHWH for the uncleanness of her discharge.

31"'Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, so they will not die in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is in their midst.'"

32This is the law of him who has a discharge, and of him who has an emission of semen, so that he is unclean thereby; 33and of her who has her period, and of a man or woman who has a discharge, and of him who lies with her who is unclean.

16 YHWH spoke to Moses, after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before YHWH, and died; 2and YHWH said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother, not to come at all times into the Most Holy Place within the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark; lest he die: for I will appear in the cloud on the mercy seat.

3"Herewith shall Aaron come into the sanctuary: with a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. 4He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches on his body, and shall put on the linen sash, and he shall be dressed with the linen turban. They are the holy garments. He shall bathe[a] his body in water, and put them on. 5He shall take from the congregation of the children of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6"Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself and for his house. 7He shall take the two goats, and set them before YHWH at the door of the Tent of Meeting. 8Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats; one lot for YHWH, and the other lot for the scapegoat.[b] 9Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for YHWH, and offer him for a sin offering. 10But the goat, on which the lot fell for the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before YHWH, to make atonement for him, to send

[a]16:4 LXX SP add "all"

[b]16:8 LXX Vg (and vv. 10 and 26), reading la'ez ozel. MT lacks this word division, reading la'azazel

him away for the scapegoat into the wilderness.

11"Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering which is for himself. 12He shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before YHWH, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: 13and he shall put the incense on the fire before YHWH, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the testimony, so that he will not die. 14He shall take some of the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15"Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people,[a] and bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: 16and he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, even all their sins; and so he shall do for the Tent of Meeting, that dwells with them in the midst of their uncleanness. 17There shall be no one in the Tent of Meeting when he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, and has made atonement for himself and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

18"He shall go out to the altar that is before YHWH and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the bull's blood, and some of the goat's blood, and put it around on the horns of the altar. 19He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and make it holy from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

20"When he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting, and the altar,[b] he shall present the live goat. 21Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send him away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. 22The goat shall carry all their iniquities on himself to a solitary land, and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness.

23"Aaron shall come into the Tent of Meeting, and shall take off the linen garments, which he put on

[a]16:15 LXX adds "before YHWH"
[b]16:20 LXX adds "and he shall make a cleansing for the priests," possibly lost in MT from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w

when he went into the Holy Place, and shall leave them there. 24Then he shall bathe himself in water in a holy place, and put on his garments, and come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself[a] and for the people.[b] 25The fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar.

26"He who lets the goat go for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. 27The bull for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried forth outside the camp; and they shall burn their skins, their flesh, and their dung with fire. 28He who burns them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29"It shall be a statute to you forever: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and shall do no manner of work, *both* the native and the foreigner who sojourns in your midst: 30for on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before YHWH. 31It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls; it is a statute forever. 32The priest, who is anointed and who is consecrated to be priest in his father's place, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, even the holy garments. 33Then he shall make atonement for the Holy Sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the Tent of Meeting and for the altar; and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

34"This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel once in the year because of all their sins."

It was done as YHWH commanded Moses.

17 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: 'This is the thing which YHWH has commanded, 3Whatever man there is of the house of Israel,[c] who kills a bull, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, 4and hasn't brought it to the door of the Tent of Meeting, so as to sacrifice it for a burnt offering or peace offering to YHWH to be acceptable as a soothing aroma, and whoever shall kill it outside, and shall not bring it to the door of the

[a]16:24 LXX adds "and for his house"
[b]16:24 LXX adds "as for the priests"
[c]17:3 DSS cf. LXX add "and the stranger who lives in Israel," possibly lost from haplography: ysr'l-ysr'l

Tent of Meeting[a] to offer it as an offering to YHWH before the tabernacle of YHWH, blood shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

5This is to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to YHWH, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices of peace offerings to YHWH. 6The priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of YHWH at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and burn the fat for a pleasant aroma to YHWH. 7They shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to the goat idols, after which they play the prostitute. This shall be a statute forever to them throughout their generations.'

8"'You shall say to them, 'Any man there is of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who live as foreigners among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, 9and doesn't bring it to the door of the Tent of Meeting, to sacrifice it to YHWH; that man shall be cut off from his people.

10"'Any man of the house of Israel, or of the foreigners who sojourn among you, who eats any kind of blood, I will set my face against that soul who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes atonement by reason of the life. 12Therefore I have said to the children of Israel, "No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who lives as a foreigner among you eat blood."

13"'Whatever man there is of the children of Israel, or of the foreigners who sojourn among you, who takes in hunting any animal or bird that may be eaten; he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust. 14For as to the life of all flesh, its blood is with its life: therefore I said to the children of Israel, "You shall not eat the blood of any kind of flesh; for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off."

15"'Every person that eats what dies of itself, or that which is torn by animals, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening: then he shall be clean. 16But if he doesn't wash them, or bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.'"

18 YHWH said to Moses, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'I am

[a]17:4 DSS Ms LXX SP. MT lacks "so as to… Meeting" from haplography: pth 'hl mw'd-pth 'hl mw'd. See D. N. Freedman CBQ 36:529

YHWH your God. 3You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived: and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you; neither shall you walk in their statutes. 4You shall do my ordinances, and you shall keep my statutes, and walk in them: I am YHWH your God. 5You shall therefore keep my statutes and my ordinances; which if a man does, he shall live in them:[a] I am YHWH.[b]

6"'None of you shall approach anyone who are his close relatives, to uncover their nakedness: I am YHWH.

7"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, nor the nakedness of your mother: she is your mother. You shall not uncover her nakedness.

8"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife: it is your father's nakedness.

9"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home, or born abroad.

10"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, even their nakedness: for theirs is your own nakedness.

11"'You shall not uncover[c] the nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, conceived by your father, since she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister: she is your father's flesh.

13"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister: for she is your mother's flesh.

14"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, you shall not approach his wife: she is your aunt.

15"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law: she is your son's wife. You shall not uncover her nakedness.

16"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife: it is your brother's nakedness.

17"'You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter. You shall not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

18"'You shall not take a wife to her sister, to be a rival, to uncover her nakedness, while her sister is yet alive.

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[a]18:5 Romans 10:5; Galatians 3:12
[b]18:5 LXX adds "your God"
[c]18:11 LXX Hebrew Mss (cf. BHS fn.). MT lacks "not uncover"

19"'You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness.

20"'You shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, and defile yourself with her.

21"'You shall not give any of your children to sacrifice to Molech; neither shall you profane the name of your God: I am YHWH.

22"'You shall not have sexual relations with a male, as with a woman. That is detestable.

23"'You shall not have sexual relations with any animal to become defiled with it, nor shall any woman give herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it. It is a perversion.

24"'Do not defile yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations which I am casting out before you were defiled. 25The land was defiled: therefore I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out her inhabitants. 26You therefore shall keep my statutes and my ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations; neither the native-born, nor the stranger who lives as a foreigner among you; 27(for all these abominations have the men of the land done, that were before you, and the land became defiled); 28that the land not vomit you out also, when you defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

29"'For whoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30Therefore you shall keep my requirements, that you do not practice any of these abominable customs, which were practiced before you, and that you do not defile yourselves with them: I am YHWH your God.'"

19 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and tell them, 'You shall be holy; for I YHWH your God am holy.[a]

3"'Each one of you shall respect his mother and his father. You shall keep my Sabbaths. I am YHWH your God.

4"'Do not turn to idols, nor make molten gods for yourselves. I am YHWH your God.

5"'When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to YHWH, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. 6It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day: and if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned with fire. 7If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination. It will not be accepted; 8but everyone who

[a]19:2 1Peter 1:16

eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the holy thing of YHWH, and that soul shall be cut off from his people.

9"'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10You shall not glean your vineyard, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and for the foreigner. I am YHWH your God.

11"'You shall not steal; neither shall you deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

12"'You shall not swear by my name falsely, and profane the name of your God. I am YHWH.[a]

13"'You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning.

14"'You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind; but you shall fear your God. I am YHWH.[b]

15"'You shall do no injustice in judgment: you shall not be partial to the poor, nor show favoritism to the great; but you shall judge your neighbor in righteousness.

16"'You shall not go up and down as a slanderer among your people; neither shall you stand against the life[c] of your neighbor. I am YHWH.[d]

17"'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

18"'You[e] shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.[f] I am YHWH.

19"'You shall keep my statutes.

"'You shall not crossbreed different kinds of animals.

"'you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed;

"'neither shall there come upon you a garment made of two kinds of material.

20"'If a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave girl, pledged to be married to another man, and not ransomed, or given

[a]19:12 LXX adds "your God"
[b]19:14 LXX adds "your God"
[c]19:16 literally, "blood"
[d]19:16 LXX adds "your God"
[e]19:18 LXX reads "And your hand'
[f]19:18 Matthew 5:43, 19:16, 22:39;Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27;Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8

her freedom; they shall be punished. They shall not be put to death, because she was not free. 21He shall bring his trespass offering to YHWH, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, even a ram for a trespass offering. 22The priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before YHWH for his sin which he has committed: and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

23"'When you come into the land,[a] and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as forbidden.[b] Three years shall they be forbidden to you. It shall not be eaten. 24But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, for giving praise to YHWH. 25In the fifth year you shall eat its fruit, that it may yield its increase to you. I am YHWH your God.

26"'You shall not eat any meat with the blood still in it; neither shall you practice divination, nor practice sorcery.

27"'You shall not cut the hair on the sides of your heads, neither shall you clip off the edge of your beard.

28"'You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you. I am YHWH.[c]

29"'Do not profane your daughter, to make her a prostitute; lest the land fall to prostitution, and the land become full of wickedness.

30"'You shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am YHWH.

31"'Do not turn to spirits of the dead, and do not inquire of familiar spirits, to be defiled by them. I am YHWH your God.

32"'You shall rise up before the gray head, and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God. I am YHWH.[d]

33"'If a stranger lives as a foreigner with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. 34The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am YHWH your God.

35"'You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length, of weight, or of quantity. 36You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37You shall observe all my statutes, and all my ordinances, and do them. I am YHWH.[e]'"

[a]19:23 LXX adds "which YHWH your God gives you"
[b]19:23 Lit., "uncircumcised"
[c]19:28 LXX adds "your God"
[d]19:32 LXX adds "your God"
[e]19:37 LXX adds "your God"

20 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Moreover, you shall tell the children of Israel, 'Anyone of the children of Israel, or from the foreigners who sojourn in Israel, who gives any of his offspring to Molech; he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3I also will set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people because he has given of his offspring to Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4If the people of the land all hide their eyes from that person, when he gives of his offspring to Molech, and do not put him to death; 5then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all who play the prostitute after him, to play the prostitute with Molech, from among their people.

6"'The person that turns to spirits of the dead, and to familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will even set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people.

7"'Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy;[a] for I am YHWH your God. 8You shall keep my statutes, and do them. I am YHWH who sanctifies you.

9"'For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death:[b] he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10"'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife[c] shall surely be put to death, both the adulterer and the adulteress. 11The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

12"'If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have committed a perversion; their blood shall be upon them.

13"'If a man has sexual relations with a male, as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

14"'If a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burned with fire, both he and they; that there may be no wickedness among you.

15"'If a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; and you shall kill the animal.

[a]20:7 1Peter 1:16
[b]20:9 Matthew 15:4; Mark 7:10
[c]20:10 LXX Mss. MT adds "he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife" by an accidental dittography

16"'If a woman approaches
any animal, and lies down with it,
you shall kill the woman, and the
animal: they shall surely be put to
death; their blood shall be upon
them.

17"'If a man takes his sister,
his father's daughter, or his
mother's daughter, and sees her
nakedness, and she sees his
nakedness; it is a shameful thing;
and they shall be cut off in the sight
of the children of their people: he
has uncovered his sister's
nakedness; he shall bear his
iniquity.

18"'If a man lies with a
woman having her monthly period,
and uncovers her nakedness; he has
made naked her fountain, and she
has uncovered the fountain of her
blood: and both of them shall be cut
off from among their people.

19"'You shall not uncover the
nakedness of your mother's sister,
nor of your father's sister; for he
has made naked his close relative:
they shall bear their iniquity. 20If a
man lies with his uncle's wife, he
has uncovered his uncle's
nakedness: they shall bear their sin;
they shall die childless.

21"'If a man takes his
brother's wife, it is an impurity: he
has uncovered his brother's
nakedness; they shall be childless.

22"'You shall therefore keep
all my statutes, and all my
ordinances, and do them; that the
land, where I am bringing you to
dwell, may not vomit you out.
23You shall not walk in the customs
of the nation, which I am casting
out before you: for they did all
these things, and therefore I
abhorred them. 24But I have said to
you, "You shall inherit their land,
and I will give it to you to possess
it, a land flowing with milk and
honey." I am YHWH your God,
who has separated you from the
peoples.

25"'You shall therefore make
a distinction between the clean
animal and the unclean, and
between the unclean fowl and the
clean: and you shall not make
yourselves abominable by animal,
or by bird, or by anything with
which the ground teems, which I
have separated from you as unclean
for you. 26You shall be holy to me:
for I, YHWH,[a] am holy, and have set
you apart from the peoples, that
you should be mine.

27"'A man or a woman that is
a medium, or is a wizard, shall
surely be put to death: they shall
stone them with stones; their blood
shall be upon them.'"

21 YHWH said to
Moses, "Speak to
the priests, the sons
of Aaron, and say to them, 'A priest
shall not defile himself for the dead

[a]20:26 LXX adds "your God"

among his people; [2]except for his relatives that are near to him: for his mother, for his father, for his son, for his daughter, for his brother, [3]and for his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband; for her he may defile himself. [4]He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

[5]"'They shall not shave their heads, neither shall they shave off the corners of their beards, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. [6]They shall be holy to their God, and not profane the name of their God; for they offer the offerings of YHWH made by fire, the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy.

[7]"'They shall not marry a woman who is a prostitute, or profane; neither shall they marry a woman divorced from her husband: for he is holy to[a] his God. [8]You shall sanctify him therefore; for he offers the bread of[b] your God: he shall be holy to you: for I YHWH, who sanctify you, am holy.

[9]"'The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the prostitute, she profanes[c] her father: she shall be burned with fire.

[10]"'He who is the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head hang loose, nor tear his clothes; [11]neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother; [12]neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I am YHWH.

[13]"'He shall take a wife in her virginity. [14]A widow, or one divorced, or a woman who has been defiled, or a prostitute, these he shall not marry: but a virgin of his own people shall he take as a wife. [15]He shall not profane his offspring among his people: for I am YHWH who sanctifies him.'"

[16]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [17]"Say to Aaron, 'None of your descendants throughout their generations who has a blemish, may approach to offer the bread of his God. [18]For whatever man he is that has a blemish, he shall not draw near: a blind man, or a lame, or he who has a flat nose, or any deformity, [19]or a man who has an injured foot, or an injured hand, [20]or hunchbacked, or a dwarf,[d] or one who has a defect in his eye, or an itching disease, or scabs, or who has damaged testicles; [21]no man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a blemish, shall come near

[a]21:7 LXX adds "YHWH"
[b]21:8 LXX adds "YHWH"
[c]21:9 LXX adds "the name"
[d]21:20 Or "emaciated"

to present offerings to your God[a] made by fire. Since he has a blemish, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. 22He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. 23He shall not come near to the veil, nor come near to the altar, because he has a blemish; that he may not profane my sanctuaries,[b] for I am YHWH who sanctifies them.'"

24So Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

22 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Tell Aaron and his sons to separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they make holy to me, and that they not profane my holy name. I am YHWH.

3"Tell them, 'If anyone of all your descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy things, which the children of Israel make holy to YHWH, having his uncleanness on him, that soul shall be cut off from before me. I am YHWH.[c]

4"'No man of the descendants of Aaron is a leper or has an issue, may eat of the holy things, until he is clean. Whoever touches anything that is unclean by the dead, a man who has had a seminal emission; 5or whoever touches any[d] crawling creature, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatever uncleanness he has; 6the person that touches any such shall be unclean until the evening, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his body in water. 7When the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because it is his bread. 8That which dies of itself, or is torn by animals, he shall not eat, defiling himself by it. I am YHWH.

9"'They shall therefore follow my requirements, lest they bear sin for it, and die because of it, if they profane it. I am YHWH[e] who sanctifies them.

10"'No stranger shall eat of the holy thing: a foreigner living with the priests, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing. 11But if a priest buys a slave, purchased by his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in his house, they shall eat of his bread. 12If a priest's daughter is married to an outsider, she shall not eat of the heave offering of the holy things. 13But if a priest's daughter is a widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned to her father's house, as in her youth, she may eat of her

[a]21:21 LXX. MT reads "offerings of YHWH"
[b]21:23 LXX reads "profane the sanctuary of his God"
[c]22:3 LXX adds "your God"
[d]22:5 LXX SP add "unclean"
[e]22:9 LXX adds "God"

father's bread: but no stranger shall eat any of it.

14"'If a man eats something holy unwittingly, then he shall add the fifth part of its value to it, and shall give the holy thing to the priest. 15The priests shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer to YHWH, 16and so cause them to bear the iniquity that brings guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am YHWH who sanctifies them.'"

17YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 18"Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'Any man of the house of Israel or the foreigners who sojourn[a] in Israel, who offers his offering, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their freewill offerings, which they offer to YHWH for a burnt offering; 19that you may be accepted, you shall offer a male without blemish, of the bulls, of the sheep, or of the goats. 20But whatever has a blemish, that you shall not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21Whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to YHWH to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it. 22Blind, injured, maimed, having a wart, festering, or having a running sore, you shall not offer these to YHWH, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to YHWH. 23Either a bull or a lamb that has any deformity or lacking in his parts, that you may offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. 24That which has its testicles bruised, crushed, broken, or cut, you shall not offer to YHWH; neither shall you do thus in your land. 25Neither shall you offer the bread of your God from the hand of a foreigner of any of these; because their corruption is in them. There is a blemish in them. They shall not be accepted for you.'"

26YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 27"When a bull, or a sheep, or a goat, is born, then it shall remain seven days with its mother; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for the offering of an offering made by fire to YHWH. 28Whether it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill it and its young both in one day.

29"When you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving to YHWH, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted. 30It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until the morning. I am YHWH.

31"Therefore you shall keep my commandments, and do them. I am YHWH. 32You shall not profane my holy name, but I will be made

[a]22:18 DSS Hebrew Mss SP Syr Vg. MT lacks "who sojourn" from haplography: hgr-hgr

holy among the children of Israel. I
am YHWH who makes you holy,
33who brought you out of the land
of Egypt, to be your God. I am
YHWH."

23 YHWH spoke to
Moses, saying,
2"Speak to the
children of Israel, and tell them,
'The set feasts of YHWH, which
you shall proclaim to be holy
convocations, even these are my set
feasts.

3"'Six days shall work be
done: but on the seventh day is a
Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy
convocation; you shall do no
manner of work. It is a Sabbath to
YHWH in all your dwellings.

4"'These are the set feasts of
YHWH, even holy convocations,
which you shall proclaim in their
appointed season. 5In the first
month, on the fourteenth day[a] of the
month in the evening, is YHWH's
Passover. 6On the fifteenth day of
the same month is the feast of
unleavened bread to YHWH. Seven
days you shall eat unleavened
bread. 7In the first day you shall
have a holy convocation. You shall
do no regular work. 8But you shall
offer an offering made by fire to
YHWH seven days. In the seventh
day is a holy convocation: you shall
do no regular work.'"

9YHWH spoke to Moses,
saying, 10"Speak to the children of
Israel, and tell them, 'When you
have come into the land which I
give to you, and shall reap its
harvest, then you shall bring the
sheaf of the first fruits of your
harvest to the priest: 11and he shall
wave the sheaf before YHWH, to be
accepted for you. On the next day
after the Sabbath the priest shall
wave it. 12On the day when you
wave the sheaf, you shall offer a
male lamb without blemish a year
old for a burnt offering to YHWH.
13The meal offering with it shall be
two tenth parts of an ephah of fine
flour mingled with oil, an offering
made by fire to YHWH for a
pleasant aroma; and the drink
offering with it shall be of wine, the
fourth part of a hin. 14You shall eat
neither bread, nor roasted grain, nor
fresh grain, until this same day,
until you have brought the offering
of your God. This is a statute
forever throughout your
generations in all your dwellings.

15"'You shall count from the
next day after the Sabbath, from the
day that you brought the sheaf of
the wave offering; seven Sabbaths
shall be completed: 16even to the
next day after the seventh Sabbath
you shall number fifty days; and
you shall offer a new meal offering
to YHWH. 17You shall bring out of
your habitations two loaves[b] of
bread for a wave offering made of

[a]23:5 MT lacks the word "day" and is supplied is most translations. LXX SP include the word "day"

[b]23:17 The word for "loaves" is not in MT and is supplied in most translations. LXX SP Tg Syr Mss have the word

two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour. They shall be baked with yeast, for first fruits to YHWH. 18You shall present with the bread seven lambs without blemish a year old, one young bull, and two rams.[a] They shall be a burnt offering to YHWH, with their meal offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHWH. 19You shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.[b] 20The priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering before YHWH, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to YHWH for the priest.[c] 21You shall make proclamation on the same day: there shall be a holy convocation to you; you shall do no regular work. This is a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22"'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap into the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest: you shall leave them for the poor, and for the foreigner. I am YHWH your God.'"

23YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 24"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest to you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25You shall do no regular work; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHWH.'"

26YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 27"However on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement[d]: it shall be a holy convocation to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHWH. 28You shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement[e], to make atonement for you before YHWH your God. 29For whoever it is who shall not deny himself in that same day; shall be cut off from his people. 30Whoever it is who does any manner of work in that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. 31You shall do no manner of work: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32It shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you shall deny yourselves. In the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall keep your Sabbath."

33YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 34"Speak to the children of Israel, and say, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of booths for seven days to YHWH. 35On the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do no

[a]23:18 LXX SP add "without blemish"
[b]23:19 LXX adds "with the loaves of the first fruits"
[c]23:20 LXX adds "They shall be his"
[d]23:27 Hebrew "Yom Kippur"
[e]23:28 Ibid

regular work. [36]Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHWH. On the eighth day shall be a holy convocation to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHWH. It is a solemn assembly; you shall do no regular work.

[37]"'These are the appointed feasts of YHWH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to YHWH, a burnt offering, and a meal offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, each on its own day; [38]besides the Sabbaths of YHWH, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to YHWH.

[39]"'So on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruits of the land, you shall keep the feast of YHWH seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. [40]You shall take on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before YHWH your God seven days. [41]You shall keep it a feast to YHWH seven days in the year: it is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall keep it in the seventh month. [42]You shall dwell in booths seven days. All who are native-born in Israel shall dwell in booths, [43]that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am YHWH your God.'"

[44]Moses declared to the children of Israel the appointed feasts of YHWH.

24 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Command the children of Israel, that they bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. [3]Outside of the veil of the Testimony, in the Tent of Meeting, shall Aaron[a] keep it in order from evening to morning before YHWH continually: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations. [4]He shall keep in order the lamps on the pure gold lampstand before YHWH continually.

[5]"You shall take fine flour, and bake twelve loaves of it: two tenth parts of an ephah shall be in one loaf. [6]You shall set them in two rows, six on a row, on the pure gold table before YHWH. [7]You shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire to YHWH. [8]Every Sabbath day he shall set it in order before YHWH continually. It is on the behalf of the children of Israel an

[a]24:3 Hebrew Mss LXX SP add "and his sons"

everlasting covenant. [9]It shall be for Aaron and his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place: for it is most holy to him of the offerings of YHWH made by fire by a perpetual statute."

[10]The son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelite woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp. [11]The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him to Moses. His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. [12]They put him in custody, until the will of YHWH should be declared to them.

[13]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [14]"Bring out of the camp him who cursed; and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him. [15]You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Whoever curses his[a] God shall bear his sin. [16]He who blasphemes the name of YHWH, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: the foreigner as well as the native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

[17]"'He who strikes any man mortally shall surely be put to death. [18]He who strikes an animal mortally shall make it good, life for life. [19]If anyone injures his neighbor; as he has done, so shall it be done to him: [20]fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth;[b] as he has injured someone, so shall it be done to him. [21]He who kills an animal shall make it good; and he who kills a man shall be put to death. [22]You shall have one kind of law, for the foreigner as well as the native-born: for I am YHWH your God.'"

[23]Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they brought forth him who had cursed out of the camp, and stoned him with stones. The children of Israel did as YHWH commanded Moses.

25 YHWH said to Moses in Mount Sinai, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to YHWH. [3]Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruits; [4]but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to YHWH. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. [5]What grows of itself in your harvest you shall not reap, and the grapes of your undressed vine you shall not gather. It shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. [6]The Sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for yourself, for your servant, for your maid, for your

[a]24:15 LXX lacks "his"

[b]24:20 Matthew 5:38

hired servant, and for your stranger,
who lives as a foreigner with you.
7For your livestock also, and for the
animals that are in your land, shall
all its increase be for food.

8"'You shall count off seven
Sabbaths of years, seven times
seven years; and there shall be to
you the days of seven Sabbaths of
years, even forty-nine years. 9Then
you shall sound the loud trumpet on
the tenth day of the seventh month.
On the Day of Atonement you shall
sound the trumpet throughout all
your land. 10You shall make the
fiftieth year holy, and proclaim
liberty throughout the land to all its
inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee to
you; and each of you shall return to
his own property, and each of you
shall return to his family. 11That
fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to
you. In it you shall not sow, neither
reap that which grows of itself, nor
gather from the undressed vines.
12For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy
to you. You shall eat of its increase
out of the field.

13"'In this Year of Jubilee
each of you shall return to his
property.

14"'If you sell anything to
your neighbor, or buy from your
neighbor, you shall not wrong one
another. 15According to the number
of years after the Jubilee you shall
buy from your neighbor. According
to the number of years of the crops
he shall sell to you. 16According to
the length of the years you shall
increase its price, and according to
the shortness of the years you shall
diminish its price; for he is selling
the number of the crops to you.
17You shall not wrong one another;
but you shall fear your God: for I
am YHWH your God.

18"'Therefore you shall do
my statutes, and keep my
ordinances and do them; and you
shall dwell in the land in safety.
19The land shall yield its fruit, and
you shall eat your fill, and dwell in
it in safety. 20If you said, "What
shall we eat the seventh year?
Look, we shall not sow, nor gather
in our increase;" 21then I will
command my blessing on you in
the sixth year, and it shall bring
forth fruit for the three years. 22You
shall sow the eighth year, and eat of
the fruits, the old store; until the
ninth year, until its fruits come in,
you shall eat the old store.

23"'The land shall not be sold
in perpetuity, for the land is mine;
for you are strangers and live as
foreigners with me. 24In all the land
of your possession you shall grant a
redemption for the land.

25"'If your brother becomes
poor, and sells some of his
possessions, then his kinsman who
is next to him shall come, and
redeem that which his brother has
sold. 26If a man has no one to
redeem it, and he becomes
prosperous and finds sufficient
means to redeem it; 27then let him
reckon the years since its sale, and
restore the surplus to the man to
whom he sold it; and he shall return
to his property. 28But if he isn't able
to get it back for himself, then what

he has sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the Year of Jubilee: and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his property.

29"'If a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it has been sold. For a full year he shall have the right of redemption. 30If it isn't redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in[a] the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee. 31But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country; they may be redeemed; and they shall be released in the Jubilee.

32"'Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem forever. 33The Levites may redeem the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, and it shall be released in the Jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. 34But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

35"'If your brother has become poor, and his hand can't support him among you; then you shall uphold him. As a stranger and a sojourner he shall live with you. 36Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God;[b] that your brother may live among you. 37You shall not lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food for profit. 38I am YHWH your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

39"'If your brother has grown poor among you, and sells himself to you; you shall not make him to serve as a slave. 40As a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you; he shall serve with you until the Year of Jubilee: 41then he shall go out from you, he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers. 42For they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. They shall not be sold as slaves. 43You shall not rule over him with harshness, but shall fear[c] your God.

44"'As for your male and your female slaves, whom you may have; of the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves. 45Moreover of the children of the strangers who sojourn among you, of them you may buy, and of their families who are with you, which they have conceived in your land; and they will be your property. 46You may make them an inheritance for your

[a]25:30 MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "not"

[b]22:36 LXX adds "I am YHWH"

[c]22:43 LXX adds "YHWH"

children after you, to hold for a possession; of them may you take your slaves forever: but over your brothers the children of Israel you shall not rule, one over another, with harshness.

47"'If a stranger or sojourner with you becomes rich, and your brother beside him has grown poor, and sells himself to the stranger or foreigner living among you, or to a member of the stranger's family; 48after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him; 49or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any who is a close relative to him of his family may redeem him; or if he has grown rich, he may redeem himself. 50He shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he sold himself to him to the Year of Jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years; according to the time of a hired servant shall he be with him. 51If there are yet many years, according to them he shall give back the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52If there remain but a few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him; according to his years of service he shall give back the price of his redemption. 53As a servant hired year by year shall he be with him: he shall not rule with harshness over him in your sight. 54If he isn't redeemed by these means, then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee, he, and his children with him. 55For to me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I am YHWH your God.

26 "'You shall make for yourselves no idols, neither shall you raise up an engraved image or a pillar, neither shall you place any figured stone in your land, to bow down to it: for I am YHWH your God.

2"'You shall keep my Sabbaths, and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am YHWH.

3"'If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5Your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time; and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6"'I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one will make you afraid; and I will remove evil animals out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9"'I will have respect for you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and will establish my covenant

with you. 10You shall eat old store
long kept, and you shall move out
the old because of the new. 11And I
will set my tabernacle[a] among you,
and my soul will not abhor you. 12I
will walk among you, and will be
your God, and you will be my
people.[b] 13I am YHWH your God,
who brought you forth out of the
land of Egypt, that you should not
be their slaves; and I have broken
the bars of your yoke, and made
you go upright.

14"'But if you will not listen
to me, and will not do all these
commandments; 15and if you shall
reject my statutes, and if your soul
abhors my ordinances, so that you
will not do all my commandments,
but break my covenant; 16I also will
do this to you: I will appoint terror
over you, even consumption and
fever, that shall consume the eyes,
and make the soul to pine away;
and you will sow your seed in vain,
for your enemies will eat it. 17I will
set my face against you, and you
will be struck before your enemies.
Those who hate you will rule over
you; and you will flee when no one
pursues you.

18"'If you in spite of these
things will not listen to me, then I
will chastise you seven times more
for your sins. 19I will break the
pride of your power, and I will
make your sky like iron, and your
soil like bronze; 20and your strength
will be spent in vain; for your land
won't yield its increase, neither will
the trees of the land[c] yield their
fruit.

21"'If you walk contrary to
me, and won't listen to me, then I
will bring seven times more
plagues on you according to your
sins. 22I will send the wild animals
among you, which will rob you of
your children, destroy your
livestock, and make you few in
number; and your roads will
become desolate.

23"'If by these things you
won't be reformed to me, but will
walk contrary to me; 24then I will
also walk contrary to you; and I
will strike you, even I, seven times
for your sins. 25I will bring a sword
upon you, that will execute the
vengeance of the covenant; and you
will be gathered together within
your cities: and I will send the
pestilence among you; and you will
be delivered into the hand of the
enemy. 26When I break your staff
of bread, ten women shall bake
your bread in one oven, and they
shall deliver your bread again by
weight: and you shall eat, and not
be satisfied.

27"'If you in spite of this
won't listen to me, but walk
contrary to me; 28then I will walk
contrary to you in wrath; and I also
will chastise you seven times for

[a]26:11 LXX A and B read "my covenant"
[b]26:12 2Co 6:16
[c]26:20 Hebrew Mss LXX SP Tg read "the field"

your sins. [29]You will eat the flesh
of your sons, and you will eat the
flesh of your daughters. [30]I will
destroy your high places, and cut
down your incense altars, and cast
your dead bodies upon the bodies
of your idols; and my soul will
abhor you. [31]I will lay your cities
waste, and will bring your
sanctuaries to desolation, and I will
not take delight in the sweet
fragrance of your offerings. [32]I will
bring the land into desolation; and
your enemies that dwell in it will be
astonished at it. [33]I will scatter you
among the nations, and I will draw
out the sword after you: and your
land will be a desolation, and your
cities shall be a waste. [34]Then the
land will enjoy its sabbaths as long
as it lies desolate and you are in
your enemies' land. Even then the
land will rest and enjoy its
sabbaths. [35]As long as it lies
desolate it shall have rest, even the
rest which it did not have in your
sabbaths, when you lived on it.

[36]"'As for those of you who
are left, I will send a faintness into
their hearts in the lands of their
enemies: and the sound of a driven
leaf will put them to flight; and they
shall flee, as one flees from the
sword; and they will fall when no
one pursues. [37]They will stumble
over one another, as it were before
the sword, when no one pursues:
and you will have no power to
stand before your enemies. [38]You
will perish among the nations, and
the land of your enemies will eat
you up. [39]Those of you who are left
will rot away in their iniquity in the
lands of their enemies;[a] and also in
the iniquities of their fathers shall
they rot away with them.

[40]"'If they confess their
iniquity, and the iniquity of their
fathers, in their trespass which they
trespassed against me, and also
that, because they walked contrary
to me, [41]I also walked contrary to
them, and brought them into the
land of their enemies: if then their
uncircumcised heart is humbled,
and they then accept the
punishment of their iniquity; [42]then
I will remember my covenant with
Jacob; and also my covenant with
Isaac, and also my covenant with
Abraham; and I will remember the
land. [43]The land also will be left by
them, and will enjoy its sabbaths
while it lies desolate without them:
and they will accept the
punishment of their iniquity;
because, even because they
rejected my ordinances, and their
soul abhorred my statutes. [44]Yet for
all that, when they are in the land of
their enemies, I will not reject
them, neither will I abhor them, to
destroy them utterly, and to break
my covenant with them; for I am
YHWH their God; [45]but I will for
their sake remember the covenant
of their ancestors, whom I brought
forth out of the land of Egypt in the
sight of the nations, that I might be
their God. I am YHWH.'"

[a]26:39 Hebrew Mss SP Versions. A
hey-kaph interchange

[46]These are the statutes, ordinances and laws, which YHWH made between him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by Moses.

27 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man makes a vow, the persons shall be for YHWH by your valuation. [3]Your valuation shall be of a male from twenty years old even to sixty years old, even your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. [4]If it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels. [5]If the person is from five years old even to twenty years old, then your valuation shall be for a male twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels. [6]If the person is from a month old even to five years old, then your valuation shall be for a male five shekels of silver, and for a female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver. [7]If the person is from sixty years old and upward; if it is a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels. [8]But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him who vowed shall the priest value him.

[9]"'If it is an animal, of which men offer an offering to YHWH, all that any man gives of such to YHWH becomes holy. [10]He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change animal for animal, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. [11]If it is any unclean animal, of which they do not offer as an offering to YHWH, then he shall set the animal before the priest; [12]and the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad. As you the priest values it, so shall it be. [13]But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of it to its valuation.

[14]"'When a man dedicates his house to be holy to YHWH, then the priest shall evaluate it, whether it is good or bad: as the priest shall evaluate it, so shall it stand. [15]If he who dedicates it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall be his.

[16]"'If a man dedicates to YHWH part of the field of his possession, then your valuation shall be according to the seed for it: the sowing of a homer of barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. [17]If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand. [18]But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain to the Year of Jubilee; and an abatement shall be made from your valuation. [19]If he who dedicated the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall remain his. [20]If he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to

another man, it shall not be redeemed any more; 21but the field, when it goes out in the Jubilee, shall be holy to YHWH, as a field devoted; it shall be owned by the priests.

22"'If he dedicates to YHWH a field which he has bought, which is not of the field of his possession, 23then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of your valuation up to the Year of Jubilee; and he shall give your valuation on that day, as a holy thing to YHWH. 24In the Year of Jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongs. 25All your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs to the shekel.

26"'Only the firstborn among animals, which is made a firstborn to YHWH, no man may dedicate it; whether an ox or sheep, it is YHWH's. 27If it is an unclean animal, then he shall buy it back according to your valuation, and shall add to it the fifth part of it: or if it isn't redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

28"'Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote to YHWH of all that he has, whether of man or animal, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy to YHWH.

29"'No one devoted, who shall be devoted from among men, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

30"'All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is YHWH's. It is holy to YHWH. 31If a man redeems anything of his tithe, he shall add a fifth part to it. 32All the tithe of the herds or the flocks, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to YHWH. 33He shall not search whether it is good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he changes it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. It shall not be redeemed.'"

34These are the commandments which YHWH commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Numbers

1 YHWH spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2"Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, every male, one by one; 3from twenty years old and upward, all who are able to go out to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their divisions. 4With you there

shall be a man of every tribe;
everyone head of his fathers'
house. 5These are the names of the
men who shall stand with you:
Of Reuben: Elizur the son of
Shedeur.
6Of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of
Zurishaddai.
7Of Judah: Nahshon the son of
Amminadab.
8Of Issachar: Nethanel the son of
Zuar.
9Of Zebulun: Eliab the son of
Helon.
10Of the people of Joseph:
Of Ephraim: Elishama the son of
Ammihud.
Of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of
Pedahzur.
11Of Benjamin: Abidan the son of
Gideoni.
12Of Dan: Ahiezer the son of
Ammishaddai.
13Of Asher: Pagiel the son of
Ochran.
14Of Gad: Eliasaph the son of
Reuel.[a]
15Of Naphtali: Ahira the son of
Enan."

16These are those who were
called of the congregation, the
leaders of the tribes of their fathers;
they were the heads of the
thousands of Israel. 17Moses and
Aaron took these men who are
mentioned by name. 18They
assembled all the congregation
together on the first day of the
second month[b]; and they declared
their ancestry by their families, by
their fathers' houses, according to
the number of the names, from
twenty years old and upward, one
by one. 19As YHWH commanded
Moses, so he numbered them in the
wilderness of Sinai.

20Now the descendants of
Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their
generations according to their
families, by their fathers' houses,
according to the number of the
names, one by one, every male
from twenty years old and upward,
all who were able to go out to war;
21those who were numbered of
them, of the tribe of Reuben, were
forty-six thousand five hundred.

22Of the descendants of
Simeon, their generations,
according to their families, by their
fathers' houses, those who were
numbered of it, according to the
number of the names, one by one,
every male from twenty years old
and upward, all who were able to
go out to war; 23those who were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand
three hundred.

24Of the descendants of Gad,
their generations, according to their
families, by their fathers' houses,
according to the number of the
names, from twenty years old and
upward, all who were able to go out
to war; 25those who were numbered
of them, of the tribe of Gad, were

[a]1:14 LXX Syr. MT reads "Deuel," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b]1:18 LXX adds "of the second year"

forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.

[26]Of the descendants of Judah, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [27]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were sixty-four thousand six hundred.

[28]Of the descendants of Issachar, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [29]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

[30]Of the descendants of Zebulun, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [31]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

[32]Of the sons of Joseph, of the descendants of Ephraim, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [33]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand five hundred.

[34]Of the descendants of Manasseh, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [35]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

[36]Of the descendants of Benjamin, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war; [37]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

[38]Of the descendants of Dan, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; [39]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

[40]Of the descendants of Asher, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; [41]those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of

Asher, were forty-one thousand five hundred.

42Of the descendants of Naphtali, their generations, according to their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go forth to war; 43those who were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44These are those who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the leaders of Israel, being twelve men;[a] each representing his fathers' house. 45So all those who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, all who were able to go out to war in Israel; 46even all those who were numbered were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 47But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. 48For YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 49"Only the tribe of Levi you shall not number, neither shall you take a census of them among the children of Israel; 50but appoint the Levites over the Tabernacle of the Testimony, and over all its furnishings, and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle, and all its furnishings; and they shall take care of it, and shall camp around it. 51When the tabernacle is to move, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall set it up. The stranger who comes near shall be put to death. 52The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their divisions. 53But the Levites shall camp around the Tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be responsible for the Tabernacle of the Testimony."

54Thus the children of Israel did. According to all that YHWH commanded Moses,[b] so they did.

2 YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2"The children of Israel shall camp every man by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses: at a distance from the Tent of Meeting shall they camp around it."

3Those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their divisions: and the prince of the people of Judah shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 4His division, and those who were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred.

[a]1:44 LXX SP add "one man for each tribe." Perhaps lost from haplography by sight confusion in a square script: lm(th)_':lb(yt)_'. Cf. Deuteronomy 1:23

[b]1:54 LXX adds "and Aaron"

5 Those who camp next to him
shall be the tribe of Issachar: and
the prince of the people of Issachar
shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar.
6 His division, and those who were
numbered of it, were fifty-four
thousand four hundred.

7 The[a] tribe of Zebulun: and
the prince of the people of Zebulun
shall be Eliab the son of Helon.
8 His division, and those who were
numbered of it, were fifty-seven
thousand four hundred.

9 All who were numbered of
the camp of Judah were one
hundred eighty-six thousand four
hundred, according to their
divisions. They shall set out first.

10 "On the south side shall be
the standard of the camp of Reuben
according to their divisions. The
prince of the people of Reuben
shall be Elizur the son of Shedeur.
11 His division, and those who were
numbered of it, were forty-six
thousand five hundred.

12 "Those who camp next to
him shall be the tribe of Simeon.
The prince of the people of Simeon
shall be Shelumiel the son of
Zurishaddai. 13 His division, and
those who were numbered of them,
were fifty-nine thousand three
hundred.

14 "The tribe of Gad: and the
prince of the people of Gad shall be
Eliasaph the son of Reuel.[b] 15 His
division, and those who were
numbered of them, were forty-five
thousand six hundred fifty.

16 "All who were numbered of
the camp of Reuben were one
hundred fifty-one thousand four
hundred fifty, according to their
armies. They shall set out second.

17 "Then the Tent of Meeting
shall set out, with the camp of the
Levites in the midst of the camps.
As they camp, so shall they set out,
every man in his place, by their
standards.

18 "On the west side shall be
the standard of the camp of
Ephraim according to their
divisions: and the prince of the
people of Ephraim shall be
Elishama the son of Ammihud.
19 His division, and those who were
numbered of them, were forty
thousand five hundred.

20 "Next to him shall be the
tribe of Manasseh: and the prince of
the people of Manasseh shall be
Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 21 His
division, and those who were
numbered of them, were thirty-two
thousand two hundred.

22 "The tribe of Benjamin:
and the prince of the people of
Benjamin shall be Abidan the son
of Gideoni. 23 His army, and those

[a] 2:7 LXX adds "Those who camp next to him shall be." Cf. v.5

[b] 2:14 MT LXX Syr. Hebrew Mss SP Vg read "Deuel"

who were numbered of them, were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

24"All who were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were one hundred eight thousand one hundred, according to their divisions. They shall set out third.

25"On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their divisions: and the prince of the people of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26His division, and those who were numbered of them, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

27"Those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the prince of the people of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. 28His division, and those who were numbered of them, were forty-one thousand and five hundred.

29"The tribe of Naphtali: and the prince of the people of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. 30His division, and those who were numbered of them, were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

31"All who were numbered of the camp of Dan were one hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall set out last by their standards."

32These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses. All who were numbered of the camps according to their armies were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 33But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as YHWH commanded Moses.

34Thus the children of Israel did. According to all that YHWH commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, everyone by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

3 Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that YHWH spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai. 2These are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he[a] consecrated to minister in the priest's office. 4Nadab and Abihu died before YHWH, when they offered strange fire before YHWH, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children. Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father.

5YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 6"Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister to him. 7They shall keep his

[a]3:3 DSS LXX read "they"

requirements, and the requirements of the whole congregation before the Tent of Meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. [8]They shall keep all the furnishings of the Tent of Meeting, and the obligations of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. [9]You shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons. They are wholly given to him on the behalf of the children of Israel. [10]And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they attend to their priesthood;[a] but the unauthorized person who comes near shall be put to death."

[11]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [12]"Look, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn who open the womb among[b] the children of Israel;[c] and the Levites shall be mine: [13]for all the firstborn are mine. On the day that I struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I made holy to me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and animal. They shall be mine. I am YHWH."

[14]YHWH spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, [15]"Count the descendants of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families. You shall count every male from a month old and upward."

[16]Moses numbered them according to the word of YHWH, as he was commanded.

[17]These were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

[18]These are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei.

[19]The sons of Kohath by their families: Amram, and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

[20]The sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi.

These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

[21]Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

[22]Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those who were numbered of them were seven thousand five hundred.

[23]The families of the Gershonites shall camp behind the tabernacle westward.

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[a]3:10 LXX adds "and everything concerning the altar and inside the veil." Cf. Numbers 18:7

[b]3:12 DSS Hebrew Mss SP Vg. MT reads "from"

[c]3:12 LXX SP add "they will be their redemption"

[24]The prince of the fathers' house of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of Lael. [25]The duty of the sons of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, its covering, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, [26]and the curtaining of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and around the altar, and its cords for all of its service.

[27]Of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites. [28]According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were eight thousand six hundred, keeping the requirements of the sanctuary.

[29]The families of the sons of Kohath shall camp on the south side of the tabernacle. [30]The prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites shall be Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. [31]Their duty shall be the ark, the table, the lamp stand, the altars, the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all its service. [32]Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief of the leaders of the Levites, with the oversight of those who keep the requirements of the sanctuary.

[33]Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites. These are the families of Merari. [34]Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand two hundred.

[35]The prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They shall camp on the north side of the tabernacle. [36]The appointed duty of the sons of Merari shall be the tabernacle's boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its instruments, all its service, [37]the pillars of the court around it, their sockets, their pins, and their cords. [38]Those who camp before the tabernacle eastward, in front of the Tent of Meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the requirements of the sanctuary for the duty of the children of Israel. The unauthorized person who comes near shall be put to death. [39]All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of YHWH, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand.

[40]YHWH said to Moses, "Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. [41]You shall take the Levites for me (I am YHWH) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the children of Israel."

42Moses numbered, as YHWH commanded him, all the
firstborn among the children of
Israel. 43All the firstborn males
according to the number of names,
from a month old and upward, of
those who were numbered of them,
were twenty-two thousand two
hundred seventy-three.

44YHWH spoke to Moses,
saying, 45"Take the Levites instead
of all the firstborn among the
children of Israel, and the livestock
of the Levites instead of their
livestock; and the Levites shall be
mine. I am YHWH. 46For the
redemption of the two hundred
seventy-three of the firstborn of the
children of Israel, who exceed the
number of the Levites, 47you shall
take five shekels apiece for each
one; after the shekel of the
sanctuary you shall take them (the
shekel is twenty gerahs): 48and you
shall give the money, with which
the remainder of them is redeemed,
to Aaron and to his sons."

49Moses took the redemption
money from those who exceeded
the number of those who were
redeemed by the Levites; 50from
the firstborn of the children of
Israel he took the money, one
thousand three hundred sixty-five
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary: 51and Moses gave the
redemption money to Aaron and to
his sons, according to the word of
YHWH, as YHWH commanded
Moses.

4 YHWH spoke to Moses
and to Aaron, saying,
2"Take a census of the
sons of Kohath from among the
sons of Levi, by their families, by
their fathers' houses, 3from thirty
years old and upward even until
fifty years old, all who enter into
the service, to do the work in the
Tent of Meeting. 4This is the
service of the sons of Kohath in the
Tent of Meeting, the most holy
things. 5When the camp moves
forward, Aaron shall go in, and his
sons, and they shall take down the
veil of the screen, and cover the ark
of the Testimony with it, 6and shall
put a covering of sealskin on it, and
shall spread over it a cloth all of
blue, and shall put in its poles. 7On
the table of show bread they shall
spread a blue cloth, and put on it the
dishes, the spoons, the bowls, and
the pitchers for pouring with them;[a]
and the continual bread shall be on
it. 8They shall spread on them a
scarlet cloth, and cover the same
with a covering of sealskin, and
shall put in its poles. 9They shall
take a blue cloth, and cover the
lampstand of the light, and its
lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff
dishes, and all its oil vessels, with
which they minister to it. 10They
shall put it and all its vessels within
a covering of sealskin, and shall put
it on the frame. 11On the golden
altar they shall spread a blue cloth,

[a]4:7 DSS. MT lacks "with them" from haplography: lhm-wlhm

and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in its poles. 12They shall take all the vessels of ministry, with which they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a blue cloth, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the frame. 13They shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it. 14They shall put on it all its vessels, with which they minister about it, the fire pans, the flesh hooks, the shovels, and the basins; all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread on it a covering of sealskin, and put in its poles.[a]

15"When Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary, and all the furniture of the sanctuary, as the camp moves forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to carry it: but they shall not touch the sanctuary, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting.

16"The duty of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be the oil for the light, the sweet incense, the continual meal offering, and the anointing oil, the requirements of all the tabernacle, and of all that is in it, the sanctuary, and its furnishings."

17YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 18"Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19but thus do to them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach to the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them everyone to his service and to his burden; 20but they shall not go in to see the sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die."

21YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 22"Take a census of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' houses, by their families; 23you shall count them from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old; all who enter in to wait on the service, to do the work in the Tent of Meeting. 24This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the Tent of Meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above on it, and the screen for the door of the Tent of Meeting, 26and the tapestries of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and around the altar, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatever shall be done with them. So they are to serve. 27At the commandment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burden, and in all their service; and you shall

[a]4:14 LXX SP add "And they are to take a purple cloth and cover up the wash basin and its base, and they are to put them into a blue cover of leather and put them on poles"

appoint their duty to them in all their responsibilities. [28]This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the Tent of Meeting: and their duty shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

[29]"As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' houses; [30]you shall count them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who enters on the service, to do the work of the Tent of Meeting. [31]This is the duty of their burden, according to all their service in the Tent of Meeting: the tabernacle's boards, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, [32]and the pillars of the court around it, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service. And you shall assign by name all[a] the items he must carry. [33]This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the Tent of Meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

[34]Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' houses, [35]from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of Meeting. [36]Those who were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred fifty. [37]These are those who were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of YHWH by Moses.

[38]Those who were numbered of the sons of Gershon, their families, and by their fathers' houses, [39]from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of Meeting, [40]even those who were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two thousand six hundred thirty. [41]These are those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, all who served in the Tent of Meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of YHWH. [42]Those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' houses, [43]from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service, for work in the Tent of Meeting, [44]even those who were numbered of them by their families, were three thousand two hundred. [45]These are those who were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the

[a]4:32 Hebrew Ms LXX SP Tg Ms. MT lacks "all" from haplography: kl-kl

commandment of YHWH by Moses. 46All those who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families, and by their fathers' houses, 47from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of Meeting, 48even those who were numbered of them, were eight thousand five hundred eighty. 49According to the commandment of YHWH they were numbered by Moses, everyone according to his service, and according to his burden. Thus were they numbered by him, as YHWH commanded Moses.

5 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, and everyone who has an issue, and whoever is unclean by the dead. 3Both you shall put male and female outside of the camp; that they not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell."

4The children of Israel did so, and put them out outside of the camp; as YHWH spoke to Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 6"Speak to the children of Israel: When a man or woman commits any sin that men commit, so as to trespass against YHWH, and that[a] soul is guilty; 7then he shall confess his sin which he has done, and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add to it the fifth part of it, and give it to him in respect of whom he has been guilty. 8But if the man has no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made to YHWH shall be the priest's; besides the ram of the atonement, by which atonement shall be made for him. 9Every heave offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they present to the priest, shall be his. 10Every man's holy things shall be his: whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his."

11YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 12"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them: If any man's wife goes astray, and is unfaithful to him, 13and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and is kept close, and she is defiled, and there is no witness against her, and she isn't taken in the act; 14and the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she isn't defiled: 15then the man shall bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring her offering for her: the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal. He shall pour no oil on it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is a meal offering of jealousy, a meal

[a]5:6 DSS SP Fem. MT Masc

offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to memory. 16The priest shall bring her near, and set her before YHWH; 17and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water. 18The priest shall set the woman before YHWH, and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and put the meal offering of memorial in her hands, which is the meal offering of jealousy. The priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that brings a curse. 19The priest shall cause her to swear, and shall tell the woman, 'If no man has lain with you, and if you haven't gone aside to uncleanness, being under your husband, be free from this water of bitterness that brings a curse. 20But if you have gone astray, being under your husband, and if you are defiled, and some man has lain with you besides your husband:' 21then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of cursing, and the priest shall tell the woman, 'YHWH make you a curse and an oath among your people, when YHWH allows your thigh to fall away, and your body to swell; 22and this water that brings a curse will go into your bowels, and make your body swell, and your thigh fall away.' The woman shall say, 'Amen, Amen.'

23"The priest shall write these curses on a scroll, and he shall blot them out into the water of bitterness.[a] 24He shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causes the curse; and the water that causes the curse shall enter into her and become bitter. 25The priest shall take the meal offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the meal offering before YHWH, and bring it to the altar. 26The priest shall take a handful of the meal offering, as its memorial, and burn it on the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. 27When he has made her drink the water, then it shall happen, if she is defiled, and has committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that causes the curse will enter into her and become bitter, and her body will swell, and her thigh will fall away: and the woman will be a curse among her people. 28If the woman isn't defiled, but is clean; then she shall be free and will conceive children.

29"This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goes astray, and is defiled; 30or when the spirit of jealousy comes on a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then he shall set the woman before YHWH, and the priest shall execute on her all this law. 31The man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity."

[a]5:23 LXX Vg add "that brings a curse," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: rym-rym

6 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them: When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to YHWH, [3]he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of fermented drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. [4]All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is made of the grapevine, from the seeds even to the skins.

[5]"All the days of his vow of separation there shall no razor come on his head, until the days are fulfilled, in which he separates himself to YHWH. He shall be holy. He shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

[6]"All the days that he separates himself to YHWH he shall not go near a dead body. [7]He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his separation to God is on his head. [8]All the days of his separation he is holy to YHWH.

[9]"If any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing. On the seventh day he shall shave it. [10]On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting. [11]The priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall make his head holy that same day. [12]He shall separate to YHWH the days of his separation, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a trespass offering; but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

[13]"This is the law of the Nazirite: when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door of the Tent of Meeting, [14]and he shall offer his offering to YHWH, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings, [15]and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings. [16]The priest shall present them before YHWH, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering. [17]He shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to YHWH, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also its meal offering, and its drink offering. [18]The Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings. [19]The priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened

cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the head of his separation; [20]and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before YHWH. This is holy for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is offered. After that the Nazirite may drink wine.

[21]"This is the law of the Nazirite who vows, and of his offering to YHWH for his separation, besides that which he is able to get. According to his vow which he vows, so he must do after the law of his separation."

[22]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [23]"Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is how you shall bless the children of Israel.' You shall tell them,

[24]'YHWH bless you, and keep you.
[25]YHWH make his face to
shine on you,
and be gracious to you.
[26]YHWH lift up his face toward
you,
and give you peace.'

[27]"So they shall put my name on the children of Israel; and I will bless them."

7 It happened on the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, with all its furniture, and the altar with all its vessels, and had anointed and sanctified them; [2]that the leaders of Israel, the heads of their ancestral houses, offered. These were the leaders of the tribes. These are they who were over those who were numbered: [3]and they brought their offering before YHWH, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the leaders, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. [4]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [5]"Accept these from them, that they may be used in doing the service of the Tent of Meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service."

[6]Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites. [7]He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gershon, according to their service: [8]and he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. [9]But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because the service of the sanctuary belonged to them; they carried it on their shoulders.

[10]And the leaders gave offerings for the dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the leaders gave their offerings before the altar.

[11]YHWH said to Moses, "They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar."

[12]He who offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of

Judah, [13]and his offering was: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; [14]one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense;[15]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; [16]one male goat for a sin offering; [17]and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

[18]On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, gave his offering. [19]He offered for his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels,
one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; [20]one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; [21]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; [22]one male goat for a sin offering; [23]and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

[24]On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the people of Zebulun [25]gave his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; [26]one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense;[27]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; [28]one male goat for a sin offering; [29]and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

[30]On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the people of Reuben [31]gave his offering: one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering; [32]one golden ladle of ten shekels, full of incense; [33]one young bull, one ram, one male lamb a year old, for a burnt offering; [34]one male goat for a sin offering; [35]and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two head of cattle, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs a year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

[36]On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the people of Simeon [37]gave his offering:
one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine

flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; [38]one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; [39]one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
[40]one male goat for a sin offering;
[41]and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old: this was the
offering of Shelumiel the son of
Zurishaddai.

[42]On the sixth day, Eliasaph
the son of Reuel,[a] prince of the
people of Gad [43]gave his offering:
one silver platter, the weight of
which was one hundred thirty
shekels, one silver bowl of seventy
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; [44]one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; [45]one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
[46]one male goat for a sin offering;
[47]and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Eliasaph the son of
Reuel.[b]

[48]On the seventh day
Elishama the son of Ammihud,
prince of the people of Ephraim
[49]gave his offering:
one silver platter, the weight of
which was one hundred thirty
shekels, one silver bowl of seventy
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; [50]one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; [51]one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
[52]one male goat for a sin offering;
[53]and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Elishama the son of
Ammihud.

[54]On the eighth day Gamaliel
the son of Pedahzur, prince of the
people of Manasseh [55]gave his
offering: one silver platter, the
weight of which was one hundred
thirty shekels, one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of
the sanctuary; both of them full of
fine flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; [56]one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; [57]one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
[58]one male goat for a sin offering;
[59]and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Gamaliel the son of
Pedahzur.

[60]On the ninth day Abidan
the son of Gideoni, prince of the
people of Benjamin [61]gave his
offering: one silver platter, the
weight of which was one hundred

[a]7:42 LXX Syr. MT reads "Deuel," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b]7:47 LXX Syr. MT reads "Deuel"

thirty shekels, one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of
the sanctuary; both of them full of
fine flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; 62one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; 63one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
64one male goat for a sin offering;
65and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Abidan the son of
Gideoni.

66On the tenth day Ahiezer
the son of Ammishaddai, prince of
the people of Dan 67gave his
offering: one silver platter, the
weight of which was one hundred
thirty shekels, one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of
the sanctuary; both of them full of
fine flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; 68one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; 69one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
70one male goat for a sin offering;
71and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Ahiezer the son of
Ammishaddai.

72On the eleventh day Pagiel
the son of Ochran, prince of the
people of Asher 73gave his offering:
one silver platter, the weight of
which was one hundred thirty
shekels, one silver bowl of seventy
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; 74one golden ladle of ten
shekels, full of incense; 75one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
76one male goat for a sin offering;
77and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Pagiel the son of
Ochran.

78On the twelfth day Ahira
the son of Enan, prince of the
people of Naphtali 79gave his
offering: one silver platter, the
weight of which was one hundred
thirty shekels, one silver bowl of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of
the sanctuary; both of them full of
fine flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering; 80one golden spoon of ten
shekels, full of incense; 81one
young bull, one ram, one male lamb
a year old, for a burnt offering;
82one male goat for a sin offering;
83and for the sacrifice of peace
offerings, two head of cattle, five
rams, five male goats, and five
male lambs a year old. This was the
offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84This was the dedication of
the altar, on the day when it was
anointed, by the leaders of Israel:
twelve silver platters, twelve silver
bowls, twelve golden ladles; 85each
silver platter weighing one hundred
thirty shekels, and each bowl
seventy; all the silver of the vessels
two thousand four hundred shekels,
after the shekel of the sanctuary;
86the twelve golden ladles, full of
incense, weighing ten shekels

apiece, after the shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the ladles weighed one hundred twenty shekels; 87all the cattle for the burnt offering twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the male lambs a year old twelve, and their meal offering;[a] and the male goats for a sin offering twelve; 88and all the cattle for the sacrifice of peace offerings twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the male lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after it was anointed.

89When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with YHWH, he heard his voice[b] speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spoke to him.

8 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to Aaron, and tell him, 'When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand.'"

3Aaron did so. He lit its lamps to light the area in front of the lampstand, as YHWH commanded Moses. 4This was the workmanship of the lampstand, beaten work of gold. From its base to its flowers, it was beaten work: according to the pattern which YHWH had shown Moses, so he made the lampstand.

5YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 6"Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7You shall do this to them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of cleansing on them, let them shave their whole bodies with a razor, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. 8Then let them take a young bull, and its meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and another young bull you shall take for a sin offering. 9You shall present the Levites before the Tent of Meeting. You shall assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel. 10You shall present the Levites before YHWH. The children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites, 11and Aaron shall offer the Levites before YHWH for a wave offering, on the behalf of the children of Israel, that it may be theirs to do the service of YHWH. 12The Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls, and you shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering to YHWH, to make atonement for the Levites. 13You shall set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them as a wave offering to YHWH. 14Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the children of

[a]7:87 LXX adds "and their drink offerings," possibly lost from haplography due to graphic similarity: wmnhtm-wnskyhm

[b]7:89 LXX reads "speak with him, he heard the voice of YHWH"

Israel, and the Levites shall be mine.

15"After that, the Levites shall go in to do the service of the Tent of Meeting: and you shall cleanse them, and offer them as a wave offering. 16For they are wholly given to me from among the children of Israel; instead of all who open the womb, even the firstborn of all the children of Israel, I have taken them to me. 17For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are mine, both man and animal. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them for myself. 18I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel. 19I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the Tent of Meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel; that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come near to the sanctuary."

20Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel did so to the Levites. According to all that YHWH commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the children of Israel did to them. 21The Levites purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them for a wave offering before YHWH; and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. 22After that, the Levites went in to do their service in the Tent of Meeting before Aaron, and before his sons: as YHWH had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 24"This is that which belongs to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to wait on the service in the work of the Tent of Meeting; 25and from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting on the work, and shall serve no more, 26but shall minister with their brothers in the Tent of Meeting, to perform the duty, and shall do no service. You shall do thus to the Levites concerning their duties."

9 YHWH spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2"Moreover let the children of Israel keep the Passover in its appointed season. 3On the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed season—according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances, you shall keep it."

4Moses spoke to the children of Israel, that they should keep the Passover. 5They kept the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that YHWH commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did. 6There were certain men, who were unclean because of the dead body of a man, so that they could not

keep the Passover on that day, and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day. 7Those men said to him, “We are unclean because of the dead body of a man. Why are we kept back, that we may not offer the offering of YHWH in its appointed season among the children of Israel?”

8Moses answered them, “Wait, that I may hear what YHWH will command concerning you.”

9YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 10“Say to the children of Israel, ‘If any man of you or of your generations is unclean by reason of a dead body, or is on a journey far away, he shall still keep the Passover to YHWH. 11In the second month, on the fourteenth day at evening they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break a bone of it. [a]According to all the statute of the Passover they shall keep it. 13But the man who is clean, and is not on a journey, and fails to keep the Passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people. Because he did not offer the offering of YHWH in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14If a foreigner lives among you, and desires to keep the Passover to YHWH; according to the statute of the Passover, and according to its ordinance, so shall he do. You shall have one statute, both for the foreigner, and for him who is born in the land.’”

15On the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the Tent of the Testimony: and at evening it was over the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. 16So it was continually. The cloud covered it by day,[b] and the appearance of fire by night. 17Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the children of Israel traveled; and in the place where the cloud remained, there the children of Israel camped. 18At the commandment of YHWH, the children of Israel traveled, and at the commandment of YHWH they camped. As long as the cloud remained on the tabernacle they remained camped. 19When the cloud stayed on the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the command of God,[c] and did not travel. 20Sometimes the cloud was a few days on the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of YHWH they remained camped, and according to the commandment of YHWH they traveled. 21Sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they traveled: or by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they traveled. 22Whether it was two days, or a month, or a year that the cloud

[a]9:12 John 19:36
[b]9:16 LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT lacks “by day”
[c]9:19 LXX. MT reads “YHWH”

stayed on the tabernacle, remaining on it, the children of Israel remained camped, and did not travel; but when it was taken up, they traveled. [23]At the commandment of YHWH they camped, and at the commandment of YHWH they traveled. They kept YHWH's command, at the commandment of YHWH by Moses.

10 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Make two trumpets of silver. You shall make them of beaten work. You shall use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. [3]When they blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the Tent of Meeting. [4]But if they blow just one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to you. [5]When you blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall go forward. [6]When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall go forward. They shall blow an alarm for their journeys. [7]But when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. [8]The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets. This shall be to you for a statute forever throughout your generations. [9]When you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets. Then you will be remembered before YHWH your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

[10]"Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God. I am YHWH your God."

[11]It happened in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. [12]The children of Israel went forward according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud abode in the wilderness of Paran. [13]They first went forward according to the commandment of YHWH by Moses.

[14]First, the standard of the camp of the people of Judah went forward according to their armies. Nahshon the son of Amminadab was over his army. [15]Nethanel the son of Zuar was over the army of the tribe of the people of Issachar. [16]Eliab the son of Helon was over the army of the tribe of the people of Zebulun. [17]The tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who bore the tabernacle, went forward. [18]The standard of the camp of Reuben went forward according to their armies. Elizur the son of Shedeur was over his army. [19]Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai was over the army of the tribe of the

people of Simeon. [20]Eliasaph the son of Reuel[a] was over the army of the tribe of the people of Gad.

[21]The Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary. The others set up the tabernacle before they arrived.

[22]The standard of the camp of the people of Ephraim set forward according to their armies. Elishama the son of Ammihud was over his army. [23]Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur was over the army of the tribe of the people of Manasseh. [24]Abidan the son of Gideoni was over the army of the tribe of the people of Benjamin.

[25]The standard of the camp of the people of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to their armies. Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai was over his army. [26]Pagiel the son of Ochran was over the army of the tribe of the people of Asher. [27]Ahira the son of Enan was over the army of the tribe of the people of Naphtali. [28]Thus were the travels of the children of Israel according to their armies; and they went forward.

[29]Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' brother-in-law,[b] "We are journeying to the place of which YHWH said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well; for YHWH has spoken good concerning Israel."

[30]He said to him, "I will not go; but I will depart to my own land, and to my relatives."

[31]He said, "Do not leave us, please; because you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. [32]And it shall be, if you go with us, that it shall be that whatever good YHWH does to us, we will do the same to you."

[33]They set forward from the Mount of YHWH three days' journey. The ark of the covenant of YHWH went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. [34]The cloud of YHWH was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp. [35]It happened, when the ark went forward, that Moses said, "Rise up, YHWH, and let your enemies be scattered. Let those who hate you flee before you." [36]When it rested, he said, "Return, YHWH, to the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel."

11 The people were complaining in the ears of YHWH. When YHWH heard it, his anger was kindled; and YHWH's fire burnt among them, and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

[a]10:20 LXX Syr. MT reads "Deuel," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b]10:29 Heb. choten, a relation by marriage. Here translated as brother-in-law

[2]The people cried to Moses; and
Moses prayed to YHWH, and the
fire abated. [3]The name of that place
was called Taberah[a], because
YHWH's fire burnt among them.

[4]The mixed multitude that
was among them lusted
exceedingly: and the children of
Israel also wept again, and said,
"Who will give us flesh to eat? [5]We
remember the fish, which we ate in
Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers,
and the melons, and the leeks, and
the onions, and the garlic; [6]but now
we have lost our appetite. There is
nothing at all except this manna to
look at." [7]The manna was like
coriander seed, and its appearance
like the appearance of bdellium.
[8]The people went around, gathered
it, and ground it in mills, or beat it
in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and
made cakes of it. Its taste was like
the taste of fresh oil. [9]When the
dew fell on the camp in the night,
the manna fell on it.

[10]Moses heard the people
weeping throughout their families,
every man at the door of his tent;
and the anger of YHWH was
kindled greatly; and Moses was
displeased. [11]Moses said to YHWH,
"Why have you treated with your
servant so badly? Why haven't I
found favor in your sight, that you
lay the burden of all this people on
me? [12]Have I conceived all this
people? Have I brought them forth,
that you should tell me, 'Carry
them in your bosom, as a nurse
carries a nursing infant, to the land
which you swore to their fathers?'
[13]Where could I get meat to give to
all this people? For they weep to
me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we
may eat.' [14]I am not able to bear all
this people alone, because it is too
heavy for me. [15]If you treat me this
way, please kill me right now, if I
have found favor in your sight; and
do not let me see my
wretchedness."

[16]YHWH said to Moses,
"Gather to me seventy men of the
elders of Israel, whom you know to
be the elders of the people, and
officers over them; and bring them
to the Tent of Meeting, that they
may stand there with you. [17]I will
come down and talk with you there.
I will take of the Spirit which is on
you, and will put it on them; and
they shall bear the burden of the
people with you, that you not bear
it yourself alone.

[18]"Say to the people,
'Sanctify yourselves against
tomorrow, and you will eat flesh;
for you have wept in the ears of
YHWH, saying, "Who will give us
flesh to eat? For it was well with us
in Egypt." Therefore YHWH will
give you flesh, and you will eat.
[19]You will not eat one day, nor two
days, nor five days, neither ten
days, nor twenty days, [20]but a
whole month, until it come out at
your nostrils, and it is loathsome to
you; because that you have rejected
YHWH who is among you, and

[a]11:3 Taberah means "burning"

have wept before him, saying, “Why did we come out of Egypt?”””

[21]Moses said, “The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand men on foot; and you have said, ‘I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month.’ [22]Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?”

[23]YHWH said to Moses, “Has YHWH’s hand grown short? Now you will see whether my word will happen to you or not.”

[24]Moses went out, and told the people the words of YHWH; and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them around the Tent. [25]YHWH came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was on him, and put it on the seventy elders: and it happened that when the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did so no more. [26]But two men remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the Spirit rested on them; and they were of those who were written, but had not gone out to the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. [27]A young man ran, and told Moses, and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

[28]Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his chosen men, answered, “My lord Moses, forbid them.”

[29]Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all YHWH’s people were prophets, that YHWH would put his Spirit on them.”
[30]Moses went into the camp, he and the elders of Israel. [31]A wind from YHWH went out and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp, about a day’s journey on this side, and a day’s journey on the other side, around the camp, and about three feet[a] above the ground. [32]The people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day,[b] and gathered the quails. He who gathered least gathered ten homers;[c] and they spread them all abroad for themselves around the camp. [33]While the flesh was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of YHWH was kindled against the people, and YHWH struck the people with a very great plague. [34]The name of that place was called Kibroth Hattaavah,[d] because there they buried the people who lusted.

[a]11:31 Or, 0.9 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters, or 17.72 inches
[b]11:32 DSS LXX SP read “night and all the day, the next,”
[c]11:32 1 homer is about 220 litres or 6 bushels
[d]11:34 Kibroth Hattaavah means “graves of lust”

35From Kibroth Hattaavah
the people traveled to Hazeroth;
and they stayed at Hazeroth.

12 Miriam and Aaron
spoke against Moses
because of the
Cushite woman whom he had
married; for he had married a
Cushite woman. 2They said, "Has
YHWH indeed spoken only with
Moses? Hasn't he spoken also with
us?" And YHWH heard it.

3Now the man Moses was
very humble, above all the men
who were on the surface of the
earth. 4YHWH spoke suddenly to
Moses, to Aaron, and to Miriam,
"You three come out to the Tent of
Meeting."

The three of them came out.
5YHWH came down in a pillar of
cloud, and stood at the door of the
Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam;
and they both came forward. 6He[a]
said,[b] "Hear now my words. If there
is a prophet among you, I YHWH
will make myself known to him in
a vision. I will speak with him in a
dream. 7My servant Moses is not
so. He is faithful in all my house.
8With him I will speak mouth to
mouth, openly,[c] and not in riddles;
and he shall see YHWH's form.
Why then were you not afraid to
speak against my servant, against
Moses?" 9The anger of YHWH was
kindled against them; and he
departed. 10The cloud departed
from over the Tent; and look,
Miriam was leprous, as white as
snow. Aaron looked at Miriam, and
look, she was leprous.

11Aaron said to Moses, "Oh,
my lord, please do not count this sin
against us, in which we have done
foolishly, and in which we have
sinned. 12Let her not, I pray, be as
one dead, of whom the flesh is half
consumed when he comes out of
his mother's womb."

13Moses cried to YHWH,
saying, "Heal her, God, I beg you."

14YHWH said to Moses, "If
her father had but spit in her face,
shouldn't she be ashamed seven
days? Let her be shut up outside of
the camp seven days, and after that
she shall be brought in again."

15Miriam was shut up outside
of the camp seven days, and the
people did not travel until Miriam
was brought in again. 16Afterward
the people traveled from Hazeroth,
and camped in the wilderness of
Paran.

13 YHWH spoke to
Moses, saying,
2"Send men, that
they may spy out the land of
Canaan, which I give to the
children of Israel. Of every tribe of

[a]12:6 DSS LXX Ms (kai eipen kurios: b =LXX(L); cdgiknw) read "And said YHWH"

[b]12:6 DSS LXX add "to them"

[c]12:8 DSS Ms MT Mss LXX SP. MT reads "even appearance"

their fathers, you shall send a man, every one a prince among them."

3Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of YHWH: all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. 4These were their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zakkur. 5Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. 6Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. 9Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11Of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. 12Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Maki.[a] 16These are the names of the men who Moses sent to spy out the land. Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua. 17Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way by the Negev, and go up into the hill country: 18and see the land, what it is; and the people who dwell in it, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; 19and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood in it, or not. Be courageous, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes." 21So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to Lebo Hamath. 22They went up by the Negev, and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23They came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes on it,[b] and they bore it on a staff between two. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs. 24That place was called[c] the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from there. 25They returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. 26They went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them, and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27They told him, and said, "We came to the land where you sent us; and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is its fruit. 28However the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. Moreover, we saw the

[a]13:15 MT reads mky. DSS reads myk' "Micha," the aleph possibly lost in MT from haplography with the next word

[b]13:23 DSS LXX. MT lacks "on it"

[c]13:24 DSS LXX SP read "They called that place"

descendants of Anak there. [29]Amalek dwells in the land of the Negev: and the Hethites, and the Hivites,[a] and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the hill country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea, and along by the side of the Jordan." [30]Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." [31]But the men who went up with him said, "We aren't able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." [32]They brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out to the children of Israel, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people who we saw in it are men of great stature. [33]There we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who come of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."

14 All the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. [2]All the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt, or would that we had died in this wilderness. [3]Why does YHWH bring us to this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey: wouldn't it be better for us to return into Egypt?" [4]And they said to one another, "Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt." [5]Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. [6]Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of those who spied out the land, tore their clothes: [7]and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceeding good land. [8]If YHWH delights in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which flows with milk and honey. [9]Only do not rebel against YHWH, neither fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is removed from over them, and YHWH is with us. Do not fear them." [10]But all the congregation threatened to stone them with stones. Then the glory of YHWH appeared[b] at the Tent of Meeting to all the children of Israel. [11]YHWH said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have worked among them? [12]I will strike them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and I will make of you and your father's house[c] a nation greater and mightier than

[a]13:29 LXX SP cf. BHS. MT lacks "and the Hivites"
[b]14:10 LXX ("on the tent") Tg Syr Ms (in/at the Tent") add "in the cloud." A possible expansion cf. 12:10 or, in Tg Syr Ms, a homoioarcton: b-b
[c]14:12 LXX SP. MT lacks "and your father's house," from homoioteleuton: k-k

they." [13]Moses said to YHWH, "Then the Egyptians will hear it; for you brought up this people in your might from among them; [14]and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you YHWH are in the midst of this people; for you YHWH are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them, and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. [15]Now if you killed this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of you will speak, saying, [16]'Because YHWH was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore to them, therefore he has slain them in the wilderness.' [17]Now please let the power of the Lord be great, according as you have spoken, saying, [18]'YHWH is slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness,[a] forgiving iniquity and disobedience;[b] and that will by no means clear *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children,[c] upon the third and upon the fourth *generation*.' [19]Please pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your loving kindness, and according as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." [20]YHWH said, "I have pardoned according to your word. [21]But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of YHWH; [22]because all those men who have seen my glory, and my signs, which I worked in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten times, and have not listened to my voice; [23]surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of those who despised me see it: [24]but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed me fully, him will I bring into the land into which he went; and his descendants shall possess it. [25]Now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley: tomorrow turn, and go into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea." [26]YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, [27]"How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. [28]Tell them, 'As I live, says YHWH, surely as you have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you: [29]your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me, [30]surely you shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore that I would make you dwell in it, except

[a]14:18 Hebrew Mss LXX SP add "and true" Cf. Exodus 34:6
[b]14:18 Hebrew Mss LXX SP add "and sins," possibly lost homoioarcton: w-w, or homoioteleuton: h-h. Cf. Exodus 34:7
[c]14:18 Exodus 34:7 and 20:5 Hebrew Mss. MT lacks "and upon the children's children" from homoioteleuton: bnym-bnym

Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31But your little ones, that you said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected. 32But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33Your children shall be wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your prostitution, until your dead bodies be consumed in the wilderness. 34After the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you will bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you will know my alienation.' 35I, YHWH, have spoken, surely this will I do to all this evil congregation, who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die." 36The men, whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, 37even those men who brought up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before YHWH. 38But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men who went to spy out the land. 39Moses told these words to all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. 40They rose up early in the morning, and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Look, we are here, and will go up to the place which YHWH has promised: for we have sinned." 41Moses said, "Why now do you disobey the commandment of YHWH, since it shall not prosper? 42Do not go up, for YHWH isn't among you; that you not be struck down before your enemies. 43For there the Amalekite and the Canaanite are before you, and you shall fall by the sword: because you are turned back from following YHWH, therefore YHWH will not be with you."

44But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of YHWH, and Moses, did not depart out of the camp. 45Then the Amalekite came down, and the Canaanite who lived in that mountain, and struck them and beat them down, even to Hormah.

15 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you have come into the land of your habitations, which I give to you, 3and will make an offering by fire to YHWH, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or as a freewill offering, or in your set feasts, to make a pleasant aroma to YHWH, of the herd, or of the flock; 4then he who offers his offering shall offer to YHWH a meal offering of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of oil: 5and wine for the drink offering, the fourth part of a hin, you shall prepare with the burnt offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb.

6"'Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a meal offering two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the third part of a hin of

oil: [7]and for the drink offering you
shall offer the third part of a hin of
wine, of a pleasant aroma to
YHWH. [8]When you prepare a bull
for a burnt offering, or for a
sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or
for peace offerings to YHWH; [9]then
shall he offer with the bull a meal
offering of three tenth parts of an
ephah of fine flour mixed with half
a hin of oil: [10]and you shall offer for
the drink offering half a hin of
wine, for an offering made by fire,
of a pleasant aroma to YHWH.
[11]Thus shall it be done for each
bull, or for each ram, or for each of
the male lambs, or of the young
goats. [12]According to the number
that you shall prepare, so you shall
do to everyone according to their
number.

[13]"'All who are native-born
shall do these things in this way, in
offering an offering made by fire,
of a pleasant aroma to YHWH. [14]If
a stranger lives as a foreigner with
you, or whoever may be among you
throughout your generations, and
will offer an offering made by fire,
of a pleasant aroma to YHWH; as
you do, so he shall do. [15]For the
assembly, there shall be one statute
for you, and for the stranger who
lives among you, a statute forever
throughout your generations: as
you are, so shall the foreigner be
before YHWH. [16]One law and one
ordinance shall be for you, and for
the stranger who lives as a
foreigner with you.'"

[17]YHWH spoke to Moses,
saying, [18]"Speak to the children of
Israel, and tell them, 'When you
come into the land where I bring
you, [19]then it shall be that when you
eat of the bread of the land, you
shall offer up a wave offering to
YHWH. [20]Of the first of your dough
you shall offer up a cake for a wave
offering: as the wave offering of the
threshing floor, so you shall heave
it. [21]Of the first of your dough you
shall give to YHWH a wave offering
throughout your generations.

[22]"'When you shall err, and
not observe all these
commandments, which YHWH has
spoken to Moses, [23]even all that
YHWH has commanded you by
Moses, from the day that YHWH
gave commandment, and onward
throughout your generations; [24]then
it shall be, if it be done unwittingly,
without the knowledge of the
congregation, that all the
congregation shall offer one young
bull for a burnt offering, for a
pleasant aroma to YHWH, with the
meal offering of it, and the drink
offering of it, according to the
ordinance, and one male goat for a
sin offering. [25]The priest shall make
atonement for all the congregation
of the children of Israel, and they
shall be forgiven; for it was an
error, and they have brought their
offering, an offering made by fire
to YHWH, and their sin offering
before YHWH, for their error: [26]and
all the congregation of the children
of Israel shall be forgiven, and the
stranger who lives as a foreigner
among them; for in respect of all
the people it was done unwittingly.

[27]"'If one person sins
unwittingly, then he shall offer a

female goat a year old for a sin offering. 28The priest shall make atonement for the soul who errs, when he sins unwittingly, before YHWH, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29You shall have one law for him who does anything unwittingly, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them.
30"'But the person who acts defiantly, whether he is native-born or a foreigner, the same blasphemes God,[a] and that person is to be cut off from among his people. 31Because he has despised the word of YHWH, and has broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be on him.'"

32While the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. 33Those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. 34They put him in custody, because it had not been declared what should be done to him.

35YHWH said to Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside of the camp." 36All the congregation brought him outside of the camp, and stoned him to death with stones; as YHWH commanded Moses.

37YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 38"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them that they should make themselves fringes[b] in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put on the fringe[c] of each border a cord of blue: 39and it shall be to you for a fringe[d], that you may look on it, and remember all the commandments of YHWH, and do them; and that you not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you use to play the prostitute; 40that you may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. 41I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am YHWH your God."

16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took Dathan and Abiram,[e] the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, son[f] of Reuben, 2and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred fifty leaders of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown; 3and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much on yourself, since all the

[a]15:30 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]15:38 Or, tassels. Hebrew: tzitzit
[c]15:38 Or, tassel
[d]15:39 Or, tassel
[e]16:1 DSS cf. LXX Vg read "Abirom"
[f]16:1 MT Ms LXX SP cf. BHS. MT reads "sons"

congregation are holy, everyone of them, and YHWH is among them: why then lift yourselves up above the assembly of YHWH?"
4When Moses heard it, he fell on his face: 5and he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, "In the morning YHWH[a] will show who are his, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he has chosen[b] he will bring near to him. 6Do this: take censers, Korah, and all his company; 7and put fire in them, and put incense on them before YHWH tomorrow: and it shall be that the man whom YHWH chooses, he shall be holy. You have gone too far, you sons of Levi."
8Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi. 9Is it a small thing to you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of YHWH, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them; 10and that he has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you? and do you seek the priesthood also? 11Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against God.[c] And Aaron, what is he that you murmur against him?"

12Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, "We won't come up: 13is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but you must also make yourself a prince over us? 14Moreover you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: will you put out the eyes of these men? We won't come up." 15Moses was very angry, and said to YHWH, "Do not respect their offering: I have not taken one donkey from them, neither have I hurt one of them."
16Moses said to Korah, "You and all your company go before YHWH, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow: 17and each man take his censer, and put incense on them, and each man bring before YHWH his censer, two hundred fifty censers; you also, and Aaron, each his censer." 18They each took his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood at the door of the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19Korah assembled all the congregation against them to the door of the Tent of Meeting: and the glory of YHWH appeared to all the congregation.
20YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 21"Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." 22They fell on their faces, and said, "God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry[d] with all the congregation?"

[a]16:5 LXX reads "God"
[b]16:5 DSS LXX. MT reads "will choose"
[c]16:11 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]16:22 LXX reads "the anger of YHWH"

[23]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [24]"Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from around the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'" [25]Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. [26]He spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins."

[27]So they went away from the tent of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram, came out, and stood at the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. [28]Moses said, "Hereby you shall know that YHWH has sent me to do all these works; for they are not from my own mind. [29]If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then YHWH hasn't sent me. [30]But if YHWH make a new thing, and the ground open its mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain to them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then you shall understand that these men have despised YHWH."

[31]It happened, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground split apart that was under them; [32]and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who appertained to Korah, and all their goods. [33]So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into Sheol: and the earth closed on them, and they perished from among the assembly. [34]All Israel that were around them fled at their cry; for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up." [35]Fire came forth from YHWH, and devoured the two hundred fifty men who offered the incense.

[36]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [37]"Speak to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire yonder; for they are holy, [38]even the censers of these sinners against their own lives; and let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before YHWH; therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign to the children of Israel." [39]Eleazar[a] the priest took the bronze censers, which those who were burnt had offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the altar, [40]to be a memorial to the children of Israel, to the end that no stranger, who isn't of the descendants of Aaron, comes near to burn incense before YHWH; that he not be as Korah, and as his company: as YHWH spoke to him by Moses. [41]But on the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You have killed YHWH's people." [42]It happened, when the congregation was assembled against Moses and

[a]16:39 LXX SP add "the son of Aaron"

against Aaron, that they looked toward the Tent of Meeting: and look, the cloud covered it, and the glory of YHWH appeared. 43Moses and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting. 44YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 45"Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." They fell on their faces.

46Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer, and put fire from off the altar in it, and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from YHWH. The plague has begun."

47Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and look, the plague has begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people. 48He stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49Now those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those who died about the matter of Korah. 50Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the Tent of Meeting: and the plague was stayed.

17 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Speak to the children of Israel, and take of them rods, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods: write every man's name on his rod. 3You shall write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses. 4You shall lay them up in the Tent of Meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. 5It shall happen, that the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall bud: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you."

6Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and all their leaders gave him rods, one for each leader, according to their ancestral houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. 7Moses laid up the rods before YHWH in the tent of the testimony.

8It happened on the next day, that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and look, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and put forth buds, and produced blossoms, and bore ripe almonds. 9Moses brought out all the rods from before YHWH to all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10YHWH said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; that you may make an end of their murmurings against me, that they not die." 11Moses did so. As YHWH commanded him, so he did.

12The children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Look, we perish. We are undone. We are all undone. 13Everyone who comes

near, who comes near to the tabernacle of YHWH, dies. Will we all perish?"

18 YHWH said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your fathers' house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. 2Your brothers also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, bring near with you, that they may be joined to you, and minister to you: but you and your sons with you shall be before the tent of the testimony. 3They shall keep your commands, and the duty of all the Tent: only they shall not come near to the vessels of the sanctuary and to the altar, that they not die, neither they, nor you. 4They shall be joined to you, and keep the responsibility of the Tent of Meeting, for all the service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come near to you.

5"You shall perform the duty of the sanctuary, and the duty of the altar; that there be no more wrath on the children of Israel. 6And as for me, look, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the children of Israel; they are a gift to you,[a] given to YHWH, to do the service of the Tent of Meeting. 7You and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for everything concerning the altar, and for that inside the veil; and you shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger who comes near shall be put to death."

8YHWH spoke to Aaron, "I, look, I have given you the command of my wave offerings, even all the holy things of the children of Israel; to you have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to your sons, as a portion forever. 9This shall be yours of the most holy things from the fire: every offering of theirs, even every meal offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall render to me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons. 10You shall eat of it like the most holy things. Every male shall eat of it. It shall be holy to you.

11"This is yours, too: the wave offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the children of Israel. I have given them to you, and to your sons and to your daughters with you, as a portion forever. Everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.

12"All the best of the oil, and all the best of the vintage, and of the grain, the first fruits of them which they give to YHWH, to you have I given them. 13The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to YHWH, shall be yours; everyone who is clean in your house shall eat of it.

[a]18:6 LXX Syr Vg lack "to you"

14"Everything devoted in
Israel shall be yours. 15Everything
that opens the womb, of all flesh
which they offer to YHWH, both of
man and animal shall be yours:
nevertheless you shall surely
redeem the firstborn of man, and
you shall redeem the firstborn of
unclean animals. 16You shall
redeem those who are to be
redeemed of them from a month
old, according to your estimation,
for five shekels of money, after the
shekel of the sanctuary, which is
twenty gerahs.

17"But you shall not redeem
the firstborn of a cow, or the
firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn
of a goat. They are holy. You shall
sprinkle their blood on the altar,
and shall burn their fat for an
offering made by fire, for a pleasant
aroma to YHWH. 18Their flesh shall
be yours, as the wave offering
breast and as the right thigh, it shall
be yours. 19All the wave offerings
of the holy things, which the
children of Israel offer to YHWH,
have I given you, and your sons and
your daughters with you, as a
portion forever: it is a covenant of
salt forever before YHWH to you
and to your descendants with you."

20YHWH said to Aaron, "You
shall have no inheritance in their
land, neither shall you have any
portion among them. I am your
portion and your inheritance
among the children of Israel.

21"To the descendants of
Levi, look, I have given all the tithe
in Israel for an inheritance, in
return for their service which they
serve, even the service of the Tent
of Meeting. 22Hereafter the
children of Israel shall not come
near the Tent of Meeting, lest they
bear sin, and die. 23But the Levites
shall do the service of the Tent of
Meeting, and they shall bear their
iniquity: it shall be a statute forever
throughout your generations; and
among the children of Israel they
shall have no inheritance. 24For the
tithe of the children of Israel, which
they offer as a wave offering to
YHWH, I have given to the Levites
for an inheritance: therefore I have
said to them, 'Among the children
of Israel they shall have no
inheritance.'"

25YHWH spoke to Moses,
saying, 26"Moreover you shall
speak to the Levites, and tell them,
'When you take of the children of
Israel the tithe which I have given
you from them for your inheritance,
then you shall offer up a wave
offering of it for YHWH, a tithe of
the tithe. 27Your wave offering
shall be reckoned to you, as though
it were the grain of the threshing
floor, and as the fullness of the
winepress. 28Thus you also shall
offer a wave offering to YHWH of
all your tithes, which you receive of
the children of Israel; and of it you
shall give YHWH's wave offering
to Aaron the priest. 29Out of all
your gifts you shall offer every
wave offering of YHWH, of all its
best, even the holy part of it out of
it.'

30"Therefore you shall tell
them, 'When you heave its best

from it, then it shall be reckoned to the Levites as the increase of the threshing floor, and as the increase of the winepress. 31You shall eat it in every place, you and your households[a]: for it is your reward in return for your service in the Tent of Meeting. 32You shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have heaved from it its best: and you shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, that you not die.'"

19 YHWH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2"This is the statute of the law which YHWH has commanded: Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is no blemish, and which was never yoked. 3And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and they shall bring it outside of the camp, and they[b] shall slaughter it in his presence. 4And Eleazar the priest shall take of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle this blood toward the front of the Tent of Meeting seven times. 5Then he shall burn the heifer in his sight; its skin, and its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, he shall burn. 6And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. 7Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. 8He who burns her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening.

9"A man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up outside of the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water for impurity: it is a sin offering. 10He who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: and it shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger who lives as a foreigner among them, for a statute forever.

11"He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days: 12the same shall purify himself with water on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he doesn't purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. 13Whoever touches a dead person, the body of a man who has died, and doesn't purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of YHWH; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet on him.

14"This is the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes

[a]18:31 DSS MT Ms LXX SP. MT reads "household"

[b]19:3 DSS LXX. MT reads "he"

into the tent, and everyone who is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15Every open vessel, which has no covering bound on it, is unclean.

16"Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17"For the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the sin offering; and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: 18and a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent, and on all[a] the vessels, and on the persons who were there, and on him who touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave: 19and the clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening. 20But the man who shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of YHWH: the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean. 21It shall be a perpetual statute to them: and he who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.

22"Whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until evening."

20 The children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month: and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. 2There was no water for the congregation: and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3The people strove with Moses, and spoke, saying, "We wish that we had died when our brothers died before YHWH. 4Why have you brought the assembly of YHWH into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our animals? 5Why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in to this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink."

6Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces: and the glory of YHWH appeared to them. 7YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 8"Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it give forth

[a]19:18 LXX SP lack "all"

its water; and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their livestock drink."

9Moses took the rod from before YHWH, as he commanded him. 10Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels; shall we bring you water out of this rock for you?" 11Moses lifted up his hand, and struck the rock with his rod twice: and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock.

12YHWH said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

13These are the waters of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with YHWH, and he was sanctified in them.[a] 14Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, saying:

"Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the travail that has happened to us: 15how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers: 16and when we cried to YHWH, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt: and look, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of your border.

17"Please let us pass through your land: we will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink of the water of the wells: we will go along the king's highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed your border."

18Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against you."

19The children of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway; and if we drink of your water, I and my livestock, then will I give its price: let me only, without doing anything else, pass through on my feet."

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[a]20:13 DSS SP add "And Moses said, Lord GOD, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to your works, and according to your mighty acts? Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that good hill country, and Lebanon." And YHWH said to Moses, "Enough from you; speak no more to me of this matter. Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes: for you shall not go over this Jordan." Cf. Deuteronomy 3:24-27

20He said, “You shall not
pass through.” Edom came out
against him with many people, and
with a strong hand. 21Thus Edom
refused to give Israel passage
through his border, so Israel turned
away from him.

22They traveled from
Kadesh: and the children of Israel,
even the whole congregation, came
to Mount Hor. 23YHWH spoke to
Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by
the border of the land of Edom,
saying, 24“Aaron shall be gathered
to his people; for he shall not enter
into the land which I have given to
the children of Israel, because you
rebelled against my word at the
waters of Meribah. 25Take Aaron
and Eleazar his son, and bring them
up to Mount Hor; 26and strip Aaron
of his garments, and put them on
Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be
taken, and shall die there.”

27Moses did as YHWH
commanded: and they went up into
Mount Hor in the sight of all the
congregation. 28Moses stripped
Aaron of his garments, and put
them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron
died there on the top of the
mountain: and Moses and Eleazar
came down from the mountain.
29When all the congregation saw
that Aaron was dead, they wept for
Aaron thirty days, even all the
house of Israel.

21 When the Canaanite
king of Arad who
lived in the Negev heard that Israel
came by the way of Atharim, then
he fought against Israel, and took
some of them captive. 2Israel
vowed a vow to YHWH, and said,
“If you will indeed deliver this
people into my hand, then I will
utterly destroy their cities.” 3YHWH
listened to the voice of Israel, and
delivered up the Canaanites[a]; and
they utterly destroyed them and
their cities: and the name of the
place was called Hormah.

4They traveled from Mount
Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to
compass the land of Edom: and the
soul of the people was much
discouraged because of the way.
5The people spoke against God, and
against Moses, “Why have you
brought us up out of Egypt to die in
the wilderness? For there is no
bread, and there is no water; and
our soul loathes this light bread.”

6YHWH sent fiery serpents
among the people, and they bit the
people; and many people of Israel
died. 7The people came to Moses,
and said, “We have sinned, because
we have spoken against YHWH,
and against you. Pray to YHWH,
that he take away the serpents from
us.” Moses prayed for the people.

8YHWH said to Moses,
“Make a fiery serpent, and set it on
a standard: and it shall happen, that
everyone who is bitten, when he
sees it, shall live.” 9Moses made a
serpent of bronze, and set it on the

[a]21:3 LXX SP Syr add “into his hand”

standard: and it happened, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze, he lived. 10The children of Israel traveled, and camped in Oboth. 11They traveled from Oboth, and camped at Iyeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrise. 12From[a] there they traveled, and camped in the Valley of Zered. 13From[b] there they traveled, and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that comes out of the border of the Amorites: for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of YHWH, "Waheb in Suphah, the valleys of the Arnon, 15the slope of the valleys that incline toward the dwelling of Ar, leans on the border of Moab."

16From there they traveled to Beer: that is the well of which YHWH said to Moses, "Gather the people together, and I will give them water."

17Then sang Israel this song:
"Spring up, well; sing to it:
18the well, which the princes dug,
which the nobles of the people dug,
with the scepter, and with their staffs."

From the wilderness they traveled to Mattanah; 19and from Mattanah to Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to Bamoth; 20and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looks down on the desert. 21Israel[c] sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, 22"Let me pass through your land: we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will not drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's highway, until we have passed your border."

23Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz; and he fought against Israel. 24Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, even to the people of Ammon; for the border of the people of Ammon was strong. 25Israel took all these cities: and Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its towns. 26For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even to the Arnon. 27Therefore those who speak in proverbs say,
"Come to Heshbon.

[a]21:12 DSS SP add Deuteronomy 2:9 before "From"
[b]21:13 DSS SP add Deuteronomy 2:18-19 before "From"
[c]21:21 DSS SP add Deuteronomy 2:24-25 before "Israel"

Let the city of Sihon be built
and established;
[28]for a fire has gone out of
Heshbon,
a flame from the city of
Sihon.
It has devoured Ar of Moab,
swallowed up[a] the high
places of the Arnon.
[29]Woe to you, Moab.
You are undone, people of
Chemosh.
He has given his sons as fugitives,
and his daughters into
captivity,
to Sihon king of the
Amorites.
[30]And we shot at them.
Heshbon has perished as far
as Dibon.
And we have laid waste as far as
Nophah,
which reaches to Medeba."

[31]Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites. [32]Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took its towns, and drove out the Amorites who were there. [33]They turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

[34]YHWH said to Moses, "Do not fear him: for I have delivered him into your hand, and all his people, and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."

[35]So they struck him, and his sons and all his people, until there was none left him remaining: and they possessed his land.

22 The children of Israel traveled, and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. [2]Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. [3]Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. [4]Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this multitude will lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

[5]He sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor, at Pethor on the river, to the land of the people of Ammon,[b] to call him, saying, "Look, there is a people who came out from Egypt. Look, they cover the surface of the earth, and they are settling next to me. [6]And now please come, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail, that we may strike them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you

[a]21:28 LXX. MT reads "lords"

[b]22:5 Hebrew Mss SP Syr Vg. MT reads "to the land of Amaw," from the loss of a nun

bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."

7The elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak. 8And he said to them, "Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as YHWH shall speak to me." The princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. 9And God came to Balaam, and said,[a] "Who are these men with you?" 10And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying,[b] 11'Look, this people has come out of Egypt and they cover the surface of the earth.[c] Come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive them out.[d]'"

12And God said to Balaam, "You are not to go with them, and you are not to curse the people, for they are blessed."
13And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, "Go to your lord;[e] for God[f] refuses to permit me to go with you."

14The princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us."

15Then Balak again sent princes, more in number and more honorable than these. 16They came to Balaam, and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, 'Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me: 17for I will greatly honor you, and whatever you say to me I will do for you.[g] Please come therefore, and curse this people for me.'"

18Balaam answered the servants of Balak, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I can't go beyond the command of YHWH my God, to do less or more.[h] 19Now therefore, you also stay here tonight, that I may know what else YHWH will say to me."

20God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak to you, that you shall do."

21Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab. 22God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of YHWH placed himself in the way for an

[a]22:9 DSS LXX add "to him"
[b]22:10 DSS LXX Syr. MT lacks "saying"
[c]22:11 DSS LXX add "and they are dwelling next to me." Cf. v. 5
[d]22:11 DSS LXX add "of the land." Cf. v. 6
[e]22:13 DSS LXX. MT reads "your land"
[f]22:13 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]22:17 DSS LXX. MT lacks "for you" from haplography: lkh-wlkh
[h]22:18 DSS LXX add "in my heart." Cf. Numbers 24:13

adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23The donkey saw the angel of God[a] standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the way. 24Then the angel of God[b] stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25The donkey saw the angel of God,[c] and she thrust herself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he struck her again.

26The angel of God[d] went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27The donkey saw the angel of God,[e] and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff.
28And God[f] opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

29Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have mocked me, I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would have killed you."

30The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Was I ever in the habit of doing so to you?" He said, "No."

31Then God[g] opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of God[h] standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. 32The angel of God[i] said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Look, I have come forth as an adversary, because your way is perverse before me: 33and the donkey saw me, and turned aside before me these three times. Unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I would have killed you, and saved her alive."

34Balaam said to the angel of YHWH, "I have sinned; for I did not know that you stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again." 35The angel of God[j] said to Balaam, "Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to the City of Moab,

[a]22:23 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]22:24
[c]22:25 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]22:26 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]22:27 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[f]22:28 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[g]22:31 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[h]22:31 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[i]22:32 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[j]22:35 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

which is on the border of the Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border. 37Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not earnestly send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able indeed to promote you to honor?"

38Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you: have I now any power at all to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak."

39Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath Huzoth. 40Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him. 41It happened in the morning, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal; and he saw from there the utmost part of the people.

23 Balaam said to Balak, "Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams."

2Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram. 3Balaam said to Balak, "Station yourself by your burnt offering, and I[a] will go. Perhaps God[b] will come to meet me, and whatever he shows me I will tell you." And Balak went off and stationed himself by his offering, and Balaam called to God[c] and went off to a barren height. 4And God met Balaam, and he said to him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on every altar."

5And God[d] put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

6He returned to him, and look, he was standing by his burnt offering, he, and all the princes of Moab.[e] 7He took up his parable, and said,

"From Aram has Balak brought me,
the king of Moab from the mountains of the East.
'Come, curse Jacob for me.
Come, defy Israel.'
8How shall I curse whom YHWH[f] has not cursed?
How shall I defy whom God[g] has not defied?

9For from the top of the rocks I see him.
From the hills I see him.
Look, it is a people that dwells alone,
and not counting itself among the nations.

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[a]23:3 DSS LXX Mss add "myself"
[b]23:3 DSS LXX SP. MT reads "YHWH"
[c]23:3 DSS LXX. MT lacks "And Balak went…God" from haplography: wylk-wylk. Cf. N. Jastram in The Madrid Qumran Congress, 1:185-86
[d]23:5 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[e]23:6 LXX(B) adds "and the Spirit of God came upon him"
[f]23:8 LXX. MT reads "God"
[g]23:8 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob,
and who has numbered[a] the
fourth part of Israel?
Let me die the death of the
righteous.
Let my last end be like his."

11 Balak said to Balaam,
"What have you done to me? I took
you to curse my enemies, and look,
you have blessed them altogether."
12 He answered and said, "Must I
not be careful to speak that which
God[b] puts in my mouth?"

13 Balak said to him, "Please
come with me to another place,
where you may see them; you shall
see but the utmost part of them, and
shall not see them all; and curse
them for me from there."

14 He took him into the field
of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and
built seven altars, and offered up a
bull and a ram on every altar. 15 He
said to Balak, "Station yourself
here by your burnt offering, while I
meet[c] over there."
16 And God[d] met Balaam, and put a
word in his mouth, and said,
"Return to Balak, and say this."

17 He came to him, and look,
he was standing by his burnt
offering, and the princes of Moab
with him. Balak said to him, "What
has YHWH spoken?"

18 He took up his parable, and
said,
"Rise up, Balak, and hear.
Listen to me, you son of
Zippor.
19 God is not a man, that he should
lie,
nor the son of man, that he
should repent.
Has he said, and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken, and will
he not make it good?
20 Look, I have received a
command to bless.
He has blessed, and I can't
reverse it.
21 He has not seen iniquity in
Jacob.
Neither has he seen
perverseness in Israel.
YHWH his God is with him.
The shout of a king is among
them.
22 God brings them out of Egypt.
He has as it were the
strength of the wild
ox.
23 Surely there is no enchantment
with Jacob;
neither is there any
divination with Israel.
Now it shall be said of Jacob and
of Israel,
what has God done.
24 Look, the people rises up as a
lioness,
as a lion he lifts himself up.
He shall not lie down until he eat
of the prey,
and drinks the blood of the
slain."

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[a] 23:10 LXX SP. MT "and the number of" has a different word division
[b] 23:12 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[c] 23:15 LXX adds "God"
[d] 23:16 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

25 Balak said to Balaam,
"Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all."
26 But Balaam answered Balak,
"Did I not tell you, saying, 'All that God[a] speaks, that I must do?'"

27 Balak said to Balaam,
"Come now, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there."

28 Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks down on the desert. 29 Balaam said to Balak,
"Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams."

30 Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on every altar.

24 When Balaam saw that it pleased YHWH to bless Israel, he did not go, as at the other times, to meet with omens, but he set his face toward the wilderness.
2 Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel dwelling according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came on him. 3 He took up his parable, and said,
"Balaam the son of Beor says,
the man whose eye was closed says;
4 he says, who hears the words of God,
who sees the vision of Shaddai,
falling down, and having his eyes open:
5 How goodly are your tents, Jacob,
and your tents, Israel.
6 As valleys they are spread forth,
as gardens by the riverside,
as aloes which YHWH has planted,
as cedar trees beside the waters.
7 Water shall flow from his buckets.[b]
His seed shall be in many waters.
His king shall be higher than Agag.[c]
His kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God brings him out of Egypt.
He has as it were the strength of the wild ox.
He shall eat up the nations his adversaries,
shall break their bones in pieces,
and pierce them with his arrows.
9 He couched, he lay down as a lion,
as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?
Everyone who blesses you is blessed.
Everyone who curses you is cursed."

10 Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his

[a] 23:26 LXX SP, and 22:38. MT reads "YHWH"

[b] 24:7 LXX reads instead "A man shall come forth from his offspring"

[c] 24:7 LXX SP read "Gog"

hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, “I called you to curse my enemies, and, look, you have altogether blessed them these three times. 11Therefore now flee you to your place. I thought to promote you to great honor; but, look, YHWH has kept you back from honor.”
12Balaam said to Balak, “Did I not also tell your messengers who you sent to me, saying, 13‘If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I can’t go beyond the word of YHWH, to do either good or bad in my heart. I will say what God[a] says’? 14Now, look, I go to my people: come, I will inform you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.”

15He took up his parable, and said,
“Balaam the son of Beor says,
the man whose eye was closed says;
16he says, who hears the words of God,
knows the knowledge of the Most High,
and who sees the vision of Shaddai,
falling down, and having his eyes open:
17I see him, but not now.
I see him, but not near.
A star will come out of Jacob.
A scepter will rise out of Israel,
and will crush the forehead of Moab,
and the crown[b] of all the sons of tumult.[c]
18Edom shall be a possession.
Seir, his enemies, also shall be a possession,
while Israel does valiantly.
19Out of Jacob shall one have dominion,
and shall destroy the remnant from the city.”

20He looked at Amalek, and took up his parable, and said,
“Amalek was the first of the nations,
But his latter end shall come to destruction.”

21He looked at the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said,
“Your dwelling place is strong.
Your nest is set in the rock.
22Nevertheless Kain shall be wasted,
until Asshur carries you away captive.”

23He took up his parable, and said,
“Alas, who shall live when God does this?
24But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim.
They shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber.

[a]24:13 LXX. MT reads “YHWH”
[b]24:17 SP and Jeremiah 48:45. MT reads “shatter,” a dalet-resh confusion
[c]24:17 Jeremiah 48:45, reading shaon “tumult, noise.” MT reads shet “Shet,” a misreading of waw-nun as a taw in a square script, possibly in a damaged scroll

He also shall come to
destruction."

[25]Balaam rose up, and went
and returned to his place; and Balak
also went his way.

25 Now Israel stayed in
Shittim; and the
people defiled
themselves by having sexual
relations with the women of Moab,
[2]and they called the people to the
sacrifices of their gods; and the
people ate, and bowed down to
their gods. [3]Israel joined himself to
Baal Peor: and the anger of YHWH
was kindled against Israel. [4]YHWH
said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs
of the people, and hang them up to
YHWH before the sun, that the
fierce anger of YHWH may turn
away from Israel."

[5]Moses said to the judges of
Israel, "Everyone kill his men who
have joined themselves to Baal
Peor."

[6]Look, one of the children of
Israel came and brought to his
brothers a Midianite woman in the
sight of Moses, and in the sight of
all the congregation of the children
of Israel, while they were weeping
at the door of the Tent of Meeting.
[7]When Phinehas, the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest,
saw it, he rose up from the midst of
the congregation, and took a spear
in his hand; [8]and he went after the
man of Israel into the pavilion, and
thrust both of them through, the
man of Israel, and the woman
through her body. So the plague
was stayed from the children of
Israel. [9]Those who died by the
plague were twenty-four thousand.
[10]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying,
[11]"Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the
son of Aaron the priest, has turned
my wrath away from the children of
Israel, in that he was jealous with
my jealousy among them, so that I
did not consume the children of
Israel in my jealousy. [12]Therefore
say, 'Look, I give to him my
covenant of peace: [13]and it shall be
to him, and to his descendants after
him, the covenant of an everlasting
priesthood; because he was jealous
for his God, and made atonement
for the children of Israel.'"

[14]Now the name of the man
of Israel that was slain, who was
slain with the Midianite woman,
was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince
of a fathers' house among the
Simeonites. [15]The name of the
Midianite woman who was slain
was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he
was head of the people of a fathers'
house in Midian.

[16]And YHWH spoke to
Moses, saying, "Speak to the
children of Israel, saying,[a]
[17]'Harass the Midianites, and strike
them; [18]for they harassed you with

[a]25:16 DSS LXX. MT lacks "Speak to the…saying" from haplography: l'mr-l'mr

their tricks, with which they have deceived you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.'"

26 It happened after the plague, that YHWH spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, [2]"Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all who are able to go forth to war in Israel." [3]Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, [4]"Take a census, from twenty years old and upward; as YHWH commanded Moses and the children of Israel."

These are those that came out of the land of Egypt. [5]Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the descendants of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; [6]of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. [7]These are the families of the Reubenites; and those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred thirty. [8]The sons of Pallu: Eliab. [9]The sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and Abiram, who were called of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against YHWH, [10]and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred fifty men, and they became a sign. [11]Notwithstanding, the sons of Korah did not die. [12]The descendants of Simeon after their families: of Jemuel,[a] the family of the Jemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jakin, the family of the Jakinites; [13]of Zohar,[b] the family of the Zoharites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. [14]These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand two hundred. [15]The descendants of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; [16]of Ezbon,[c] the family of the Ezbonites; of Eri, the family of the Erites; [17]of Arodi,[d] the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of

[a]26:12 Syr and Genesis 46:10; Exodus 6:15. MT reads "Nemuel"

[b]26:13 LXX Mss and Genesis 46:10; Exodus 6:15. MT reads "Zerah," a tzadi-zayin confusion with metathesis of chet and resh

[c]26:16 Genesis 46:16. MT reads "Ozni," a misreading involving a tzadi-zayin confusion, with the loss of the letter beth. These types of copyist mistakes have occurred elsewhere in this chapter, viz. in v.13 MT, which has a tzadi-zayin confusion, and in v.30 MT, which has lost a beth in a name, with subsequent harmonization of the second occurrence of the names.

[d]26:17 SP LXX Syr and Genesis 46:16. MT reads "Arod"

the Arelites. [18]These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred. [19]The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. [20]The descendants of Judah after their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. [21]The sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamuel, the family of the Hamuelites.[a] [22]These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, seventy-six thousand five hundred. [23]The descendants of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puah, the family of the Puites;[b] [24]of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. [25]These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, sixty-four thousand three hundred. [26]The descendants of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. [27]These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, sixty thousand five hundred. [28]The sons of Joseph after their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. [29]The descendants of Manasseh: of Makir, the family of the Makirites; and Makir became the father of Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

[30]These are the descendants of Gilead: of Abiezer,[c] the family of the Abiezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites; [31]and Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and Shechem, the family of the Shechemites; [32]and Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and Hepher, the family of the Hepherites. [33]Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters; and these are the names[d] of the daughters of Zelophehad: Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

[34]These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were fifty-two thousand seven hundred. [35]These are the descendants of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Beker, the family of the Bekerites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. [36]These are the descendants of Shuthelah: of Eden,

[a]26:21 DSS SP LXX Mss, cf. Genesis 46:12 LXX SP; 1Chronicles 2:5 LXX Syr. MT reads "Hamul…Hamulites," from the loss of an aleph (bis). The loss of an aleph in a name (bis) also occurred in v.23

[b]26:23 SP (לְפוּאה…הפוּאי) Syr, cf. LXX (Phoua, Phouai) Vg (Phua, Phuait-). MT reads לְפוה… הפוני "Puvah…Punites," from the loss of an aleph (bis)

[c]26:30 Joshua 17:2; 1Chronicles 7:18. MT reads "Iezer," from the loss of a bet

[d]26:33 DSS LXX. MT reads "and the name"

the family of the Edenites.[a] 37These are the families of the descendants of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the descendants of Joseph after their families. 38The descendants of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; 39of Shuppim,[b] the family of the Shuppimites; of Huppim,[c] the family of the Huppimites. 40The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard,[d] the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamanites.[e] 41These are the descendants of Benjamin after their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand six hundred.
42These are the descendants of Dan after their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan after their families. 43All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred. 44The descendants of Asher after their families: of Jimnah, the family of the Jimnaites;[f] of Jishvi, the family of the Jishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. 45Of the descendants of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malkiel, the family of the Malkielites. 46The name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. 47These are the families of the descendants of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, fifty-three thousand and four hundred. 48The descendants of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; 49of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. 50These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred. 51These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred one thousand seven hundred thirty. 52YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 53"To these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. 54To the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance: to everyone according to those who were numbered of him shall his inheritance be given. 55Notwithstanding, the land shall be divided by lot: according to the

[a]26:36 SP LXX Syr. MT reads "Eran, the family of the Eranites," a scribal dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[b]26:39 Hebrew Mss SP LXX Tg Syr Vg, with vocalization according to 1Chronicles 7:12 cf. Genesis 46:21. MT reads "Shephupham"
[c]26:39 Vocalization according to 1Chronicles 7:12 cf. Genesis 46:21
[d]26:40 SP LXX Mss Vg. MT lacks "of Ard"
[e]26:40 LXX. MT reads "Naamites," having lost a nun
[f]26:44 Hebrew Ms SP LXX. MT reads "Jimnah"

names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. 56According to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between the more and the fewer."

57These are those who were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. Kohath became the father of Amram. 59The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt: and she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. 60To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 61Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before YHWH. 62Those who were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel. 63These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 64But among these there was not a man of them who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. 65For YHWH had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. There was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

27 Then drew near the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. 2They stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the Tent of Meeting, saying, 3"Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against YHWH in the company of Korah: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give to us a possession among the brothers of our father."

5Moses brought their cause before YHWH. 6YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 7"The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: you shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers; and you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. 8You shall speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his

daughter. [9]If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. [10]If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. [11]If his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman who is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be to the children of Israel a statute and ordinance, as YHWH commanded Moses.'"

[12]YHWH said to Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel. [13]When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered; [14]because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

[15]Moses spoke to YHWH, saying, [16]"Let YHWH, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, [17]who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of YHWH not be as sheep which have no shepherd."

[18]YHWH said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; [19]and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and commission him in their sight. [20]You shall put of your honor on him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may obey. [21]He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before YHWH: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

[22]Moses did as YHWH commanded him; and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: [23]and he laid his hands on him, and commissioned him, as YHWH spoke by Moses.

28 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Command the children of Israel, and tell them, 'My offering, my food for my offerings made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to me, you shall observe to offer to me in their due season.' [3]You shall tell them, 'This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to YHWH: male lambs a year old without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt offering. [4]You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and you shall offer the other lamb at evening; [5]with the tenth part of an

ephah[a] of fine flour for a meal
offering, mixed with the fourth part
of a hin of beaten oil. 6It is a
continual burnt offering, which was
ordained in Mount Sinai for a
pleasant aroma, an offering made
by fire to YHWH. 7Its drink offering
shall be the fourth part of a hin for
the one lamb. You shall pour out a
drink offering of strong drink to
YHWH in the holy place. 8The other
lamb you shall offer at evening: as
the meal offering of the morning,
and as the drink offering of it, you
shall offer it, an offering made by
fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH.

9"'On the Sabbath day two
male lambs a year old without
blemish, and two tenth parts of an
ephah of fine flour for a meal
offering, mixed with oil, and the
drink offering of it: 10this is the
burnt offering of every Sabbath,
besides the continual burnt
offering, and the drink offering of
it.

11"'In the beginnings of your
months you shall offer a burnt
offering to YHWH: two young
bulls, and one ram, seven male
lambs a year old without blemish;
12and three tenth parts of an ephah
of fine flour for a meal offering,
mixed with oil, for each bull; and
two tenth parts of fine flour for a
meal offering, mixed with oil, for
the one ram; 13and a tenth part of
fine flour mixed with oil for a meal
offering to every lamb; for a burnt
offering of a pleasant aroma, an
offering made by fire to YHWH.
14Their drink offerings shall be half
a hin of wine for a bull, and the
third part of a hin for the ram, and
the fourth part of a hin for a lamb:
this is the burnt offering of every
month throughout the months of
the year. 15One male goat for a sin
offering to YHWH; it shall be
offered besides the continual burnt
offering, and the drink offering of
it.

16"'In the first month, on the
fourteenth day of the month, is
YHWH's Passover. 17On the
fifteenth day of this month shall be
a feast: seven days shall
unleavened bread be eaten. 18In the
first day shall be a holy
convocation: you shall do no
servile work; 19but you shall offer
an offering made by fire, a burnt
offering to YHWH: two young
bulls, and one ram, and seven male
lambs a year old; they shall be to
you without blemish; 20and their
meal offering, fine flour mixed
with oil: you shall offer three tenth
parts for a bull, and two tenth parts
for the ram. 21You shall offer a
tenth part for every lamb of the
seven lambs; 22and one male goat
for a sin offering, to make
atonement for you. 23You shall
offer these besides the burnt
offering of the morning, which is
for a continual burnt offering. 24In
this way you shall offer daily, for
seven days, the food of the offering

[a]28:5 1 ephah is about 22 litres or
about 2/3 of a bushel

made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering, and the drink offering of it. [25]On the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation: you shall do no servile work.

[26]"'Also in the day of the first fruits, when you offer a new meal offering to YHWH in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work; [27]but you shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to YHWH: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; [28]and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for each bull, two tenth parts for the one ram, [29]a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; [30]one male goat, to make atonement for you. [31]Besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, you shall offer them (they shall be to you without blemish), and their drink offerings.

29 "'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets to you. [2]You shall offer a burnt offering for a pleasant aroma to YHWH: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; [3]and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for the bull, two tenth parts for the ram, [4]and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; [5]and one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you; [6]besides the burnt offering of the new moon, and the meal offering of it, and the continual burnt offering and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a pleasant aroma, an offering made by fire to YHWH.

[7]"'On the tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; and you shall afflict your souls: you shall do no kind of work; [8]but you shall offer a burnt offering to YHWH for a pleasant aroma: one young bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old; they shall be to you without blemish; [9]and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for the bull, two tenth parts for the one ram, [10]a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs: [11]one male goat for a sin offering; besides the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings.

[12]"'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work, and you shall keep a feast to YHWH seven days: [13]and you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH; thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish; [14]and their meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three tenth parts for every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenth parts for each ram of the two rams, [15]and a tenth part for every lamb of the

fourteen lambs; [16]and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it.

[17]"'On the second day you shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [18]and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [19]and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings.

[20]"'On the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [21]and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [22]and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it.

[23]"'On the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [24]their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [25]and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it.

[26]"'On the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [27]and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [28]and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it.

[29]"'On the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [30]and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [31]and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, the meal offering of it, and the drink offerings of it.

[32]"'On the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs a year old without blemish; [33]and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [34]and one male goat for a sin offering; besides the continual burnt offering, the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it.

[35]"'On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly: you shall do no servile work; [36]but you shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a pleasant aroma to YHWH: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs a year old without blemish; [37]their meal

offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the ordinance: [38]and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering of it, and the drink offering of it.

[39]"'You shall offer these to YHWH in your set feasts, besides your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meal offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.'"

[40]Moses told the children of Israel according to all that YHWH commanded Moses.

30 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which YHWH has commanded. [2]When a man vows a vow to YHWH, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

[3]"Also when a woman vows a vow to YHWH, and binds herself by a bond, being in her father's house, in her youth, [4]and her father hears her vow, and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and her father holds his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. [5]But if her father disallow her in the day that he hears, none of her vows, or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul, shall stand: and YHWH will forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

[6]"If she has a husband, while her vows are on her, or the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul, [7]and her husband hears it, and holds his peace at her in the day that he hears it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand. [8]But if her husband forbids her in the day that he hears it, then he shall make void her vow which is on her, and the rash utterance of her lips, with which she has bound her soul: and YHWH will forgive her.

[9]"But the vow of a widow, or of her who is divorced, everything with which she has bound her soul, shall stand against her.

[10]"If she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, [11]and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and did not disallow her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand. [12]But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he heard them, then whatever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband has made them void; and YHWH will forgive her. [13]Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. [14]But if

her husband says nothing to her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows, or all her bonds, which are on her: he has established them, because he says nothing to her on the day that he heard them. 15But if he shall make them null and void after that he has heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity."

16These are the statutes, which YHWH commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

31 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Avenge the children of Israel for the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people."

3Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute YHWH's vengeance on Midian. 4Of every tribe one thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, you shall send to the war." 5So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. 6Moses sent them, one thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7They warred against Midian, as YHWH commanded Moses; and they killed every male. 8They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they killed with the sword. 9The children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their livestock, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. 10All their cities in the places in which they lived, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. 11They took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of animal. 12They brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho. 13Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside of the camp. 14Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. 15Moses said to them, "Have you saved all the women alive? 16Look, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against YHWH in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of YHWH. 17Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man by lying with him. 18But all the girls, who have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19"Encamp outside of the camp seven days: whoever has

killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives. [20]As to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, you shall purify yourselves."

[21]Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who went to the battle, "This is the statute of the law which YHWH has commanded Moses: [22]however the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, [23]everything that may withstand the fire, you shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water for impurity: and all that doesn't withstand the fire you shall make to go through the water. [24]You shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean; and afterward you shall come into the camp."

[25]YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, [26]"Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of animal, you, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the ancestral houses of the congregation; [27]and divide the prey into two parts: between the men skilled in war, who went out to battle, and all the congregation. [28]Levy a tribute to YHWH of the men of war who went out to battle: one soul of five hundred; of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the flocks. [29]Take it of their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest, for YHWH's wave offering. [30]Of the children of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the flocks, of all the livestock, and give them to the Levites, who perform the duty of the tabernacle of YHWH."

[31]Moses and Eleazar the priest did as YHWH commanded Moses.

[32]Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred seventy-five thousand sheep, [33]and seventy-two thousand head of cattle, [34]and sixty-one thousand donkeys, [35]and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of the women who had not known man by lying with him. [36]The half, which was the portion of those who went out to war, was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: [37]and YHWH's tribute of the sheep was six hundred seventy-five. [38]The cattle were thirty-six thousand; of which YHWH's tribute was seventy-two. [39]The donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred; of which YHWH's tribute was sixty-one. [40]The persons were sixteen thousand; of whom YHWH's tribute was thirty-two persons. [41]Moses gave the tribute, which was YHWH's wave offering,[a] to Eleazar the priest, as YHWH commanded

[a]31:41 LXX adds "of God"

Moses. 42Of the children of Israel's
half, which Moses divided off from
the men who warred 43(now the
congregation's half was three
hundred thirty-seven thousand five
hundred sheep, 44and thirty-six
thousand head of cattle, 45and thirty
thousand five hundred donkeys,
46and sixteen thousand persons),
47even of the children of Israel's
half, Moses took one drawn out of
every fifty, both of man and of
animal, and gave them to the
Levites, who performed the duty of
the tabernacle of YHWH; as YHWH
commanded Moses.

48The officers who were over
the thousands of the army, the
captains of thousands, and the
captains of hundreds, came near to
Moses; 49and they said to Moses,
"Your servants have taken the sum
of the men of war who are under
our command, and there lacks not
one man of us. 50We have brought
YHWH's offering, what every man
has gotten, of jewels of gold,
armlets, and bracelets, signet rings,
earrings, and necklaces, to make
atonement for our souls before
YHWH."

51Moses and Eleazar the
priest took their gold, even all
worked jewels. 52All the gold of the
wave offering that they offered up
to YHWH, of the captains of
thousands, and of the captains of
hundreds, was sixteen thousand
seven hundred fifty shekels. 53(The
men of war had taken booty, every
man for himself.) 54Moses and
Eleazar the priest took the gold of
the captains of thousands and of
hundreds, and brought it into the
Tent of Meeting, for a memorial for
the children of Israel before YHWH.

32 Now the people of
Reuben and the
people of Gad had a
very great multitude
of livestock: and when they saw the
land of Jazer, and the land of
Gilead, that look, the place was a
place for livestock; 2the people of
Gad and the people of Reuben
came and spoke to Moses, and to
Eleazar the priest, and to the
leaders of the congregation, saying,
3"Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer,
and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and
Elealeh, and Sibmah,[a] and Nebo,
and Beon, 4the land which YHWH
struck before the congregation of
Israel, is a land for livestock; and
your servants have livestock."
5They said, "If we have found favor
in your sight, let this land be given
to your servants for a possession;
do not bring us over the Jordan."

6Moses said to the people of
Gad, and to the people of Reuben,
"Shall your brothers go to the war,
and shall you sit here? 7Why do you
discourage the heart of the children
of Israel from going over into the
land which YHWH has given them?
8Your fathers did so when I sent
them from Kadesh Barnea to see

[a]32:3 SP LXX and v.38. MT reads "Sebam," having lost a hey in transcription

the land. [9]For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which YHWH had given them. [10]YHWH's anger was kindled in that day, and he swore, saying, [11]'Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward,[a] shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: [12]except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun; because they have followed YHWH completely.' [13]YHWH's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander back and forth in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, who had done evil in the sight of YHWH, was consumed.

[14]"Look, you have risen up in your fathers' place, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of YHWH toward Israel. [15]For if you turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and you will destroy all this people."

[16]They came near to him, and said, "We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones: [17]but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of Israel, until we have brought them to their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. [18]We will not return to our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. [19]For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward."

[20]Moses said to them, "If you will do this thing, if you will arm yourselves to go before YHWH to the war, [21]and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before YHWH, until he has driven out his enemies from before him, [22]and the land is subdued before YHWH; then afterward you shall return, and be guiltless towards YHWH, and towards Israel; and this land shall be to you for a possession before YHWH.

[23]"But if you will not do so, look, you have sinned against YHWH; and be sure your sin will find you out. [24]Build cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which has proceeded out of your mouth."

[25]The people of Gad and the people of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, "Your servants will do as my lord commands. [26]Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock, shall be there in the

[a]32:11 LXX adds "who know evil and good," possibly lost from haplography by homoioarcton: aleph-aleph, or it is a harmonization to Deuteronomy 1:39. Cf. also Numbers 14:23 LXX

cities of Gilead; [27]but your servants will pass over, every man who is armed for war, before YHWH to battle, as my lord says."

[28]So Moses commanded concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the ancestral houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. [29]Moses said to them, "If the people of Gad and the people of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man who is armed to battle before YHWH, and the land is subdued before you; then you are to give them the land of Gilead for a possession. [30]But if they will not pass over with you armed to battle before YHWH, then you are to bring over their children and their wives and their flocks before you into the land of Canaan,[a] and they are to have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

[31]The people of Gad and the people of Reuben answered, saying, "As YHWH has said to your servants, so will we do. [32]We will pass over armed before YHWH into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond the Jordan."

[33]Moses gave to them, even to the people of Gad, and to the people of Reuben, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, according to its cities and borders, even the cities of the surrounding land. [34]The people of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, [35]and Atrothshophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, [36]and Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran: fortified cities, and folds for sheep. [37]The people of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim, [38]and Nebo, and Baal Meon, (their names being changed), and Sibmah: and they gave other names to the cities which they built. [39]The descendants of Makir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it. [40]Moses gave Gilead to Makir the son of Manasseh; and he lived in it. [41]Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its towns, and called them Havvoth Jair. [42]Nobah went and took Kenath, and its villages, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

33 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, when they went forth out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. [2]Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of YHWH: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. [3]They traveled from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on

[a]32:30 DSS Ms LXX. MT lacks "to battle before…Canaan"

the next day after the Passover the children of Israel went out triumphantly in the sight of all the Egyptians, 4while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom YHWH had struck among them: on their gods also YHWH executed judgments. 5The children of Israel traveled from Rameses, and camped in Succoth. 6They traveled from Succoth, and camped in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. 7They traveled from Etham, and turned back to Pihahiroth, which is before Baal Zephon: and they camped before Migdol. 8They traveled from before[a] Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness: and they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and camped in Marah. 9They traveled from Marah, and came to Elim: and in Elim were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm trees; and they camped there. 10They traveled from Elim, and camped by the Red Sea. 11They traveled from the Red Sea, and camped in the wilderness of Sin. 12They traveled from the wilderness of Sin, and camped in Dophkah. 13They traveled from Dophkah, and camped in Alush. 14They traveled from Alush, and camped in Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink. 15They traveled from Rephidim, and camped in the wilderness of Sinai. 16They traveled from the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in Kibroth Hattaavah. 17They traveled from Kibroth Hattaavah, and camped in Hazeroth. 18They traveled from Hazeroth, and camped in Rithmah. 19They traveled from Rithmah, and camped in Rimmon Perez. 20They traveled from Rimmon Perez, and camped in Libnah. 21They traveled from Libnah, and camped in Rissah. 22They traveled from Rissah, and camped in Kehelathah. 23They traveled from Kehelathah, and camped in Mount Shepher. 24They traveled from Mount Shepher, and camped in Haradah. 25They traveled from Haradah, and camped in Makheloth. 26They traveled from Makheloth, and camped in Tahath. 27They traveled from Tahath, and camped in Terah. 28They traveled from Terah, and camped in Mithkah. 29They traveled from Mithkah, and camped in Hashmonah. 30They traveled from Hashmonah, and camped in Moseroth. 31They traveled from Moseroth, and camped in Bene Jaakan. 32They traveled from Bene Jaakan, and camped in Hor Haggidgad. 33They traveled from Hor Haggidgad, and camped in Jotbathah. 34They traveled from Jotbathah, and camped in Abronah. 35They traveled from Abronah, and camped in Ezion Geber. 36They traveled from Ezion Geber, and camped in the wilderness of Zin (that is, Kadesh). 37They traveled from Kadesh, and camped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. 38Aaron the priest went

[a]33:8 DSS LXX MT. Hebrew Mss SP Syr Vg omit "before"

up into Mount Hor at the commandment of YHWH, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month. 39Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died in Mount Hor. 40The Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. 41They traveled from Mount Hor, and camped in Zalmonah. 42They traveled from Zalmonah, and camped in Punon. 43They traveled from Punon, and camped in Oboth. 44They traveled from Oboth, and camped in Iye Abarim, in the border of Moab. 45They traveled from Iyim, and camped in Dibon Gad. 46They traveled from Dibon Gad, and camped in Almon Diblathaim. 47They traveled from Almon Diblathaim, and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. 48They traveled from the mountains of Abarim, and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 49They camped by the Jordan, from Beth Jeshimoth even to Abel Shittim in the plains of Moab. 50YHWH spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 51Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, "When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their stone idols, destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places. 53You shall take possession of the land, and dwell in it; for I have given the land to you to possess it. 54You shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the more you shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance: wherever the lot falls to any man, that shall be his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

55"But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those you let remain of them will be as pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they will harass you in the land in which you dwell. 56It shall happen that as I thought to do to them, so will I do to you."

34 YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 2"Command the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you come into the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall to you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders), 3then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the side of Edom, and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward; 4and your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass along to Zin; and the goings out of it shall be southward of Kadesh Barnea; and it shall go forth to Hazar Addar, and pass along to Azmon; 5and the border shall turn about from

Azmon to the Wadi of Egypt,[a] and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

6"'For the western border, the Great Sea shall be a border to you; this shall be your west border.

7"'This shall be your north border: from the Great Sea you shall mark out for you Mount Hor; 8from Mount Hor you shall mark out to Lebo Hamath; and the goings out of the border shall be at Zedad; 9and the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar Enan: this shall be your north border.

10"'You shall mark out your east border from Hazar Enan to Shepham; 11and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down, and shall reach to the side of the sea of Kinnereth eastward; 12and the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders around it.'"

13Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, "This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which YHWH has commanded to give to the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe; 14for the tribe of the people of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the people of Gad according to their fathers' houses, have received, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received, their inheritance: 15the two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise."

16YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 17"These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. 18You shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. 19These are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 20Of the tribe of the people of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. 21Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. 22Of the tribe of the people of Dan a prince, Bukki the son of Jogli. 23Of the people of Joseph: of the tribe of the people of Manasseh a prince, Hanniel the son of Ephod. 24Of the tribe of the people of Ephraim a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. 25Of the tribe of the people of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. 26Of the tribe of the people of Issachar a prince, Paltiel the son of Azzan. 27Of the tribe of the people of Asher a prince, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. 28Of the tribe of the people of Naphtali a prince, Pedahel the son of Ammihud." 29These are they whom YHWH commanded to divide the

[a]34:5 Often identified with Wadi el-Arish

inheritance to the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

35 YHWH spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 2"Command the children of Israel that they give to the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and you shall give suburbs for the cities around them to the Levites. 3The cities shall they have to dwell in; and their suburbs shall be for their livestock, and for their substance, and for all their animals.
4"'The suburbs of the cities, which you shall give to the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward one thousand seven hundred twenty-two feet six inches,[a] around it. 5You shall measure outside of the city for the east side three thousand four hundred forty-five feet[b], and for the south side three thousand four hundred forty-five feet, and for the west side three thousand four hundred forty-five feet, and for the north side three thousand four hundred forty-five feet, the city being in the midst. This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.

6"'The cities which you shall give to the Levites, they shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to: and besides them you shall give forty-two cities. 7All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities together with their suburbs. 8Concerning the cities which you shall give of the possession of the children of Israel, from the many you shall take many; and from the few you shall take few: everyone according to his inheritance which he inherits shall give of his cities to the Levites." 9YHWH spoke to Moses, saying, 10"Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11then you shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer who kills any person unwittingly may flee there. 12The cities shall be to you for refuge from the avenger, that the manslayer not die, until he stands before the congregation for judgment. 13The cities which you shall give shall be for you six cities of refuge. 14You shall give three cities beyond the Jordan, and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge. 15For the children of Israel, and for the stranger and for the foreigner living among them, shall these six cities be for refuge; that everyone who kills any person unwittingly may flee there.

16"'But if he struck him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17If he struck him with a stone in the hand,

[a]35:4 Or, 525 meters, using the long cubit of 52.5 centimeters, or 20.67 inches. Lit. one thousand cubits

[b]35:5 Or, 1050 meters. Lit. two thousand cubits

by which a man may die, and he
died, he is a murderer: the murderer
shall surely be put to death. 18Or if
he struck him with a weapon of
wood in the hand, by which a man
may die, and he died, he is a
murderer: the murderer shall surely
be put to death. 19The avenger of
blood shall himself put the
murderer to death: when he meets
him, he shall put him to death. 20If
he thrust him of hatred, or hurled at
him, lying in wait, so that he died,
21or in enmity struck him with his
hand, so that he died; he who struck
him shall surely be put to death. He
is a murderer, the murderer must
surely be put to death;[a] the avenger
of blood shall put the murderer to
death when he meets him.

22"'But if he thrust him
suddenly without enmity, or hurled
on him anything without lying in
wait, 23or with any stone, by which
a man may die, not seeing him, and
cast it on him, so that he died, and
he was not his enemy, neither
sought his harm; 24then the
congregation shall judge between
the striker and the avenger of blood
according to these ordinances;
25and the congregation shall deliver
the manslayer out of the hand of the
avenger of blood, and the
congregation shall restore him to
his city of refuge, where he was
fled: and he shall dwell in it until
the death of the high priest, who
was anointed with the holy oil.

26"'But if the manslayer shall
at any time go beyond the border of
his city of refuge, where he flees,
27and the avenger of blood find him
outside of the border of his city of
refuge, and the avenger of blood
kill the manslayer; he shall not be
guilty of blood, 28because he should
have remained in his city of refuge
until the death of the high priest:
but after the death of the high priest
the manslayer shall return into the
land of his possession.

29"'These things shall be for
a statute and ordinance to you
throughout your generations in all
your dwellings.

30"'Whoever kills any
person, the murderer shall be slain
at the mouth of witnesses: but one
witness shall not testify against any
person that he die.

31"'Moreover you shall take
no ransom for the life of a murderer
who is guilty of death; but he shall
surely be put to death.

32"'You shall take no ransom
for him who is fled to his city of
refuge, that he may come again to
dwell in the land, until the death of
the priest.[b]

33"'So you shall not pollute
the land in which you are: for
blood, it pollutes the land; and no
expiation can be made for the land
for the blood that is shed in it, but

[a]35:21 DSS LXX. MT lacks "the murderer must…death"

[b]35:32 SP LXX Syr read "high priest"

by the blood of him who shed it.
34You shall not defile the land
which you inhabit, in the midst of
which I dwell: for I, YHWH, dwell
in the midst of the children of
Israel.'"

36 The heads of the
ancestral houses of
the family of the
people of Gilead, the son of Makir,
the son of Manasseh, of the
families of the sons of Joseph,
came near and spoke before Moses
and before Eleazar the priest[a] and
before the leaders, the heads of the
ancestral houses of the children of
Israel. 2And they said, "YHWH
commanded my lord to give the
land for inheritance by lot to the
children of Israel: and my lord was
commanded by YHWH to give the
inheritance of Zelophehad our
brother to his daughters. 3If they are
married to any of the sons of the
other tribes of the children of Israel,
then will their inheritance be taken
away from the inheritance of our
fathers, and will be added to the
inheritance of the tribe whereunto
they shall belong: so will it be taken
away from the lot of our
inheritance. 4When the jubilee of
the children of Israel shall be, then
will their inheritance be added to
the inheritance of the tribe
whereunto they shall belong: so
will their inheritance be taken away
from the inheritance of the tribe of
our fathers."

5Moses commanded the
children of Israel according to the
word of YHWH, saying, "The tribe
of the sons of Joseph speaks right.
6This is the thing which YHWH
does command concerning the
daughters of Zelophehad, saying,
Let them be married to whom they
think best; only into the family of
the tribe of their father shall they be
married. 7So shall no inheritance of
the children of Israel remove from
tribe to tribe; for the children of
Israel shall all keep the inheritance
of the tribe of his fathers. 8Every
daughter who possesses an
inheritance in any tribe of the
children of Israel shall be wife to
one of the family of the tribe of her
father, that the children of Israel
may possess every man the
inheritance of his fathers. 9So shall
no inheritance remove from one
tribe to another tribe; for the tribes
of the children of Israel shall each
keep his own inheritance."

10The daughters of Zelophehad did
as YHWH commanded Moses: 11for
Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and
Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of
Zelophehad, were married to their
father's brothers' sons. 12They
were married into the families of
the sons of Manasseh the son of
Joseph; and their inheritance
remained in the tribe of the family
of their father. 13These are the
commandments and the ordinances
which YHWH commanded by
Moses to the children of Israel in

[a]36:1 DSS LXX Syr. MT lacks "and before Eleazar the priest" from haplography: wlpny-wlpny

the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Deuteronomy

1 These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph,[a] between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3It happened in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that YHWH had given him in commandment to them; 4after he had struck Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and[b] in Edrei. 5Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, 6"YHWH our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have lived long enough in this mountain: 7turn, and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all the places near there, in the Arabah, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the Negev, and by the sea coast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Perath. 8Look,[c] I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which I[d] swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them."

9I spoke to you at that time, saying, "I am not able to bear you myself alone: 10YHWH your God has multiplied you, and look, you are this day as the stars of the sky for multitude. 11YHWH, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as he has promised you. 12How can I myself alone bear your encumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? 13Take wise men of understanding and well known according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you."

14You answered me, and said, "The thing which you have spoken is good to do." 15So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, according to your tribes. 16I commanded your judges at that time, saying, "Hear cases between your brothers, and

[a]1:1 Perhaps Khirbet Sufah, or the seasonal lake Qa al-Jafr. LXX (incl. groups b d f t) Mss OL Tg Vg Syh Eth Arm Sa Bo read yam suph "Sea/Lake of Rushes/Reeds." LXX(ABFMV) MT lack yam (Sea/Lake)

[b]1:4 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "and"

[c]1:8 Hebrew Ms DSS LXX SP Tg Syr Ms Vg. MT reads sg

[d]1:8 SP LXX(LO). MT reads "YHWH"

judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the foreigner who is living with him. [17]You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike; you shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it." [18]I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do. [19]We traveled from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw, by the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as YHWH our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh Barnea. [20]I said to you, "You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which YHWH our God gives to us. [21]Look, YHWH your God has set the land before you: go up, take possession, as YHWH, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you; do not be afraid, neither be dismayed."

[22]You came near to me everyone of you, and said, "Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come."

[23]The thing pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: [24]and they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. [25]They took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said, "It is a good land which YHWH our God gives to us."

[26]Yet you wouldn't go up, but rebelled against the commandment of YHWH your God: [27]and you murmured in your tents, and said, "Because YHWH hated us, he has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. [28]Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our heart to melt, saying, 'The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to the sky; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'"

[29]Then I said to you, "Do not dread, neither be afraid of them. [30]YHWH your God who goes before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, [31]and in the wilderness, where you have seen how that YHWH your God bore you, as a man does bear his son, in all the way that you went, until you came to this place."

[32]Yet in this thing you did not believe YHWH your God, [33]who went before you in the way, to seek you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in the cloud by day. [34]YHWH heard the voice of your words, and was angry, and swore, saying, [35]"Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land, which I swore to give to your fathers, [36]except Caleb the son of

Jephunneh: he shall see it; and to
him will I give the land that he has
trodden on, and to his children,
because he has wholly followed
YHWH."

37Also YHWH was angry
with me for your sakes, saying,
"You also shall not go in[a] there:
38Joshua the son of Nun, who
stands before you, he shall go in
there. Encourage him, because he
will cause Israel to inherit it.
39Moreover your little ones, whom
you said should be a prey, and your
children, who this day have no
knowledge of good or evil, they
shall go in there, and to them will I
give it, and they shall possess it.
40But as for you, turn, and take your
journey into the wilderness by the
way to the Red Sea."

41Then you answered and
said to me, "We have sinned
against YHWH our God,[b] we will go
up and fight, according to all that
YHWH our God commanded us."
Every man of you put on his
weapons of war, and presumed to
go up into the hill country.

42YHWH said to me, "Tell
them, 'Do not go up, neither fight;
for I am not among you; lest you be
struck before your enemies.'"

43So I spoke to you, and you
did not listen; but you rebelled
against the commandment of
YHWH, and were presumptuous,
and went up into the hill country.
44The Amorites, who lived in that
hill country, came out against you,
and chased you, as bees do, and
beat you down in Seir, even to
Hormah. 45You returned and wept
before YHWH; but YHWH did not
listen to your voice, nor gave ear to
you. 46So you stayed in Kadesh
many days, according to the days
that you remained.

2 Then we turned, and
took our journey into
the wilderness by the
way to the Red Sea, as YHWH
spoke to me; and we encircled
Mount Seir many days.

2YHWH spoke to me, saying,
3"You have encircled this mountain
long enough. Turn northward.
4Command the people, saying,
'You are to pass through the border
of your brothers the descendants of
Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they
will be afraid of you: take good
heed to yourselves therefore; 5do
not contend with them; for I will
not give you of their land, no, not
so much as for the sole of the foot
to tread on; because I have given
Mount Seir to Esau for a
possession. 6You shall purchase
food of them for money, that you
may eat; and you shall also buy
water of them for money, that you
may drink.'"

[a]1:37 DSS SP MT Mss read "to"

[b]1:41 LXX SP Syr. MT lacks "our God" from haplography: 'lhynw-'nhnw

7For YHWH your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand; he has known your walking through this great[a] wilderness: these forty years YHWH your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing.

8So we passed by from our brothers the descendants of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Eilat and from Ezion Geber. We turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9YHWH said to me, "Do not bother Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give you of his land for a possession; because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot for a possession."

10(The Emim lived there before, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim: 11these also are accounted Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12The Horites also lived in Seir before, but the descendants of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place; as Israel did to the land of his possession, which YHWH gave to them.)
13"Now rise up, depart,[b] and cross over the Wadi Zered." So we went over the Wadi Zered. 14The days in which we came from Kadesh Barnea, until we had come over the Wadi Zered, were thirty-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the midst of the camp, as YHWH swore to them. 15Moreover the hand of God[c] was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed. 16So it happened, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17that YHWH spoke to me, saying, 18"You are this day to pass over Ar, the border of Moab: 19and when you come near over against the people of Ammon, do not bother them, nor contend with them;[d] for I will not give you of the land of the people of Ammon for a possession; because I have given it to the descendants of Lot for a possession."

20(That also is accounted a land of Rephaim: Rephaim lived in it before; but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but YHWH destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place; 22as he did for the descendants of Esau, who dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and lived in their place even to this day: 23and the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came

[a]2:7 LXX adds "and terrible." Cf. 1:19
[b]2:13 LXX SP. MT lacks "depart" from homoioteleuton: w-w
[c]2:15 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]2:19 LXX adds "into war"

forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and lived in their place.)

24"Rise up, take your journey, and pass over the Valley of the Arnon: look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25This day will I begin to put the dread of you and the fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole sky, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of you."

26I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, 27"Let me pass through your land: I will go along by the highway, I will turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. 28You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet, 29as the people of Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell in Ar, did to me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which YHWH our God gives us." 30But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him; for YHWH your[a] God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into your hand, as at this day.

31YHWH said to me, "Look, I have begun to deliver up Sihon[b] and his land before you: begin to possess, that you may inherit[c] his land." 32Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz. 33YHWH our God delivered him up before us; and we struck him, and his sons,[d] and all his people. 34We took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones; we left none remaining: 35only the livestock we took for a prey to ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we had taken. 36From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the valley, even to Gilead, there was not a city too high for us; YHWH our God delivered up all before us: 37only to the land of the people of Ammon you did not come near; all the side of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill country, and wherever YHWH our God forbade us.

3 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. 2YHWH said to me, "Do not

[a]2:30 MT SP, reading ‘lhyk. LXX reads, prb: ‘lhynw “our God”
[b]2:31 LXX SP add “king of Heshbon the Amorite”
[c]2:31 LXX Vg read לרש instead of MT רש לרשת. Cf. Nelson, Deuteronomy, 43 fn. d
[d]2:33 MT Qere LXX SP Syr Vg. MT Kethib reads “his son”

fear him; for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into your hand; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon."
3So YHWH our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we struck him until none was left to him remaining. 4We took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them; sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 5All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars; besides the unwalled towns a great many. 6We utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. 7But all the livestock, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves. 8We took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon. 9(The Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir.) 10We took all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, to Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 11(For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim; look, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; isn't it in Rabbah of the people of Ammon? Thirteen feet three inches[a] was its length, and five feet eleven inches[b] its breadth, according to the standard measure.[c]) 12This land we took in possession at that time: from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead, and its cities, gave I to the Reubenites and to the Gadites: 13and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I to the half-tribe of Manasseh. All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of Rephaim. 14Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth Jair, to this day.) 15I gave Gilead to Makir. 16To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead[d] to the Valley of the Arnon, the middle of the valley, and its border, even to the river Jabbok, which is the border of the people of Ammon; 17the Arabah also, and the Jordan and its border, from Kinnereth even to the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

18I commanded you at that time, saying, "YHWH your God has given you this land to possess it: you shall pass over armed before your brothers the children of Israel, all the men of valor. 19But your wives, and your little ones, and your livestock, (I know that you

[a]3:11 Or, 4.05 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters, or 17.72 inches. Lit. nine cubits
[b]3:11 Or, 1.8 meters. Lit. four cubits
[c]3:11 Lit. according to the cubit of a man
[d]3:16 DSS MT Mss SP Mss LXX. MT adds "even"

have much livestock), shall live in your cities which I have given you, [20]until YHWH[a] gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also possess the land which YHWH your God gives them beyond the Jordan: then you shall return every man to his possession, which I have given you."

[21]I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, "Your eyes have seen all that YHWH your God has done to these two kings: so shall YHWH do to all the kingdoms where you go over. [22]Do not fear them, for YHWH your God himself will fight for you."

[23]I begged YHWH at that time, saying, [24]"Lord YHWH, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand:[b] for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to your works, and according to your mighty acts? [25]Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that good hill country, and Lebanon."

[26]But YHWH was angry with me for your sakes, and did not listen to me; and YHWH said to me, "Enough from you; speak no more to me of this matter. [27]Go up to[c] the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes: for you shall not go over this Jordan. [28]But commission Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see." [29]So we stayed in the valley over against Beth Peor.

4 Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances, which I teach you,[d] to do them; that you may live, and go in and possess the land which YHWH, the God of your fathers, gives you. [2]You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHWH your God which I command you. [3]Your eyes have seen what YHWH did because of Baal Peor; for all the men who followed Baal Peor, YHWH your God has destroyed them from the midst of you. [4]But you who were faithful to YHWH your God are all alive this day. [5]Look, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as YHWH my God commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land where you go in to possess it. [6]Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who shall hear all these statutes, and say, "Surely this great

[a]3:20 DSS Ms LXX add "your God"
[b]3:24 LXX adds "and your outstretched arm." Cf. 4:34
[c]3:27 DSS LXX read "up on"
[d]4:1 LXX Syr add "this day," a word which appears to have been added in the next verse twice

nation is a wise and understanding people." [7]For what great nation is there, that has a god so near to them, as YHWH our God is whenever we call on him? [8]What great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

[9]Only be careful, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes saw, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your children and your children's children; [10]the day that you stood before YHWH your God in Horeb, when YHWH said to me, "Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." [11]You came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of the sky, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.[a] [12]YHWH spoke to you out of the midst of the fire: you heard the voice of words, but you saw no form; you only heard a voice.

[13]He declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments; and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. [14]YHWH commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it. [15]Therefore watch yourselves carefully; for you saw no kind of form on the day that YHWH spoke to you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire. [16]Lest you corrupt yourselves, and make yourself an engraved image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, [17]the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, [18]the likeness of any crawling creature that crawls[b] on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the land; [19]and lest you lift up your eyes to the sky, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the host of heaven, you are drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which YHWH your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole sky. [20]But God[c] has taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as at this day.

[21]Furthermore YHWH was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in to that good land, which YHWH your God gives you for an inheritance: [22]but I must die in this land, I must not go over the

[a]4:11 LXX(BL) add "and a loud voice." Cf. 5:22

[b]4:18 LXX Vg. MT lacks "that creeps" from haplography: rms-rms

[c]4:20 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

Jordan; but you shall go over, and possess that good land. [23]Be careful, lest you forget the covenant of YHWH your God, which he made with you, and make you an engraved image in the form of anything which YHWH your God has forbidden you. [24]For YHWH your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

[25]When you shall father children, and children's children, and you shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make an engraved image in the form of anything, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of YHWH your God, to provoke him to anger; [26]I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto you go over the Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days on it, but shall utterly be destroyed. [27]YHWH will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where YHWH will drive you. [28]There you shall serve other[a] gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. [29]But from there you shall seek YHWH your God, and you shall find him, when you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

[30]When you are in oppression, and all these things have come on you, in the latter days you shall return to YHWH your God, and listen to his voice: [31]for YHWH your God is a merciful God; he will not fail you, neither destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore to them. [32]For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created humankind on the earth, and from the one end of the sky to the other, whether there has been anything as this great thing is, or has been heard like it? [33]Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

[34]Or has God tried to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that YHWH your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? [35]It was shown to you so that you might know that YHWH is God. There is no one else besides him. [36]Out of heaven he made you to hear his voice, that he might instruct you: and on earth he made you to see his great fire; and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

[a]4:28 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "other" from haplography:'lhym-'hrym

37Because he loved your
fathers, therefore he chose their[a]
seed after them, and brought you
out with his presence, with his
great power, out of Egypt; 38to
drive out nations from before you
greater and mightier than you, to
bring you in, to give you their land
for an inheritance, as at this day.
39Know therefore this day, and lay
it to your heart, that YHWH he is
God in heaven above and on the
earth beneath; there is no other.
40You shall keep his statutes, and
his commandments, which I
command you this day, that it may
go well with you, and with your
children after you, and that you
may prolong your days in the land,
which YHWH your God gives you,
forever.

41Then Moses set apart three
cities beyond the Jordan toward
the sunrise; 42that the manslayer
might flee there, who kills his
neighbor unawares, and did not
hate him in time past; and that
fleeing to one of these cities he
might live: 43Bezer in the
wilderness, on the plateau, for the
Reubenites; and Ramoth in
Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan
in Bashan, for the Manassites.
44This is the law which Moses set
before the children of Israel:
45these are the testimonies, and the
statutes, and the ordinances, which
Moses spoke to the children of
Israel, when they came forth out of
Egypt, 46beyond the Jordan, in the
valley over against Beth Peor, in
the land of Sihon king of the
Amorites, who lived at Heshbon,
whom Moses and the children of
Israel struck, when they came
forth out of Egypt. 47They took his
land in possession, and the land of
Og king of Bashan, the two kings
of the Amorites, who were beyond
the Jordan toward the sunrise;
48from Aroer, which is on the edge
of the Valley of the Arnon, even to
Mount Sion (that is, Hermon),
49and all the Arabah beyond the
Jordan eastward, even to the sea of
the Arabah, under the slopes of
Pisgah.

5 Moses called to all
Israel, and said to them,
Hear, Israel, the statutes
and the ordinances which I speak in
your ears this[b] day, that you may
learn them, and observe to do them.
2YHWH our God made a covenant
with us in Horeb. 3YHWH did not
make this covenant with our
fathers, but with us, even us, who
are all of us here alive this day.
4YHWH spoke with you face to face
on the mountain out of the midst of
the fire, 5(I[c] stood between YHWH
and you at that time, to show you
the words[d] of YHWH: for you were
afraid because of the fire, and did
not go up onto the mountain;)
saying, 6"I am YHWH your God,

[a]4:37 cf. LXX SP Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "his"
[b]5:1 DSS LXX. MT lacks "this," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: h-h
[c]5:5 DSS LXX SP read "And I"
[d]5:5 Hebrew Ms DSS LXX SP Syr Vg. MT reads "word"

who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7"Do not have other gods before me.

8"Do not make an engraved image for yourself, or[a] any likeness of what is in heaven above, or on the earth below, or that is in the waters below the earth. 9You must not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them; for I, YHWH, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and upon the children's children,[b] upon[c] the third and upon the fourth [generation] of those who hate me; 10and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

11"Do not take the name of YHWH your God in vain: for YHWH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

12"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as YHWH your God commanded you. 13Six days you may labor, and do all your work; 14but the seventh day is a Sabbath to YHWH your God. On it[d] you must not do any work, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, nor your female servant, your ox, nor your donkey, nor your livestock, your stranger[e] who is within your gates; that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and YHWH your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm: therefore YHWH your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.[f]

16"Honor your father and your mother,[g] as YHWH your God commanded you; that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you, in the land which YHWH your God gives you.

17"Do[h] not commit adultery.[i]

18"Do not murder.

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[a]5:8 Hebrew Mss DSS SP Tg Syr Mss Vg. MT lacks "or." Exodus 20:4
[b]5:9 Exodus 34:7 and 20:5 Hebrew Mss. MT lacks "and upon the children's children" from homoioteleuton: bnym-bnym
[c]5:9 DSS LXX SP. MT adds "and"
[d]5:14 DSS LXX SP. MT lacks "On it," the scribe having skipped from bw to kl
[e]5:14 DSS Ms LXX. DSS Ms MT read "you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your livestock, nor your stranger"
[f]5:15 LXX adds "and to make it holy," and its ancestral text may have had the plus extant in DSS (cf. Exodus 20:11), having lost it during copying: lqdshw-lqdshw
[g]5:16 Ephesians 6:2-3
[h]5:17a Hebrew Mss DSS LXX SP Tg Syr(J) 4Q134(Phyl G) XQ3(Phyl 3). MT reads "And do"
[i]5:17b LXX(SB). MT SP LXX(A) has the order: Do not murder, Do not commit adultery. Cf Exodus 20:13 fn

19"Do[a] not steal.

20"Do[b] not give false testimony against your neighbor.

21"Do[c] not covet[d] your neighbor's wife. Do[e] not crave your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."[f]

22These words YHWH spoke to all your assembly on the mountain out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone, and gave them to me. 23It happened, when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24and you said, "Look, YHWH our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God does speak with man, and he lives. 25Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of YHWH our God any more, then we shall die. 26For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27Go near, and hear all that YHWH our God shall say to you,[g] and tell us all that YHWH our God speaks to you; and we will hear it, and do it."

28YHWH heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and YHWH said to me, "I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you: they have well said all that they have spoken. 29Oh that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep my[h] commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever.

30"Go tell them, Return to your tents. 31But as for you, stand here by me, and I will tell you all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it."

32You shall observe to do therefore as YHWH your God has commanded you: you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33You shall walk in all the way which YHWH your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may be well with you,

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[a] 5:19 Cf. 17a fn
[b] 5:20 Cf. 17a fn
[c] 5:21a Cf. 17a fn
[d] 5:21b DSS LXX SP. MT reads "not desire"
[e] 5:21c Cf. 17a fn
[f] 5:21 Romans 7:7, 13:9
[g] 5:27 DSS Ms LXX(AFN) Syr Vg. MT lacks "you" from haplography: 'l-'l
[h] 5:29 DSS MT Ms LXX SP. MT reads "keep all my" instead of "keep my"

and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

6 Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances, which YHWH your God commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it; [2]that you might fear YHWH your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, you, and your son, and your son's son, all the days of your life; and that your days may be prolonged. [3]Hear therefore, Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with you, and that you may increase mightily, as YHWH, the God of your fathers, has promised to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. [4]Hear, Israel: YHWH is our God, YHWH is one[a,b] [5]And you shall love YHWH your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.[c] [6]These words, which I command you this day, shall be on your heart; [7]and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. [8]You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for symbols between your eyes. [9]You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates. [10]It shall be, when YHWH your God shall bring you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, great and goodly cities, which you did not build, [11]and houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, and cisterns dug out, which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be full; [12]then beware lest you forget YHWH,[d] who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. [13]You shall fear YHWH your God; and you shall serve him only,[e] and you shall cling to him,[f] and take oaths by his name. [14]You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples who are around you; [15]for YHWH your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; lest the anger of YHWH your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. [16]Do not test YHWH your God,[g] as you tested him at Massah. [17]You shall diligently keep the commandments of YHWH your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. [18]You shall do that which is right and good in the sight of YHWH; that it may be well with

[a]6:4 Hebrew: echad, meaning "one" or "unity"
[b]6:4 Mark 12:29
[c]6:5 Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27
[d]6:12 DSS MT. LXX SP add "your God"
[e]6:13 Matthew 4:10; Luke 4:8. Hebrew Mss LXX add "and you shall cling to him." Cf. 10:20
[f]6:13 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. 10:20. MT lacks "and you shall…him" from haplography by homoioarcton: bw-bw
[g]6:16 Luke 4:12

you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which YHWH[a] swore to your fathers, 19to thrust out all your enemies from before you, as YHWH has spoken.

20When your son asks you in time to come, saying, "What do the testimonies, the statutes, and the ordinances, which YHWH our God has commanded you mean?" 21then you shall tell your son, "We were Pharaoh's bondservants in Egypt: and YHWH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22and YHWH showed great and awesome signs and wonders on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his house, before our eyes; 23and he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore to our fathers. 24YHWH commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear YHWH our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at this day. 25It shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all this commandment before YHWH our God, as he has commanded us."

7 When YHWH your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and shall cast out many nations before you, the Hethite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than you; 2and when YHWH your God shall deliver them up before you, and you shall strike them; then you shall utterly destroy them: you shall make no covenant with them, nor show mercy to them; 3neither shall you make marriages with them; your daughter you shall not give to his son, nor shall you take his daughter for your son. 4For he will turn away your son from following me, that he[b] may serve other gods; so the anger of YHWH[c] would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. 5But you shall deal with them like this: you shall break down their altars, and dash their pillars in pieces, and cut down their Asherim, and burn their engraved images with fire. 6For you are a holy people to YHWH your God: YHWH your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7YHWH did not set his love on you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all peoples: 8but because YHWH loves you, and because he would keep the oath which he swore to your fathers, has YHWH brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9Know therefore that YHWH your God, he is God, the faithful God,[d] who keeps covenant and loving kindness with them who love him

[a]6:18 LXX SP Syr add "your God"
[b]7:4 DSS MT Mss LXX SP. MT reads "they"
[c]7:4 DSS adds (before bkm) 'lhykm "your God"
[d]7:9 El Hane'eman

and keep his commandments to a thousand generations, [10]and repays those who hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him who hates him, he will repay him to his face. [11]You shall therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command you this day, to do them. [12]It shall happen, because you listen to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that YHWH your God will keep with you the covenant and the loving kindness which he swore to your fathers: [13]and he will love you, and bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your livestock and the young of your flock, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you. [14]You shall be blessed above all peoples: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your livestock. [15]And YHWH will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you have seen and which[a] you have known, will he put on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. [16]You shall consume all the peoples whom YHWH your God shall deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them: neither shall you serve their gods; for that will be a snare to you. [17]If you shall say in your heart, "These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?" [18]you shall not be afraid of them: you shall well remember what YHWH your God did to Pharaoh, and to all Egypt; [19]the great trials which your eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which YHWH your God brought you out: so shall YHWH your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. [20]Moreover YHWH your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left and hide themselves from you perish. [21]You shall not be scared of them; for YHWH your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. [22]YHWH your God will cast out those nations before you by little and little: you may not consume them at once, lest the animals of the field increase on you. [23]But YHWH your God will deliver them up before you, and will confuse them with a great confusion, until they be destroyed. [24]He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name to perish from under the sky: no man shall be able to stand before you, until you have destroyed them. [25]You shall burn the engraved images of their gods with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, lest you be snared in it; for it is an abomination to YHWH your God. [26]You shall not bring an abomination into your house, and become a devoted thing like it. You shall utterly detest it,

[a]7:15 DSS LXX. MT lacks "you have seen and which" from haplography: 'sr-w'sr. The words are written supralinearly in DSS, corrected from another manuscript or due to haplography

and you shall utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

8 You shall observe to do all the commandment which I command you this day, that you may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which YHWH swore to your fathers. 2You shall remember all the way which YHWH your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, to prove you, and[a] to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. 3He humbled you, and allowed you to be hungry, and fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know; that he might make you know that humankind cannot live by bread alone, but by every word[b] that proceeds out of the mouth of God[c] shall humankind live. 4Your clothing did not grow old on you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. 5You shall consider in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so YHWH your God chastens you. 6You shall keep the commandments of YHWH your God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. 7For YHWH your God brings you into a good and spacious[d] land, a land of brooks of water, of springs, and underground water flowing into valleys and hills; 8a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey; 9a land in which you shall eat bread without scarcity, and[e] in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig copper. 10You shall eat and be full, and you shall bless YHWH your God for the good land which he has given you. 11Beware lest you forget YHWH your God, in not keeping his commandments, and his ordinances, and his statutes, which I command you this day: 12lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, and lived in them;[f] 13and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14then your heart be lifted up, and you forget YHWH your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; 15who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where there was no water; who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint; 16who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your

[a]8:2 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and"
[b]8:3 LXX, reading rhemati = debar. MT lacks "word," possibly from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: kl-br
[c]8:3 LXX Vg. MT DSS read "YHWH" instead of "God." Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4.
[d]8:7 DSS Hebrew Ms LXX SP. MT lacks "and spacious" from haplography: bh-bh. Cf. Exodus 3:8
[e]8:9 DSS Mss LXX. DSS Ms MT lack "and"
[f]8:12 DSS(corr) LXX. DSS Ms MT lack "in them"

fathers did not know; that he might humble you, and that he might prove you, to do you good at your latter end: [17]and lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth." [18]But you shall remember YHWH your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers,[a] as at this day.

[19]It shall be, if you shall forget YHWH your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify[b] against you this day that you shall surely perish. [20]As the nations that YHWH makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you wouldn't listen to the voice of YHWH your God.

9 Hear, Israel: you are to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to the sky, [2]a people great[c] and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard say, "Who can stand before the sons of Anak?" [3]Know therefore this day, that YHWH your God is he who goes over before you as a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will bring them down before you: so you shall drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as YHWH has spoken to you.

[4]Do not say in your heart, after YHWH your God has thrust them out from before you, saying, "For my righteousness YHWH has brought me in to possess this land"; because YHWH drives them out before you because of the wickedness of these nations. [5]Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations YHWH[d] does drive them out from before you, and that he may establish the word which he[e] swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. [6]Know therefore, that YHWH your God doesn't give you this good land to possess it for your righteousness; for you are a stiff-necked people. [7]Remember, do not forget, how you provoked YHWH your God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that you went forth out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against YHWH. [8]Also in Horeb you provoked YHWH to wrath, and YHWH was angry with you to destroy you. [9]When I was gone up onto the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, even the tablets of the covenant which YHWH made with you, then I stayed on the

[a]8:18 DSS LXX SP add "to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob"
[b]8:19 (DSS) LXX add "the heavens and the earth"
[c]9:2 LXX adds "and many." Cf. 1:28
[d]9:5 2 Hebrew Mss LXX SP. MT adds "your God"
[e]9:5 Hebrew Ms Kennicott codex(ken1) LXX SP Syr. MT adds "YHWH"

mountain forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water. [10]YHWH delivered to me the two tablets of stone written with the finger of God; and on them were all the words which YHWH spoke with you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

[11]It came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that YHWH gave me the two tablets of stone, even the tablets of the covenant. [12]YHWH said to me, "Arise, get down quickly from here; for your people whom you have brought out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image."

[13]Furthermore YHWH spoke to me, saying, "I have seen this people, and look, it is a stiff-necked people: [14]let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under the sky; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they."
[15]So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning with fire: and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands. [16]I looked, and look, you had sinned against YHWH your God; you had made yourselves a molten calf: you had turned aside quickly out of the way which YHWH had commanded you. [17]I took hold of the two tablets, and cast them out of my two hands, and broke them before your eyes. [18]I fell down before YHWH, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water; because of all your sin which you sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger. [19]For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, with which YHWH was angry against you to destroy you. But YHWH listened to me that time also. [20]YHWH was very angry with Aaron to destroy him: and I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. [21]I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust: and I cast its dust into the brook that descended out of the mountain. [22]At Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth Hattaavah, you provoked YHWH to wrath. [23]When YHWH sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have given you"; then you rebelled against the commandment of YHWH your God, and you did not believe him, nor listen to his voice. [24]You have been rebellious against YHWH from the day that I[a] knew you. [25]So I fell down before YHWH the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because YHWH had said he would destroy you. [26]I prayed to God,[b] and said, "Lord YHWH, do not destroy your people and your inheritance, that you have redeemed through your greatness, that you have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

[a]9:24 LXX SP read "that he has"

[b]9:26 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

[27]Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, [28]lest the land you brought us out from say, 'Because YHWH was not able to bring them into the land which he promised to them, and because he hated them, he has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.' [29]Yet they are your people and your inheritance, which you brought out[a] by your great power[b] and by your outstretched arm."

10 At that time YHWH said to me, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me onto the mountain, and make an ark of wood. [2]I will write on the tables the words[c] that were on the first tables which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark." [3]So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up onto the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. [4]He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which YHWH spoke to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and YHWH gave them to me. [5]I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as YHWH commanded me. [6](The children of Israel traveled from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his place. [7]From there they traveled to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. [8]At that time YHWH set apart the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of YHWH, to stand before YHWH to minister to him, and to bless in his name, to this day. [9]Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers; YHWH is his inheritance, according as YHWH your God spoke to him.)

[10]I stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights: and YHWH listened to me that time also, and[d] YHWH would not destroy you. [11]YHWH said to me, "Arise, take your journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give to them."

[12]Now, Israel, what does YHWH your God require of you, but to fear YHWH your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, [13]to keep the commandments of YHWH,[e] and his statutes, which I command you this day for your

[a]9:28 LXX SP add "from Egypt"
[b]9:29 LXX(B) adds "and with your mighty hand." Cf. v. 26; Exodus 32:11
[c]10:2 DSS adds "of YHWH" before hyw
[d]10:10 DSS MT Mss LXX SP. MT lacks "and"
[e]10:13 LXX SP add "your God"

good? 14Look, to YHWH your God
belongs heaven and the heaven of
heavens, the earth, with all that is in
it. 15Only YHWH had a delight in
your fathers to love them, and he
chose their descendants after them,
even you above all peoples, as at
this day.

16Circumcise therefore the
foreskin of your heart, and be no
more stiff-necked. 17For YHWH
your God, he is God of gods, and
Lord of lords, the great God, the
mighty, and the awesome, who
doesn't respect persons, nor takes
reward. 18He does execute justice
for the fatherless and widow, and
loves the foreigner, in giving him
food and clothing. 19Therefore love
the foreigner; for you were
foreigners in the land of Egypt.
20You shall fear YHWH your God;
you shall serve him; and you shall
cling to him, and you shall swear by
his name. 21He is your praise, and
he is your God, who has done for
you these great and awesome
things, which your eyes have seen.

22Your fathers went down
into Egypt with seventy persons;
and now YHWH your God has
made you as the stars of the sky for
multitude.

11 Therefore you shall
love YHWH your
God, and keep his
instructions, and his statutes, and
his ordinances, and his
commandments, always. 2Know
this day: for I do not speak with
your children who have not known,
and who have not seen the
chastisement of YHWH your God,
his greatness, his mighty hand, and
his outstretched arm, 3and his signs,
and his works, which he did in the
midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king
of Egypt, and to all his land; 4and
what he did to the army of Egypt,
to their horses, and to their chariots;
how he made the water of the Red
Sea to overflow them as they
pursued after you, and how YHWH
has destroyed them to this day; 5and
what he did to you in the
wilderness, until you came to this
place; 6and what he did to Dathan
and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the
son of Reuben; how the earth
opened its mouth, and swallowed
them up, and their households, and
their tents, and every living thing
that followed them, in the midst of
all Israel: 7but your eyes have seen
all the great work of YHWH which
he did. 8Therefore you shall keep
every commandment which I
command you this day, that you
may be strong, and multiply,[a] and
go in and possess the land, where
you go over[b] to possess it; 9and that
you may prolong your days in the
land, which YHWH swore to your
fathers to give to them and to their
descendants, a land flowing with
milk and honey. 10For the land,
where you go in to possess it, isn't
as the land of Egypt, that you came

[a]11:8 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and multiply" from haplography: wrbytm-wb'tm

[b]11:8 DSS LXX add "the Jordan"

out from, where you sowed your seed, and watered it with your feet,[a] as a garden of herbs; 11but the land, where you go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water of the rain of the sky, 12a land which YHWH your God cares for: the eyes of YHWH your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year. 13It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love YHWH your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, and your new wine, and your oil. 15I will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. 16Be careful, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17and the anger of YHWH be kindled against you, and he shut up the sky, so that there shall be no rain, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and you perish quickly from off the good land which YHWH gives you. 18Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and you shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for symbols between your eyes. 19You shall teach them your children, talking of them, when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20You shall write them on the door posts of your house, and on your gates; 21that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which YHWH swore to your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22For if you shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you to do,[b] to love YHWH your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him; 23then will YHWH drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Perath, even to the western sea shall be your border. 25No man shall be able to stand before you: YHWH your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread on, as he has spoken to you. 26Look, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: 27the blessing, if you shall listen to the commandments of YHWH your God, which I command you this day; 28and the curse, if you shall not listen to the commandments of YHWH your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which you have not known. 29It shall happen, when YHWH your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, that you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim, and the curse on Mount

[a]11:10 DSS Mss LXX SP. DSS Ms MT read "foot"

[b]11:22 LXX SP Syr add "this day," under the influence of v.13

Ebal. 30Aren't they beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the Arabah, over against Gilgal, beside the oak[a] of Moreh? 31For you are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which YHWH your God gives you, and you shall possess it, and dwell in it. 32You shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you this day.

12 These are the statutes and the ordinances which you shall observe to do in the land which YHWH, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess it, all the days that you live on the earth. 2You shall surely destroy all the places in which the nations that you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains, and on the hills, and under every green tree: 3and you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods; and you shall destroy their name out of that place. 4You shall not do so to YHWH your God. 5But to the place which YHWH your God shall choose out of all your tribes, to put his name there, even to his habitation you shall seek, and there you shall come; 6and there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the wave offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock: 7and there you shall eat before YHWH your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which YHWH your God has blessed you. 8You shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatever is right in his own eyes; 9for you haven't yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which YHWH your God gives you. 10But when you go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which YHWH your God causes you to inherit, and he gives you rest from all your enemies around you, so that you dwell in safety; 11then it shall happen that to the place which YHWH your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the wave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow to your God.[b] 12You shall rejoice before YHWH your God, you, and your sons, and your daughters, and your male servants, and your female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you. 13Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see; 14but in the place which YHWH shall choose in one of your tribes, there

[a]11:30 LXX Aquila Sammachus Theodotion Syr cf. Genesis 12:6. MT reads "oakes"

[b]12:11 LXX. MT reads "to YHWH"

you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you. 15Notwithstanding, you may kill and eat flesh within all your gates, after all the desire of your soul, according to the blessing of YHWH your God which he has given you: the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, and as of the deer. 16Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it out on the earth as water. 17You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your new wine, or of your oil, or the firstborn of your herd or of your flock, nor any of your vows which you vow, nor your freewill offerings, nor the wave offering of your hand; 18but you shall eat them before YHWH your God in the place which YHWH your God shall choose, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates: and you shall rejoice before YHWH your God in all that you put your hand to. 19Be careful that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live in your land.
20When YHWH your God shall enlarge your border, as he has promised you, and you shall say, "I want to eat meat," because your soul desires to eat meat; you may eat meat, after all the desire of your soul. 21If the place which YHWH your God shall choose to put his name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock, which God[a] has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, after all the desire of your soul. 22Even as the gazelle and as the deer is eaten, so you shall eat of it: the unclean[b] and the clean may eat of it alike. 23Only be sure that you do not eat the blood: for the blood is the life; and you shall not eat the life with the flesh. 24You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the earth as water. 25You shall not eat it; that it may go well with you, and with your children after you, when you shall do that which is right in the eyes of YHWH.[c] 26Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take, and go to the place which YHWH shall choose,[d] 27and you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of YHWH your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of YHWH your God; and you shall eat the flesh. 28Observe and hear and do[e] all these words which I command you,[f] that it may go well with you, and with your children after you forever, when you do that which is good and right in the eyes of YHWH your God.

29When YHWH your God shall cut off the nations from before you, where you go in to dispossess

[a]12:21 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]12:22 DSS MT. LXX SP add "in you"
[c]12:25 LXX adds "your God"
[d]12:26 LXX adds "to have his name named upon it." Cf. v. 11
[e]12:28 LXX SP. MT lacks "and do" from homoioteleuton: t-t
[f]12:28 Hebrew Ms SP LXX(ML) Syr add "today"

them, and you dispossess them, and dwell in their land; 30be careful that you not be ensnared to follow them, after that they are destroyed from before you; and that you not inquire after their gods, saying, "How do these nations serve their gods? I will do likewise." 31You shall not do so to YHWH your God: for every abomination to YHWH, which he hates, have they done to their gods; for even their sons and their daughters do they burn in the fire to their gods. 32Whatever thing I command you, that you shall observe to do: you shall not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

13 If there arise in the midst of you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give you a sign or a wonder, 2and the sign or the wonder come to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, "Let us go after other gods" (which you have not known) "and let us serve them"; 3you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams: for YHWH your God proves you, to know whether you love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4You shall walk after YHWH your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and cling to him. 5That prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion against YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to draw you aside out of the way which YHWH your God commanded you to walk in. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you.

6If your brother, the son of your father, or[a] the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife you embrace, or your friend who is closest to you, entice you secretly, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods," which you have not known, you, nor your fathers; 7of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; 8you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him: 9but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10You shall stone him to death with stones, because he has sought to draw you away from YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 11All Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall not do any more such wickedness as this is in the midst of you.

12If you shall hear tell concerning one of your cities,

[a]13:6 DSS LXX SP. MT lacks "the son of your father, or" from haplography: bn-bn

which YHWH your God gives you to dwell there, saying, 13Certain base fellows are gone out from the midst of you, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their[a] city, saying, "Let us go and serve other gods," which you have not known; 14then you shall inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, look, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done in the midst of you, 15you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is in it and its livestock, with the edge of the sword. 16You shall gather all its plunder into the midst of its street, and shall burn with fire the city, and all its plunder as a whole burnt offering to YHWH your God: and it shall be a ruin forever; it shall not be built again. 17Nothing of the devoted thing shall cling to your hand; that YHWH may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show you mercy, and have compassion on you, and multiply you, as he has sworn to your fathers; 18when you shall listen to the voice of YHWH your God, to keep all his commandments which I command you this day, to do that which is right[b] in the eyes of YHWH your God.

14 You are the people of YHWH your God: you shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2For you are a holy people to YHWH your God, and YHWH[c] has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples who are on the face of the earth. 3You shall not eat any abominable thing. 4These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, 5the deer, and the gazelle, and the roebuck, and the wild goat, and the ibex, and the antelope, and the chamois. 6Every animal that parts the hoof, and has the hoof cloven in two and chews the cud, among the animals, that may you eat.

7Nevertheless these you shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of those who have the hoof cloven: the camel, and the hare, and the rabbit; because they chew the cud but do not part the hoof, they are unclean to you. 8The pig, because it has a split hoof,[d] but doesn't chew the cud, is unclean to you: of their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. 9These you may eat of all that are in the waters: whatever has fins and scales may you eat; 10and whatever doesn't have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean to you.

11Of all clean birds you may eat. 12But these are they of which you shall not eat: the eagle, and the vulture, and the osprey, 13and the

[a]13:13 LXX Tg read "your"
[b]13:18 DSS LXX SP add "and good"
[c]14:2 DSS MT. LXX SP add "your God"
[d]14:8 LXX SP add "and is clovenfooted." Cf. Leviticus 11:7

kite,[a] and the buzzard, and the vulture[b] after its kind, [14]and every raven after its kind, [15]and the ostrich, and the owl, and the seagull, and the hawk after its kind, [16]the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl, [17]and the pelican, and the vulture, and the cormorant, [18]and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. [19]All winged crawling creatures are unclean to you: they[c] shall not be eaten. [20]Of all clean birds you may eat. [21]You shall not eat of anything that dies of itself: you may give it to the foreigner living among you who is within your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to a foreigner: for you are a holy people to YHWH your God. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

[22]You shall surely tithe all the increase of your seed, that which comes forth from the field year by year. [23]You shall eat before YHWH your God, in the place which he shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock; that you may learn to fear YHWH your God always.

[24]If the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, because the place is too far from you, which YHWH your God shall choose, to set his name there, when YHWH your God shall bless you; [25]then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which YHWH your God shall choose: [26]and you shall bestow the money for whatever your soul desires, for cattle, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul asks of you; and you shall eat there before YHWH your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

[27]The Levite who is within your gates, you shall not forsake him; for he has no portion nor inheritance with you. [28]At the end of every three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase in the same year, and shall lay it up within your gates: [29]and the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the foreigner living among you, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that YHWH your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

15 At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. [2]This is the way of the release:

[a]14:13 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. Leviticus 11:14. MT reads "a seeing bird," from a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b]14:13 Hebrew Mss Cairo Geniza Ms LXX SP cf. Leviticus 11:14 lack "and the vulture" (cf. Isaiah 34:15), possibly from homoioteleuton: yh-yh. Contrast R. D Nelson, Deuteronomy, 175

[c]14:19 LXX SP read "you"

every creditor shall release that which he has lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because YHWH's release has been proclaimed. 3Of a foreigner you may exact it: but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. 4However there shall be no poor with you; (for YHWH[a] will surely bless you in the land which YHWH your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it;) 5if only you diligently listen to the voice of YHWH your God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command you this day. 6For YHWH your God will bless you, as he promised you: and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you. 7If a poor man, one of your brothers, is with you within any of your gates in your land which YHWH your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor brother; 8but you shall surely open your hand to him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need, which he lacks. 9Be careful lest there be a wicked thought[b] in your heart, saying, "The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand"; and your eye be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing; and he cry to YHWH against you, and it be sin to you. 10You must surely give to him,[c] and your heart is not to be grieved when you give to him; because for this thing YHWH your God will bless you in all your work, and in all that you put your hand to. 11For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command you, saying, You shall surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor, in your land. 12If your brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, and serves you six years; then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. 13When you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty: 14you shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, and out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress, as[d] YHWH your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. 15You shall remember that you were a bondservant in the land of Egypt, and YHWH your God redeemed you: therefore I command you[e] this thing today. 16It shall be, if he tells you, "I will not go out from you"; because he loves you and your house, because he is well with you; 17then you shall take an awl, and thrust it through his ear to the door, and he shall be your

[a]15:4 Hebrew Mss LXX SP add "your God," possibly lost from haplography by homoioteleuton in a graphic confusion between final tsadi and final kaph

[b]15:9 LXX(B) cf. BHS adds "hidden"

[c]15:10 LXX Mss Origen add "and you are to lend him a loan whatever he needs, which he lacks," possibly lost by haplography: lw_w-lw_w

[d]15:14 SP LXX Mss read "winepress, in proportion as," instead of "winepress, as/that which," possibly from dittography of a kaph following a word ending in kaph

[e]15:15 (DSS) LXX add "to do"

servant forever. Also to your female servant you shall do likewise. 18It shall not seem hard to you, when you let him go free from you; for to the double of the hire of a hireling has he served you six years: and YHWH your God will bless you in all that you do. 19All the firstborn males that are born of your herd and of your flock you shall sanctify to YHWH your God: you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. 20You shall eat it before YHWH your God year by year in the place which YHWH shall choose, you and your household. 21If it has any blemish, is lame or blind, or has any defect whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to YHWH your God. 22You shall eat it within your gates: the unclean and the clean[a] shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the deer. 23Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it out on the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to YHWH your God; for in the month of Abib YHWH your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night. 2You shall sacrifice the Passover to YHWH your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which YHWH[b] shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3You shall eat no leavened bread with it. You shall eat unleavened bread with it seven days, even the bread of affliction; for you came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that you may remember the day when you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. 4No yeast shall be seen with you in all your borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which you sacrifice the first day at evening, remain all night until the morning. 5You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, which YHWH your God gives you; 6but at the place which YHWH your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season that you came forth out of Egypt. 7You shall roast and eat it in the place which YHWH your God shall choose: and you shall turn in the morning, and go to your tents. 8Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to YHWH your God; you must not do any work on it.[c] 9You shall count for yourselves seven weeks: from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain you shall begin to number seven weeks. 10You shall keep the feast of weeks to YHWH your God with a tribute of a freewill offering of your hand, which you shall give, according as YHWH your God blesses you: 11and you shall rejoice before YHWH your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite who is within your gates, and the foreigner, and the

[a]15:22 LXX adds “among you”
[b]16:2 LXX SP add “your God”
[c]16:8 DSS LXX. MT lacks “any…on it”

fatherless, and the widow, who are in the midst of you, in the place which YHWH your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 12You shall remember that you were a bondservant in[a] Egypt: and you shall observe and do these statutes. 13You shall keep the feast of tents seven days, after that you have gathered in from your threshing floor and from your winepress: 14and you shall rejoice in your feast, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your male servant, and your female servant, and the Levite, and the foreigner, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your gates. 15You shall keep a feast to YHWH your God seven days in the place which YHWH[b] shall choose; because YHWH your God will bless you in all your increase, and in all the work of your hands, and you shall be altogether joyful. 16Three times in a year shall all your males appear before YHWH your God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tents; and they shall not appear before YHWH empty: 17every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of YHWH your God which he has given you. 18You shall make judges and officers in all your gates, which YHWH your God gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19You shall not wrest justice: you shall not respect persons; neither shall you take a bribe; for a bribe does blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. 20You shall follow that which is altogether just, that you may live, and inherit the land which YHWH your God gives you. 21You shall not plant for yourselves an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of YHWH your God, which you shall make for yourselves. 22Neither shall you set yourself up a pillar; which YHWH your God hates.

17 You shall not sacrifice to YHWH your God an ox, or a sheep, in which is a blemish, or anything evil; for that is an abomination to YHWH your God. 2If there is found in the midst of you, within any of your gates which YHWH your God gives you, man or woman, who does that which is evil in the sight of YHWH your God, in transgressing his covenant, 3and has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; 4and it be told you, and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire diligently; and look, if it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done in Israel, 5then you shall bring forth that man or that woman, who has done this evil thing, to your gates, even the man or the woman; and you shall stone them to death with stones. 6At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he who is to die be put to death; at the mouth of

[a]16:12 LXX SP add “the land of”

[b]16:15 LXX SP add “your God”

one witness he shall not be put to death. 7The hand of the witnesses shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 8If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within your gates; then you shall arise, and go up to the place which YHWH your God shall choose;[a] 9and you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge who shall be in those days: and you shall inquire; and they shall show you the sentence of judgment. 10You shall do according to the tenor of the sentence which they shall show you from that place which YHWH[b] shall choose; and you shall observe to do according to all that they shall teach you: 11according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand, nor to the left. 12The man who does presumptuously, in not listening to the priest who stands to minister there before YHWH your God, or to the judge, even that man shall die: and you shall put away the evil from Israel. 13All the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14When you have come to the land which YHWH your God gives you, and shall possess it, and shall dwell in it, and shall say, "I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me"; 15you shall surely set him king over yourselves, whom YHWH your God shall choose: one from among your brothers you shall set king over you; you may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses; because YHWH has said to you, "You shall not go back that way again." 17Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart not turn away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. 19And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear YHWH his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20that his heart not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he not turn aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

[a]17:8 LXX adds "for his name to be called there." Cf. 14:24

[b]17:10 LXX SP add "your God"

18 The priests the Levites, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of YHWH made by fire, and his inheritance. 2They shall have no inheritance among their brothers: YHWH is their inheritance, as he has spoken to them. 3This shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. 4The first fruits of your grain, of your new wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you shall give him. 5For YHWH your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the name of YHWH, him and his sons for ever. 6If a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he lives as a foreigner, and comes with all the desire of his soul to the place which YHWH shall choose; 7then he shall minister in the name of YHWH his God, as all his brothers the Levites do, who stand there before YHWH. 8They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which comes of the sale of his patrimony. 9When you have come into the land which YHWH your God gives you, you shall not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one who practices divination, or tells fortunes, or interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11or who casts spells, or consults a medium or a familiar spirit, or inquires of the dead. 12For whoever does these things is an abomination to YHWH.[a] And because of these abominations YHWH your God is driving them out from before you. 13You shall be blameless before YHWH your God. 14For these nations, that you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice sorcery, and to diviners; but as for you, YHWH your God has not allowed you so to do. 15YHWH your God will raise up to you a prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, like me.[b] You shall listen to him. 16This is according to all that you desired of YHWH your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, "Let me not hear again the voice of YHWH my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I not die."

17YHWH said to me, "They have well said that which they have spoken. 18I will raise them up a prophet from among their brothers, like you; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. 19It shall happen, that whoever will not listen to my words which he shall speak in my name, I will call him to account.[c] 20But the prophet, who shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which

[a]18:12 LXX SP read "YHWH your God" here and "abominations YHWH does drive" later in the verse

[b]18:15 Acts 3:22, 7:37

[c]18:19 Acts 3:23

I have not commanded him to speak, or who shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

[21]If you say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which YHWH has not spoken?" [22]When a prophet speaks in the name of YHWH, if the thing doesn't follow, nor happen, that is the thing which YHWH has not spoken: the prophet has spoken it presumptuously, you shall not be afraid of him.

19 When YHWH your God shall cut off the nations, whose land YHWH your God gives you, and you succeed them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses; [2]you shall set apart three cities for you in the midst of your land, which YHWH your God gives you to possess it. [3]You shall prepare you the way, and divide the borders of your land, which YHWH your God causes you to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee there. [4]This is the case of the manslayer, that shall flee there and live: whoever kills his neighbor unawares, and did not hate him in time past; [5]as when a man goes into the forest with his neighbor to chop wood, and his hand fetches a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle, and lights on his neighbor, so that he dies; he shall flee to one of these cities and live: [6]lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike him mortally; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he did not hate him in time past. [7]Therefore I command you, saying, You shall set apart three cities for yourselves. [8]If YHWH your God enlarges your border, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which he promised to give to your fathers; [9]if you keep all this commandment to do it, which I command you this day, to love YHWH your God, and to walk ever in his ways; then you shall add three cities more for yourselves, besides these three: [10]that innocent blood not be shed in the midst of your land, which YHWH your God gives you for an inheritance, and so blood be on you. [11]But if any man hates his neighbor, and lies in wait for him, and rises up against him, and strikes him mortally so that he dies, and he flees into one of these cities; [12]then the elders of his city shall send and bring him there, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. [13]Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you. [14]You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit, in the land that YHWH your God gives you to possess it. [15]One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of

three witnesses, shall every[a] word be established.[b] 16If an unrighteous witness rise up against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, 17then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before YHWH, before the priests and the judges who shall be in those days; 18and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, look, if the witness is a false witness, and has testified falsely against his brother; 19then you shall do to him as he had thought to do to his brother: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 20Those who remain shall hear, and fear, and shall hereafter commit no more any such evil in the midst of you. 21Your eyes shall not pity: life[c] for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

20 When you go forth to battle against your enemies, and see horses, chariots, and[d] a people more than you, you shall not be afraid of them; for YHWH your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. 2It shall be, when you draw near to the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people, 3and shall tell them, "Hear, Israel, you draw near this day to battle against your enemies: do not let your heart faint; do not be afraid, nor tremble, neither be scared of them; 4for YHWH your God is he who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."

5The officers shall speak to the people, saying, "What man is there who has built a new house, and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6What man is there who has planted a vineyard, and has not used its fruit? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use its fruit. 7What man is there who has pledged to be married a wife, and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her." 8The officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, "What man is there who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest his brother's heart melt as his heart." 9It shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, that they shall appoint captains of armies at the head of the people.

10When you draw near to a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace to it. 11It shall be, if it makes you answer of peace, and opens to you, then it shall be, that all the people who are found in it shall become tributary to you, and shall serve you. 12If it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege

[a]19:15 LXX Vg. MT lacks "every," possibly lost from homoioarcton by sight confusion in a square script: k-d

[b]19:15 Matthew 18:16; 2Co 13:1

[c]19:21 DSS reads nfsw "his life"

[d]20:1 DSS LXX SP. MT lacks "and"

it: 13and when YHWH your God
delivers it into your hand, you shall
strike every male of it with the edge
of the sword: 14but the women, and
the little ones, and the livestock,
and all that is in the city, even all its
spoil, you shall take for a prey to
yourself; and you shall eat the spoil
of your enemies, which YHWH
your God has given you. 15Thus
you shall do to all the cities which
are very far off from you, which are
not of the cities of these nations.
16But of the cities of these peoples,
that YHWH your God gives you for
an inheritance, you shall save alive
nothing that breathes; 17but you
shall utterly destroy them: the
Hethite, and the Amorite, and[a] the
Canaanite, and the Girgashite,[b] and
the Perizzite, and[c] the Hivite, and
the Jebusite; as YHWH your God
has commanded you; 18that they
not teach you to do after all their
abominations, which they have
done to their gods; so would you
sin against YHWH your God.
19When you shall besiege a city a
long time, in making war against it
to take it, you shall not destroy its
trees by wielding an axe against
them; for you may eat of them, and
you shall not cut them down; for is
the tree of the field man, that it
should be besieged of you? 20Only
the trees of which you know that
they are not trees for food, you shall
destroy and cut them down; and
you shall build siege works against
the city that makes war with you,
until it fall.

21 If one be found slain
in the land which
YHWH your God
gives you to possess it, lying in the
field, and it isn't known who has
struck him; 2then your elders and
your judges shall come forth, and
they shall measure to the cities
which are around him who is slain:
3and it shall be, that the city which
is nearest to the slain man, even the
elders of that city shall take a heifer
of the herd, which hasn't been
worked with, and which has not
drawn in the yoke; 4and the elders
of that city shall bring down the
heifer to a valley with running
water, which is neither plowed nor
sown, and shall break the heifer's
neck there in the valley. 5The
priests the sons of Levi shall come
near; for them YHWH your God has
chosen to minister to him, and to
bless in the name of YHWH; and
according to their word shall every
controversy and every stroke be.
6All the elders of that city, who are
nearest to the slain man, shall wash
their hands over the heifer whose
neck was broken in the valley; 7and
they shall answer and say, "Our
hands have not shed this blood,
neither have our eyes seen it.
8Forgive, YHWH, your people
Israel, whom you have redeemed,
and do not allow innocent blood in
the midst of your people Israel."

[a]20:17 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks "and"
[b]20:17 SP cf. LXX. MT lacks "and the Girgashites"
[c]20:17 DSS Hebrew Mss SP LXX. MT lacks "and"

The blood shall be forgiven them.
9So you shall put away the innocent
blood from the midst of you, when
you shall do that which is right in
the eyes of YHWH.
10When you go forth to battle
against your enemies, and YHWH
your God delivers them into your
hands, and you carry them away
captive, 11and see among the
captives a beautiful woman, and
you desire to take her to be your
wife, 12then you shall bring her
home to your house; and she shall
shave her head, and trim her nails;
13and she shall remove the clothing
she was wearing when captured,
and shall remain in your house, and
mourn her father and her mother a
full month. And after that you may
go in to her and be her husband, and
she shall be your wife. 14It shall be,
if you are not pleased with her, then
you must let her go[a] where she
wants; but you may not sell her for
money or treat her as a
commodity,[b] since you have had
relations[c] with her. 15If a man has
two wives, the one loved, and the
other unloved, and they have borne
him children, both the loved and
the unloved; and if the firstborn son
is hers who was unloved; 16then it
shall be, in the day that he causes
his sons to inherit that which he
has, that he may not make the son
of the loved the firstborn before the
son of the unloved, who is the
firstborn: 17but he shall
acknowledge the firstborn, the son
of the unloved, by giving him a
double portion of all that he has; for
he is the beginning of his strength;
the right of the firstborn is his. 18If
a man have a stubborn and
rebellious son, who will not obey
the voice of his father, or the voice
of his mother, and, though they
chasten him, will not listen to them;
19then shall his father and his
mother lay hold on him, and bring
him out to the elders of his city, and
to the gate of his place; 20and they
shall tell the elders of his city, "This
our son is stubborn and rebellious,
he will not obey our voice; he is a
glutton, and a drunkard." 21All the
men of his city shall stone him to
death with stones: so you shall put
away the evil from the midst of
you; and all Israel shall hear, and
fear.
22If a man have committed a sin
worthy of death, and he be put to
death, and you hang him on a tree;
23his body shall not remain all night
on the tree, but you shall surely
bury him the same day; for
everyone[d] who hangs on a tree[e] is

[a]21:14 Cf. Jeremiah 34:16 where lenapshah suggests an unbound free person

[b]21:14 Cf. HALOT 2:849

[c]21:14 The verb 'anah usually indicates forced sex, but in 22:24 and here it is neutral. Cf. Exodus 21:10, where the root of we'onatah represents a wife's sexual rights; R. D. Nelson, Deuteronomy (2002), 254, fn j.

[d]21:23 LXX, reading pas = כל. MT lacks "everyone," possibly from homoioarcton by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew in a damaged scroll: kl-tl

[e]21:23 LXX, reading epi xulou = עץ על. MT lacks "on a tree," possibly from homoioteleuton by sight

cursed by God;[a] that you do not
defile your land which YHWH your
God gives you for an inheritance.

22 You shall not see
your brother's ox or
his sheep go astray,
and hide yourself from them: you
shall surely bring them again to
your brother. 2If your brother isn't
near to you, or if you do not know
him, then you shall bring it home to
your house, and it shall be with you
until your brother seek after it, and
you shall restore it to him. 3So you
shall do with his donkey; and so
you shall do with his garment; and
so you shall do with every lost
thing of your brother's, which he
has lost, and you have found: you
may not hide yourself. 4You shall
not see your brother's donkey or his
ox fallen down by the way, and
hide yourself from them: you shall
surely help him to lift them up
again. 5A woman shall not wear
men's clothing, neither shall a man
put on women's clothing; for
whoever does these things is an
abomination to YHWH your God.
6If a bird's nest chance to be before
you in the way, in any tree or on the
ground, with young ones or eggs,
and the hen sitting on the young, or
on the eggs, you shall not take the
hen with the young: 7you shall
surely let the mother go, but the
young you may take to yourself;
that it may be well with you, and
that you may prolong your days.
8When you build a new house, then
you shall make a battlement for
your roof, that you do not bring
blood on your house, if any man
fall from there. 9You shall not sow
your vineyard with two kinds of
seed, lest the whole fruit be
forfeited, the seed which you have
sown, and the increase of the
vineyard. 10You shall not plow with
an ox and a donkey together. 11You
shall not wear a mixed stuff, wool
and linen together. 12You shall
make yourselves fringes[b] on the
four borders of your cloak, with
which you cover yourself.

13If any man takes a wife, and
goes in to her, and hates her, 14and
accuses her of shameful things, and
brings up an evil name on her, and
says, "I took this woman, and when
I came near to her, I did not find in
her the tokens of virginity"; 15then
shall the father of the young
woman, and her mother, take and
bring forth the tokens of the young
woman's virginity to the elders of
the city in the gate; 16and the young
woman's father shall tell the elders,
"I gave my daughter to this man to
wife, and he hates her; 17and look,
he has accused her of shameful
things, saying, 'I did not find in
your daughter the tokens of
virginity;' and yet these are the
tokens of my daughter's virginity."
They shall spread the cloth before
the elders of the city. 18The elders
of that city shall take the man and
chastise him; 19and they shall fine
him one hundred shekels of silver,

confusion in Paleo-Hebrew in a damaged scroll: y-ts

[a]21:23 Galatians 3:13
[b]22:12 Or, tassles

and give them to the father of the young woman, because he has brought up an evil name on a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20But if this thing be true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in the young woman; 21then they shall bring out the young woman to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she has done folly in Israel, to play the prostitute in her father's house: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 22If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman: so you shall put away the evil from Israel. 23If there is a young woman who is a virgin pledged to be married to a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city, and you shall stone them to death with stones; the woman, because she did not cry, being in the city; and the man, because he has humbled his neighbor's wife: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. 25But if the man find the woman who is pledged to be married in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only who lay with her shall die: 26but to the woman you shall do nothing; there is in the woman no sin worthy of death: for as when a man rises against his neighbor, and kills him, even so is this matter; 27for he found her in the field, the pledged to be married woman cried, and there was none to save her. 28If a man find a woman who is a virgin, who is not pledged to be married, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; 29then the man who lay with her shall give to the woman's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he has humbled her; he may not put her away all his days. 30A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

23 No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off may enter the assembly of YHWH. 2No one of illegitimate birth shall enter into the assembly of YHWH; even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of YHWH. 3An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of YHWH; even to the tenth generation shall none belonging to them enter into the assembly of YHWH forever: 4because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way, when you came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. 5Nevertheless YHWH your God wouldn't listen to Balaam; but YHWH your God turned the curse into a blessing to you, because YHWH your God loved you. 6You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever. 7You shall not abhor an Edomite; for he is your brother:

you shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you lived as a foreigner in his land. [8]The children of the third generation who are born to them shall enter into the assembly of YHWH. [9]When you go forth in camp against your enemies, then you shall keep yourselves from every evil thing. [10]If there is among you any man who is not clean by reason of that which happens him by night, then shall he go outside of the camp. He shall not come within the camp: [11]but it shall be, when evening comes on, he shall bathe himself in water; and when the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. [12] You shall have a place also outside of the camp, where you shall go outside there; [13]and you shall have a spade among your tools; and it shall be, when you sit down outside, you shall dig therewith, and shall turn and cover that which comes from you: [14]for YHWH your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you, and to give up your enemies before you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that he may not see an unclean thing in you, and turn away from you. [15]You shall not deliver to his master a servant who is escaped from his master to you: [16]he shall dwell with you, in the midst of you, in the place which he shall choose within one of your gates, where it pleases him best: you shall not oppress him. [17]There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sacred male prostitute of the children of Israel. [18]You shall not bring the hire of a prostitute, or the wages of a dog, into the house of YHWH your God for any vow: for even both these are an abomination to YHWH your God. [19]You shall not lend on interest to your brother; interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is lent on interest: [20]to a foreigner you may lend on interest; but to your brother you shall not lend on interest, that YHWH your God may bless you in all that you put your hand to, in the land where you go in to possess it. [21]When you shall vow a vow to YHWH your God, you shall not be slack to pay it: for YHWH your God will surely require it of you; and it would be sin in you. [22]But if you shall forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in you. [23]That which is gone out of your lips you shall observe and do; according as you have vowed to YHWH your God, a freewill offering, which you have promised with your mouth. [24]When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat of grapes your fill at your own pleasure; but you shall not put any in your vessel. [25]When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the ears with your hand; but you shall not move a sickle to your neighbor's standing grain.

24 When a man takes a wife, and marries her, then it shall be, if she find no favor in his eyes, because he has found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorce, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. [2]When she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. [3]If the latter husband hate her, and write her a

bill of divorce, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his wife; [4]her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before YHWH: and you shall not cause the land to sin, which YHWH your God gives you for an inheritance. [5]When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out in the army, neither shall he be assigned any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he has taken. [6]No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge; for he takes a life in pledge. [7]If a man be found stealing any of his brothers of the children of Israel, and he deal with him as a slave, or sell him; then that thief shall die: so you shall put away the evil from the midst of you. [8]Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that you observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so you shall observe to do. [9]Remember what YHWH your God did to Miriam, by the way as you came forth out of Egypt. [10]When you do lend your neighbor any kind of loan, you shall not go into his house to get his pledge. [11]You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you do lend shall bring forth the pledge outside to you. [12]If he be a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge; [13]you shall surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless you: and it shall be righteousness to you before YHWH your God. [14]You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he be of your brothers, or of your foreigners who are in your land within your gates: [15]in his day you shall give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down on it; for he is poor, and sets his heart on it: lest he cry against you to YHWH, and it be sin to you. [16]The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. [17]You shall not deprive the foreigner, or the fatherless of justice, nor take a widow's clothing in pledge; [18]but you shall remember that you were a bondservant in Egypt, and YHWH your God redeemed you there: therefore I command you to do this thing. [19]When you reap your harvest in your field, and have forgot a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to get it: it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that YHWH your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. [20]When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow.[a] [21]When you harvest your vineyard, you shall not glean it after yourselves: it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. [22]You shall remember that you were a

[a]24:20 LXX adds "and you will remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing"

bondservant in the land of Egypt: therefore I command you to do this thing.

25 If there is a controversy between men, and they come to judgment, and the judges judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked; [2]and it shall be if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, that the judge shall make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with a number of stripes, according to his guilt. [3]He may give him forty stripes and no more. Otherwise, if he should go on and beat him with more stripes than these, your brother will be humiliated in your eyes. [4]You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out the grain. [5]If brothers dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married outside to a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in to her, and take her to him as wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. [6]It shall be, that the firstborn whom she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead, that his name not be blotted out of Israel.

[7]If the man doesn't want to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders, and say, "My husband's brother refuses to raise up to his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me." [8]Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak to him: and if he stand, and say, "I do not want to take her"; [9]then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, "So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house." [10]His name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe untied.

[11]When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts forth her hand, and takes him by the private parts; [12]then you shall cut off her hand, your eye shall have no pity.

[13]You shall not have in your bag diverse weights, a great and a small. [14]You shall not have in your house diverse measures, a great and a small. [15]You shall have a perfect and just weight. You shall have a perfect and just measure, that your days may be long in the land which YHWH your God gives you. [16]For all who do such things, all who do unrighteously, are an abomination to YHWH your God. [17]Remember what Amalek did to you by the way as you came forth out of Egypt; [18]how he met you by the way, and struck the hindmost of you, all who were feeble behind you, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God. [19]Therefore it shall be, when YHWH your God has given you rest from all your enemies all around, in the land which YHWH your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it, that you shall blot out the memory of

Amalek from under the sky; you shall not forget.

26 It shall be, when you have come in to the land which YHWH your God gives you for an inheritance, and possess it, and dwell in it, 2that you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you shall bring in from your land that YHWH your God gives you; and you shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which YHWH your God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3You shall come to the priest who shall be in those days, and tell him, "I profess this day to YHWH your[a] God, that I am come to the land which YHWH swore to our fathers to give us." 4The priest shall take the basket out of your hand, and set it down before the altar of YHWH your God. 5You shall answer and say before YHWH your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and lived there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and numerous. 6The Egyptians mistreated us, and afflicted us, and laid on us hard bondage: 7and we cried to YHWH, the God of our fathers, and YHWH heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression; 8and YHWH brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror, and with signs, and with wonders; 9and he has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10Now, look, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, YHWH, have given me." You shall set it down before YHWH your God, and worship before YHWH your God. 11And you shall rejoice in all the good which YHWH your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the foreigner who is among you.

12When you have made an end of tithing all the tithe of your increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within your gates, and be filled. 13You shall say before YHWH your God, "I have put away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandment which you have commanded me: I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither have I forgotten them: 14I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I put away of it, being unclean, nor given of it for the dead: I have listened to the voice of YHWH my God; I have done according to all that you have commanded me. 15Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless

[a]26:3 LXX Mss read "my"

your people Israel, and the ground which you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

16This day YHWH your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances: you shall therefore keep and do them with all your heart, and with all your soul. 17You have declared YHWH this day to be your God, and that you would walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and listen to his voice: 18and YHWH has declared you this day to be a people for his own possession, as he has promised you, and that you should keep all his commandments; 19and to make you high above all nations that he has made, for fame, and for praise,[a] and for honor; and that you may be a holy people to YHWH your God, as he has spoken.[b]

27 Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep all the commandment which I command you this day. 2It shall be on the day when you shall pass over the Jordan to the land which YHWH your God gives you, that you shall set yourself up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: 3and you shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have passed over; that you may go in to the land which YHWH your God gives you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as YHWH, the God of your fathers, has promised you. 4It shall be, when you have passed over the Jordan, that you shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster. 5There you shall build an altar to YHWH your God, an altar of stones: you shall lift up no iron on them. 6You shall build the altar of YHWH your God of uncut stones; and you shall offer burnt offerings thereon to YHWH your God: 7and you shall sacrifice peace offerings, and shall eat there; and you shall rejoice before YHWH your God. 8You shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly."

9Moses and the priests the Levites spoke to all Israel, saying, "Keep silence, and listen, Israel: this day you have become the people of YHWH your God. 10You shall therefore obey the voice of YHWH your God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command you this day."

11Moses commanded the people the same day, saying, 12"These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have passed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. 13These shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan,

[a]26:19 DSS LXX. MT reads "made, for praise and for fame"

[b]26:19 DSS LXX Mss add "to you"

and Naphtali. 14The Levites shall answer, and tell all the men of Israel with a loud voice, 15'Cursed is the man who makes an engraved or molten image, an abomination to YHWH, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' All the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.' 16'Cursed is he who sets light by his father or his mother.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 17'Cursed is he who removes his neighbor's landmark.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 18'Cursed is he who makes the blind to wander out of the way.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 19'Cursed is he who wrests the justice due the foreigner, fatherless, and widow.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 20'Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 21'Cursed is he who lies with any kind of animal.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 22'Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 23'Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 24'Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor in secret.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 25'Cursed is he who takes a bribe to kill an innocent person.' All the people shall say, 'Amen.' 26'Cursed is he who doesn't confirm all[a] the words[b] of this law to do them.'[c] All the people shall say, 'Amen.'"

28 It shall happen, if you shall listen diligently to the voice of YHWH your God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command you this day, that YHWH your God will set you on high above all the nations of the earth: 2and all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, if you shall listen to the voice of YHWH your God. 3You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. 4You shall be blessed in the fruit of your body, the fruit of your ground, the fruit of your animals, the increase of your livestock, and the young of your flock. 5Your basket and your kneading trough shall be blessed. 6You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out. 7YHWH will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be struck before you. They will come out against you one way, and will flee before you seven ways. 8YHWH will command the blessing on you in your storehouses, and in all that you put your hand to; and he will bless you in the land which YHWH your God gives you. 9YHWH will establish you for a holy people to himself, as he has sworn to you; if you shall keep the commandments of YHWH your God, and walk in his ways.

[a]27:26 Hebrew Mss LXX SP. MT lacks "all"

[b]27:26 Galatians 3:10 adds "written in the scroll," which may have fallen out from haplography: h-h

[c]27:26 Galatians 3:10

10All the peoples of the earth shall
see that you are called by the name
of YHWH; and they shall be afraid
of you. 11YHWH will make you
plenteous for good, in the fruit of
your body, and in the fruit of your
livestock, and in the fruit of your
ground, in the land which YHWH
swore to your fathers to give you.
12YHWH will open to you his good
treasure in the sky, to give the rain
of your land in its season, and to
bless all the work of your hand: and
you shall lend to many nations, and
you shall not borrow. 13YHWH will
make you the head, and not the tail;
and you shall be above only, and
you shall not be beneath; if you
shall listen to the commandments
of YHWH your God, which I
command you this day, to observe
and to do, 14and shall not turn aside
from any of the words which I
command you this day, to the right
hand, or to the left, to go after other
gods to serve them. 15But it shall
come to pass, if you will not listen
to the voice of YHWH your God, to
observe to do all his
commandments and his statutes
which I command you this day, that
all these curses shall come on you,
and overtake you. 16You shall be
cursed in the city, and you shall be
cursed in the field. 17Your basket
and your kneading trough shall be
cursed. 18The fruit of your body, the
fruit of your ground, the increase of
your livestock, and the young of
your flock shall be cursed. 19You
shall be cursed when you come in,
and you shall be cursed when you
go out. 20YHWH will send on you
cursing, confusion, and rebuke, in
all that you put your hand to do,
until you are destroyed, and until
you perish quickly; because of the
evil of your doings, by which you
have forsaken me.[a] 21YHWH will
make the pestilence cling to you,
until he has consumed you from off
the land, where you go in to possess
it. 22YHWH will strike you with
consumption, and with fever, and
with inflammation, and with fiery
heat, and with the sword, and with
blight, and with mildew; and they
shall pursue you until you perish.
23Your sky that is over your head
shall be bronze, and the earth that is
under you shall be iron. 24YHWH
will make the rain of your land
powder and dust: from the sky shall
it come down on you, until you are
destroyed. 25YHWH will cause you
to be struck before your enemies;
you shall go out one way against
them, and shall flee seven ways
before them: and you shall be
tossed back and forth among all the
kingdoms of the earth. 26Your dead
body shall be food to all birds of the
sky, and to the animals of the earth;
and there shall be none to frighten
them away. 27YHWH will strike you
with the boil of Egypt, and with the
tumors, and with the scurvy, and
with the itch, of which you can not
be healed. 28YHWH will strike you
with madness, and with blindness,
and with astonishment of heart;
29and you shall grope at noonday,
as the blind gropes in darkness, and
you shall not prosper in your ways:

[a]28:20 LXX(L) reads “forsaken YHWH”

and you shall be only oppressed and robbed always, and there shall be none to save you. [30]You shall betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: you shall build a house, and you shall not dwell in it: you shall plant a vineyard, and shall not use its fruit. [31]Your ox shall be slain before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it: your donkey shall be violently taken away from before your face, and shall not be restored to you: your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to save you. [32]Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people; and your eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day: and there shall be nothing in the power of your hand. [33]The fruit of your ground, and all your labors, shall a nation which you do not know eat up; and you shall be only oppressed and crushed always; [34]so that you shall be mad for the sight of your eyes which you shall see. [35]YHWH will strike you in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil, of which you can not be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. [36]YHWH will bring you, and your king whom you shall set over you, to a nation that you have not known, you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone. [37]You shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all the peoples where YHWH shall lead you away. [38]You shall carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather little in; for the locust shall consume it. [39]You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine, nor harvest; for the worm shall eat them. [40]You shall have olive trees throughout all your borders, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off. [41]You shall father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. [42]All your trees and the fruit of your ground shall the locust possess. [43]The foreigner who is in the midst of you shall mount up above you higher and higher; and you shall come down lower and lower. [44]He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him: he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. [45]All these curses shall come on you, and shall pursue you, and overtake you, until you are destroyed; because you did not listen to the voice of YHWH your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded you: [46]and they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and on your descendants forever. [47]Because you did not serve YHWH your God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; [48]therefore you shall serve your enemies whom YHWH shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron on your neck, until he has destroyed you. [49]YHWH will bring a nation against you from far away, from a distant

land,[a] as the eagle flies; a nation whose language you shall not understand; [50]a nation of fierce facial expressions, that shall not respect the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, [51]and shall eat the fruit of your livestock, and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; that also shall not leave you grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of your livestock, or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish. [52]They shall besiege you in all your gates, until your high and fortified walls come down, in which you trusted, throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land, which YHWH your God has given you. [53]You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, whom YHWH your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you. [54]The man who is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he has remaining; [55]so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he has nothing left him, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your gates. [56]The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, [57]and toward her young one who comes out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your gates. [58]If you will not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, YHWH your God; [59]then YHWH will make your plagues extraordinary, and the plagues of your descendants, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and severe sicknesses, and of long continuance. [60]He will bring on you again all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they shall cling to you. [61]Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, YHWH will bring them on you, until you are destroyed. [62]You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of the sky for multitude; because you did not listen to the voice of YHWH your God. [63]It shall happen that as YHWH rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so YHWH will rejoice over you to cause you to perish, and to destroy you; and you shall be plucked from off the land where you go in to possess it. [64]YHWH will scatter you among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even to the other

[a]28:49 Lit. "borders/ends of the earth," which can mean the farthest parts of the earth, or be an idiomatic expression for a distant land, country or territory

end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, which you have not known, you nor your fathers, even wood and stone. 65Among these nations you shall find no ease, and there shall be no rest for the sole of your foot: but YHWH will give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and pining of soul; 66and your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you shall fear night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. 67In the morning you shall say, "I wish it were evening." and at evening you shall say, "I wish it were morning." for the fear of your heart which you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see. 68YHWH will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall see it no more again: and there you shall sell yourselves to your enemies for bondservants and for bondmaids, and no man shall buy you.

29 These are the words of the covenant which YHWH commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. 2Moses called to all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that YHWH did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land; 3the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders: 4but YHWH[a] has not given you a heart to understand, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day.[b] 5I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your shoes have not worn out on your feet. 6You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink; that you may know that I am YHWH your God. 7When you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, and we struck them: 8and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of the Manassites. 9Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. 10You stand this day all of you before YHWH your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 11your little ones, your wives, and your foreigner who is in the midst of your camps, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water; 12that you may enter into the covenant of YHWH your God, and into his oath, which YHWH your God makes with you this day, 13so that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may your God, as he spoke to you and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath, 15but with him who stands here with us this day before YHWH our God, and also with him who is not here with us this day 16(for you know how we lived in the land of

[a]29:4 LXX adds "God"

[b]29:4 Romans 11:8

Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed; [17]and you have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them); [18]lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from YHWH our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that bears gall and wormwood; [19]and it happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, "I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to destroy the moist with the dry." [20]God[a] will not be willing to forgive him, but then the anger of YHWH and his jealousy will burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book shall rest on him, and YHWH will blot out his name from under heaven. [21]YHWH will set him apart to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law.

[22]The generation to come, your children who shall rise up after you, and the foreigner who shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses with which YHWH has made it sick; [23]and that the whole land of it is sulfur, salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor bears, nor any grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which YHWH overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: [24]even all the nations shall say, "Why has YHWH done thus to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?"

[25]Then men shall say, "Because they forsook the covenant of YHWH, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, [26]and went and served other gods, and worshiped them, gods that they did not know, and that he had not given to them: [27]therefore the anger of YHWH was kindled against this land, to bring on it all the curse that is written in this book; [28]and YHWH rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as at this day."

[29]The secret things belong to YHWH our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

30 It shall happen, when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations, where YHWH your God has driven you, [2]and shall return to YHWH your God, and shall obey his voice according to all

[a]29:20 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; [3]that then YHWH your God will turn your captivity, and have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the peoples, where YHWH your God has scattered you. [4]If any of you are driven out to the farthest horizon, from there will YHWH your God gather you, and from there he will bring you back: [5]and YHWH your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and he will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. [6]YHWH your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your descendants, to love YHWH your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live. [7]YHWH your God will put all these curses on your enemies, and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. [8]You shall return and obey the voice of YHWH, and do all his commandments which I command you this day. [9]YHWH your God will make you plenteous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb, and in the fruit of your ground, and in the fruit of your livestock,[a] for YHWH will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers; [10]if you shall obey the voice of YHWH your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if you turn to YHWH your God with all your heart, and with all your soul.

[11]For this commandment which I command you this day is not too difficult for you, nor is it far off.[b] [12]It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up into heaven for us, and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, so that we may obey it?"[c] [13]And it is not in the deep of the sea, that you should say, "Who will go down into the deep[d] of the sea for us, and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, so that we may obey it?" [14]But the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart[e] and in your

[a]30:9 DSS LXX SP. MT reads "livestock, and in the fruit of your ground"

[b]30:11 DSS LXX add "from you"

[c]30:12 Romans 10:6

[d]30:13 Romans 10:7, reading katabesetai eis ten abusson, where katabesetai may be translated as: ירד "go down," and abusson as עמק "the deep," and therefore בעמק "into the deep" for its first occurrence. MT reads for the latter מעבר "from across," a misreading involving beth-mem confusions in an early square script. The word ירד was misread as יעבר "cross over" under the influence of the first misreading מעבר, possibly in a damaged scroll. Cf. Proverbs 25:3; Isaiah 7:11. On beth-mem confusions see J. F. Brug, Textual Criticism of the Old Testament (2014), 15, 33; P. K. McCarter, Textual Criticism (1986), 44-45; A. Gelston, Vetus Testamentum 52 (4), 494, 2002: "It is well known that beth and mem were often confused in an early form of the square script"

[e]30:14 Romans 10:8

hand,[a] so that you can do it. 15Look,
I have set before you this day life
and good, and death and evil.

16If you obey the
commandments of YHWH your
God[b] that I command you this day
to love YHWH your God, to walk in
his ways, and to keep his
commandments and his statutes
and his ordinances, then you will
live and multiply, and YHWH your
God will bless you in the land
where you are going to possess it.
17But if your heart turns away, and
you will not hear, but shall be
drawn away, and worship other
gods, and serve them; 18I declare to
you this day that you will certainly
perish; you will not live long in the
land you are crossing the Jordan to
enter and possess. 19I call heaven
and earth to witness against you
this day, that I have set before you
life and death, the blessing and the
curse: therefore choose life, that
you may live, you and your
descendants; 20to love YHWH your
God, to obey his voice, and to cling
to him; for he is your life, and the
length of your days; that you may
dwell in the land which YHWH
swore to your fathers, to Abraham,
to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give
them."

31 And Moses
finished[c] speaking
all these words to all
Israel. 2He said to
them, "I am one hundred twenty
years old this day; I can no more go
out and come in: and YHWH has
said to me, 'You shall not go over
this Jordan.' 3YHWH your God, he
will go over before you; he will
destroy these nations from before
you, and you shall dispossess them.
Joshua shall go over before you, as
YHWH has spoken. 4YHWH will do
to them as he did to Sihon and to
Og, the kings of the Amorites, and
to their land; whom he destroyed.
5YHWH will deliver them up before
you, and you shall do to them
according to all the commandment
which I have commanded you. 6Be
strong and courageous, do not be
afraid, nor be scared of them: for
YHWH your God is he who is going
with you; he will not leave you nor
forsake you."[d]

7Moses called to Joshua, and
said to him in the sight of all Israel,
"Be strong and courageous: for you
shall go with this people into the
land which YHWH has sworn to
their fathers to give them; and you
shall cause them to inherit it.
8YHWH, he it is who does go before
you; he will be with you, he will not
fail you, neither forsake you: do not
be afraid, neither be dismayed."

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[a]30:14 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and in your hand," possibly from haplography: ובידך-ובלבבך

[b]30:16 LXX. MT lacks "If you obey…God," possibly from haplography by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: aleph mem-aleph shin

[c]31:1 DSS MT Mss LXX, reading wykl msh "Moses finished." MT reads wylk msh "Moses went"

[d]31:6 Hebrews 13:5

9 Moses wrote this law,[a] and
delivered it to the priests the sons of
Levi, who bore the ark of the
covenant of YHWH, and to all the
elders of Israel. 10 Moses
commanded them, saying, "At the
end of every seven years, in the set
time of the year of release, in the
feast of tents, 11 when all Israel has
come to appear before YHWH your
God in the place which he shall
choose, you shall read this law
before all Israel in their hearing.
12 Assemble the people, the men and
the women and the little ones, and
your foreigner who is within your
gates, that they may hear, and that
they may learn, and fear YHWH
your God, and observe to do all the
words of this law; 13 and that their
children, who have not known, may
hear, and learn to fear YHWH your
God, as long as you live in the land
where you go over the Jordan to
possess it."

14 YHWH said to Moses,
"Look, your days approach that you
must die: call Joshua, and present
yourselves in the Tent of Meeting,
that I may commission him."
Moses and Joshua went, and
presented themselves in the Tent of
Meeting.

15 YHWH appeared in the Tent
in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of
cloud stood over the door of the
Tent. 16 YHWH said to Moses,
"Look, you shall sleep with your
fathers; and this people will rise up,
and play the prostitute after the
strange gods of the land, where
they go to be among them, and will
forsake me, and break my covenant
which I have made with them.
17 Then my anger shall be kindled
against them in that day, and I will
forsake them, and I will hide my
face from them, and they shall be
devoured, and many evils and
troubles shall come on them; so that
they will say in that day, 'Haven't
these evils come on us because[b] our
God is not among us?' 18 I will
surely hide my face in that day for
all the evil which they shall have
worked, in that they are turned to
other gods.

19 "Now therefore write the
words of[c] this song for yourselves,
and teach it to the children of Israel:
put it in their mouths, that this song
may be a witness for me against the
children of Israel. 20 For when I
shall have brought them into the
land which I swore to their fathers,
flowing with milk and honey, and
they shall have eaten and filled
themselves, and grown fat; then
will they turn to other gods, and
serve them, and despise me, and
break my covenant. 21 It shall
happen, when many evils and
troubles have come on them, that
this song shall testify before them
as a witness; for it shall not be
forgotten out of the mouths of their
descendants: for I know their
imagination which they frame this

[a] 31:9 DSS LXX add "in a book"
[b] 31:17 DSS Ms LXX add "YHWH"
[c] 31:19 (DSS) LXX. MT lacks "the words of," possibly due to visual similarity of the ending letters: ry-yr(h)

day, before I have brought them into the land which I swore." [22]So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

[23]He commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and courageous; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore to them: and I will be with you."
[24]It happened, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law on a scroll, until they were finished, [25]that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH, saying, [26]"Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of YHWH your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. [27]For I know your rebellion, and your stiff neck: look, while I am yet alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against God[a]; and how much more after my death? [28]Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes, and your elders and your judges[b] and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. [29]For I know that after my death you will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will happen to you in the latter days; because you will do that which is evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands."

[30]Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were finished.

32 Give ear, you heavens, and I will speak.
Let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
[2]My doctrine shall drop as the rain.
My speech shall condense as the dew,
as the small rain on the tender grass,
as the showers on the herb.
[3]For I will proclaim the name of YHWH.
Ascribe greatness to our God.
[4]The Rock,[c] his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A faithful God and without iniquity,
just and right is he.
[5]They have dealt corruptly with him. They are not his children, because of their defect.
They are a perverse and crooked generation.
[6]Do you thus requite YHWH,
foolish people and unwise?

[a]31:27 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[b]31:28 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and your elders…judges" from haplography: tykm-tykm
[c]32:4 LXX reads "God"

Isn't he your father who has
bought you?
He has made you, and
established you.
7Remember the days of old.
Consider the years of many
generations.
Ask your father, and he will show
you;
your elders, and they will
tell you.
8When the Most High gave to the
nations their
inheritance,
when he divided humankind,
he set the bounds of the peoples
according to the number of
the children of God.[a]
9For YHWH's portion is his
people.
Jacob is the lot of his
inheritance.
10He found him in a desert land,
in the waste howling
wilderness.
He surrounded him.
He cared for him.
He kept him as the apple of
his eye.
11As an eagle that stirs up her nest,
that flutters over her young,
he spread abroad his wings, he
took them,
he bore them on his feathers.
12YHWH alone led him.
There was no foreign god
with him.
13He made him ride on the high
places of the earth.
He ate the increase of the
field.
He caused him to suck honey out
of the rock,
oil out of the flinty rock;
14Butter of the herd, and milk of
the flock,
with fat of lambs,
rams of the breed of Bashan,
and goats,
with the finest of the wheat.
Of the blood of the grape
you drank wine.
15But Jacob ate his fill.[b] Jeshurun
grew fat, and kicked.
You have grown fat.
You have grown thick.
You have become sleek.
Then he forsook God who made
him,
and lightly esteemed the
Rock[c] of his salvation.
16They moved him to jealousy
with strange gods.
They provoked him to anger
with abominations.
17They sacrificed to demons, not
God,
to gods that they did not
know,
to new gods that came up
recently,
which your fathers did not
dread.
18Of the Rock[d] who fathered you,
you are unmindful,
and have forgotten God who
gave you birth.
19YHWH saw and abhorred,

[a]32:8 DSS LXX. MT reads "children of Israel"
[b]32:15 LXX SP. MT lacks "Jacob ate his fill"
[c]32:15 LXX reads "God"
[d]32:18 LXX reads "God"

because of the provocation
of his sons and his
daughters.
20He said, “I will hide my face
from them.
I will see what their end
shall be;
for they are a very perverse
generation,
children in whom is no
faithfulness.
21They have moved me to jealousy
with that which is not
God.
They have provoked me to
anger with their
vanities.
I will move them to jealousy with
those who are not a
people.
I will provoke them to anger
with a foolish nation.[a]
22For a fire is kindled in my anger,
and burns to the lowest
Sheol,[b]
and devours the earth with
its increase,
and sets the foundations of
the mountains on fire.

23“I will heap evils on them.
I will spend my arrows on
them.
24They shall be wasted with
hunger, and devoured
with burning heat
and bitter destruction.
I will send the teeth of animals on
them,
With the poison of crawling
things of the dust.
25Outside the sword shall bereave,
and in the rooms, terror;
on both young man and virgin,
The nursing infant with the
gray-haired man.
26I said, I want to cut them to
pieces.
I will remove the memory of
them from men;
27were it not that I feared the
provocation of the
enemy,
lest their adversaries should
judge wrongly,
lest they should say, ‘Our
hand is exalted,
YHWH has not done all
this.’”

28For they are a nation void of
counsel.
There is no understanding in
them.
29Oh that they were wise, that they
understood this,
that they would consider
their latter end.
30How could one chase a thousand,
and two put ten thousand to
flight,
unless their Rock[c] had sold them,
and YHWH had delivered
them up?
31For their rock[d] is not as our
Rock,[e]
even our enemies
themselves being
judges.
32For their vine is of the vine of
Sodom,
of the fields of Gomorrah.

[a]32:21 Romans 10:19
[b]32:22 “lowest Sheol” in Hebrew is “Sheol takh’ti”
[c]32:30 LXX reads “God”
[d]32:31 LXX reads “gods”
[e]32:31 LXX reads “God”

Their grapes are grapes of gall,
Their clusters are bitter.
33Their wine is the poison of
serpents,
The cruel venom of asps.

34"Isn't this laid up in store with
me,
sealed up among my
treasures?
35Vengeance is mine, I will repay,[a]
at the time when their foot
slides;
for the day of their calamity is
near,
and the things to come
hasten upon them."
36For YHWH will judge[b] his
people,
and have compassion on his
servants,
when he sees that their strength is
gone
and there is none remaining,
confined or set free.
37And YHWH[c] will say, "Where
are their gods,
the rock[d] in which they took
refuge?
38Who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their
drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you.
Let them be your protection.
39"See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god besides
me.
I kill, and I make alive.
I wound, and I heal;
and there is no one who can
deliver out of my
hand.
40For I lift up my hand to heaven,
and say, 'As I live forever,
41if I sharpen my flashing sword
and my hand takes
hold on judgment;
I will render vengeance to my
adversaries,
and will recompense those
who hate me.
42I will make my arrows drunk
with blood.
My sword shall devour flesh
with the blood of the
slain and the captives,
from the head of the leaders
of the enemy.'"
43Rejoice, O heavens, with him,
and let all the angels of God
worship him.[e] Rejoice, O nations,
with his people, and let all the
children[f] of God strengthen
themselves in him.[g] For he will
avenge the blood of his children,[h]
and he will render vengeance[i] to

[a]32:35 Syr Arab Arm cf. Tg Vg Symmachus ("and I will"). LXX SP read "On the day of vengeance." MT reads "mine, and recompense." Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30
[b]43:36 Or, "will vindicate"
[c]32:37 DSS LXX. MT lacks "YHWH"
[d]32:37 LXX lacks "the rock"
[e]32:43 LXX(FVW(I)) Mss (angeloi. LXX: huioi) cf. Hebrews 1:6. MT lacks "Rejoice, O heavens…him" from haplography: hrnynw-hrnynw
[f]32:43 LXX(V). LXX(ABM) reads "angels"
[g]32:43 LXX. Romans 15:10. MT lacks "and let all…him." DSS lacks "Rejoice, O nations…him" from haplography: 'lhym-'lhym
[h]32:43 DSS LXX. MT reads "his servants"
[i]32:43 DSS MT. LXX adds "and render vengeance"

his enemies, and he will recompense them that hate him,[a] and he[b] atones for the land of his people.[c]
44Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua[d] the son of Nun. 45Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel; 46He said to them, "Set your heart to all the words which I testify to you this day, which you shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. 47For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing you shall prolong your days in the land, where you go over the Jordan to possess it."

48YHWH spoke to Moses that same day, saying, 49"Go up into this mountain of Abarim, to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and see the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel for a possession; 50and die on the mountain where you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor, and was gathered to his people: 51because you trespassed against me in the midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah of Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because you did not sanctify me in the midst of the children of Israel.
52For you shall see the land before you; but you shall not go there into the land which I give the children of Israel."

33 This is the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2He said,
"YHWH came from Sinai,
and dawned from Seir upon us.[e]
He shone forth from Mount Paran.
He came from the ten
thousands of holy
ones.
At his right hand was a fiery
law for them.
3Yes, he loves the people.
All his holy ones are in your
hand.
They sat down at your feet;
each receives your words.
4Moses commanded us a law,
an inheritance for the
assembly of Jacob.
5He was king in Jeshurun,
when the heads of the people
were gathered,
all the tribes of Israel
together.

6"Let Reuben live, and not die;
Nor let his men be few."

7This is for Judah. He said,
"Hear, YHWH, the voice of Judah.
Bring him in to his people.

[a]32:43 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and will recompense…him"
[b]32:43 DSS MT LXX(Fgivxz) Mss. LXX(BALMN) adds "Lord/YHWH"
[c]32:43 DSS LXX SP Vg. MT reads "his land his people"
[d]32:44 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Hoshea," from the loss of a yod
[e]33:2 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "upon them"

With his hands he contended for himself.
You shall be a help against his adversaries."

8 Of Levi he said,
"Give to Levi[a] your Thummim and your Urim to your faithful one,
whom you proved at Massah,
with whom you strove at the waters of Meribah;
9 who said of his father, and of his mother, 'I have not seen him;'
Neither did he acknowledge his brothers,
Nor did he know his own children:
For they have observed your word,
and keep your covenant.
10 They shall teach Jacob your ordinances,
and Israel your law.
They shall put incense before you,
and whole burnt offering on your altar.
11 YHWH, bless his substance.
Accept the work of his hands.
Strike the loins[b] of those who rise against him,
of those who hate him, that they not rise again."

12 Of Benjamin he said,
"The beloved of YHWH shall dwell in safety by him.
He covers him all the day long.
He dwells between his shoulders."

13 Of Joseph he said,
"His land is blessed by YHWH,
for the precious things of the heavens, for the dew,
for the deep that couches beneath,
14 with the choices fruits of the sun,
and the bounteous yield of the months,
15 with the finest produce of the ancient mountains,
and the abundance of the everlasting hills,
16 with the choice things of the earth and its fullness,
the good will of him who lived in the bush.[c]
Let this come on the head of Joseph,
on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.
17 A firstborn[d] bull, majesty is his.
His horns are the horns of the wild ox.
With them he shall push all of the peoples, to the farthest parts of the earth.
They are the ten thousands of Ephraim.
They are the thousands of Manasseh."

18 Of Zebulun he said,

[a] 33:8 DSS LXX. MT lacks "Give to Levi"
[b] 33:11 Enclitic mem
[c] 33:16 i. e. the burning bush of Exodus 3:3-4
[d] 33:17 DSS Ms LXX SP Syr Vg. MT DSS Ms read "His firstborn"

"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going
out;
and Issachar, in your tents.
19They shall call the peoples to the
mountain.
There they will offer
sacrifices of
righteousness,
for they shall draw out the
abundance of the seas,
the hidden treasures of the
sand."

20Of Gad he said,
"He who enlarges Gad is blessed.
He dwells as a lioness,
and tears the arm, yes, the
crown of the head.
21He provided the first part for
himself,
for there was the lawgiver's
portion reserved.
He came with the heads of the
people.
He executed the
righteousness of
YHWH,
his ordinances with Israel."

22Of Dan he said,
"Dan is a lion's cub
that leaps out of Bashan."

23Of Naphtali he said,
"Naphtali, satisfied with favor,
full of the blessing of
YHWH,
Possess the west and the
south."

24Of Asher he said,
"Asher is blessed with children.
Let him be acceptable to his
brothers.
Let him dip his foot in oil.
25Your bars shall be iron and
bronze.
As your days, so your
strength will be.

26"There is none like God,
Jeshurun,
who rides on the heavens for
your help,
In his majesty through the
skies.
27The God of old is a dwelling
place.
Underneath are the
everlasting arms.
He thrust out the enemy from
before you,
and said, 'Destroy.'
28Israel dwells in safety;
the fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of grain and new wine.
Yes, his heavens drop down
dew.
29You are happy, Israel.
Who is like you, a people
saved by YHWH,
the shield of your help,
the sword of your
excellency.
Your enemies shall submit
themselves to you.
You shall tread on their high
places."

34 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. YHWH showed him all the land of Gilead, to Dan, 2and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, 3and the Negev, and the Plain of the Valley of Jericho the city of

palm trees, to Zoar. 4YHWH said to
him, "This is the land which I
swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your
descendants.' I have caused you to
see it with your eyes, but you shall
not go over there."

5So Moses the servant of
YHWH died there in the land of
Moab, according to the word of
YHWH. 6And he[a] buried him in the
valley in the land of Moab over
against Beth Peor: but no man
knows of his tomb to this day.
7Moses was one hundred twenty
years old when he died: his eye was
not dim, nor his natural vigor
diminished. 8The children of Israel
wept for Moses in the plains of
Moab thirty days: so the days of
weeping in the mourning for Moses
were ended. 9Joshua the son of Nun
was full of the spirit of wisdom; for
Moses had laid his hands on him:
and the children of Israel listened to
him, and did as YHWH commanded
Moses. 10There has not arisen a
prophet since in Israel like Moses,
whom YHWH knew face to face,
11in all the signs and the wonders,
which YHWH sent him to do in the
land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all
his servants, and to all his land,
12and in all the mighty hand, and in
all the great terror, which Moses
worked in the sight of all Israel.

Joshua

1 Now it happened after
the death of Moses the
servant of YHWH, that
YHWH spoke to Joshua the son of
Nun, Moses' servant, saying,
2Moses my servant is dead; now
therefore arise, go over this Jordan,
you, and all this people, to the land
which I give to them, even to the
children of Israel. 3I have given you
every place that the sole of your
foot will tread on, as I told Moses.
4From the wilderness, and this
Lebanon, even to the great river,
the river Perath, all the land of the
Hittites, and to the Great Sea
toward the going down of the sun,
shall be your border. 5No man will
be able to stand before you all the
days of your life. As I was with
Moses, so I will be with you. I will
not fail you nor forsake you. 6Be
strong and of good courage; for you
shall cause this people to inherit the
land which I swore to their fathers
to give them. 7Only be strong and
very courageous, to observe to do
according to all the law, which
Moses my servant commanded
you. Do not turn from it to the right
hand or to the left, that you may
have good success wherever you
go. 8This book of the law shall not
depart out of your mouth, but you
shall meditate on it day and night,
that you may observe to do
according to all that is written in it:
for then you shall make your way

[a]34:6 DSS Ms LXX Mss SP Mss Tg
Mss read "they" instead of "he"

prosperous, and then you shall have
good success. 9Haven't I
commanded you? Be strong and of
good courage. Do not be afraid,
neither be dismayed: for YHWH
your God is with you wherever you
go.

10Then Joshua commanded
the officers of the people, saying,
11"Pass through the midst of the
camp, and command the people,
saying, 'Prepare food; for within
three days you are to pass over this
Jordan, to go in to possess the land,
which YHWH your God gives you
to possess it.'"

12Joshua spoke to the
Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and
to the half-tribe of Manasseh,
saying, 13"Remember the word
which Moses the servant of YHWH
commanded you, saying, 'YHWH
your God gives you rest, and will
give you this land. 14Your wives,
your little ones, and your livestock,
shall live in the land which Moses
gave you beyond the Jordan; but
you shall pass over before your
brothers armed, all the mighty men
of valor, and shall help them 15until
YHWH has given your brothers rest,
as he has given you, and they have
also possessed the land which
YHWH your God gives them. Then
you shall return to the land of your
possession, and possess it, which
Moses the servant of YHWH gave
you beyond the Jordan toward the
sunrise.'"

16They answered Joshua,
saying, "All that you have
commanded us we will do, and
wherever you send us we will go.
17Just as we listened to Moses in all
things, so will we listen to you.
Only may YHWH your God be with
you, as he was with Moses.
18Whoever rebels against your
commandment, and doesn't listen
to your words in all that you
command him, he shall be put to
death. Only be strong and of good
courage."

2 And Joshua the son of
Nun secretly sent two
young men out of
Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view
the land, and Jericho." And the two
young men went and came to
Jericho and entered[a] into the house
of a prostitute whose name was
Rahab, and slept there.

2The king of Jericho was
told, "Look, men of the children of
Israel came in here to spy out the
land."
3So the king of Jericho sent to
Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men
who came to you[b] tonight;[c] for they
have come to spy out all the land."

[a]2:1 LXX. MT lacks "the two young…entered" from whole-word haplography
[b]2:3 Syr LXX(h). MT adds "who have entered into your house." MT appears to be a conflation of two variants. R. D. Nelson, Joshua: A Commentary, 38 e
[c]2:3 LXX Syr. MT moved "tonight" to v.2

4The woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. 5It happened about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went, I do not know. Pursue them quickly; for you will overtake them." 6But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof. 7The men pursued them the way to the Jordan to the fords: and as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate. 8Before they had lain down, she came up to them on the roof; 9and she said to the men, "I know that YHWH has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10For we have heard how YHWH dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11As soon as we had heard it, our hearts melted, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for YHWH your God, he is God in heaven[a] above, and on earth beneath. 12Now therefore, please swear to me by YHWH, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a true token; 13and that you will save alive my father, my mother, my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our lives from death."

14The men said to her, "Our life for yours, even to death, if you do not talk about this business of ours; and it shall be, when YHWH gives us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you."

15Then she let them down by a cord through the window; for her house was on the side of the wall, and she lived on the wall.[b] 16She said to them, "Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers find you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned.[c] Afterward, you may go your way."

17The men said to her, "We will be guiltless of this your oath which you have made us to swear. 18Look, when we come into the land, you shall bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which you did let us down by. You shall gather to yourself into the house your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. 19It shall be that whoever goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood will be on his head, and we will be guiltless. Whoever is with you in

[a]2:11 Elohim Bashamayim
[b]2:15 LXX reads for this verse "And she let them down through the window"
[c]2:16 LXX adds "from after you," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: m-m

the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand is on him. [20]But if you talk about this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless of[a] your oath which you have made us to swear."

[21]She said, "According to your words, so be it." She sent them away, and they departed. She tied the scarlet line in the window.

[22]They went, and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had returned. The pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but did not find them. [23]Then the two men returned, descended from the mountain, passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun; and they told him all that had happened to them. [24]They said to Joshua, "Truly YHWH has delivered into our hands all the land. Moreover, all the inhabitants of the land melt away before us."

3 Joshua rose up early in the morning; and they moved from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel. They lodged there before they passed over. [2]It happened after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp; [3]and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of YHWH your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you shall move from your place, and follow it. [4]However, keep a distance of about two thousand nine hundred fifty-three feet[b] between yourselves and the ark. Do not come near to it, that you may know the way by which you must go; for you have not passed this way before."

[5]Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow YHWH will do wonders among you."

[6]Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people." They took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

[7]YHWH said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. [8]You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'"

[9]Joshua said to the children of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of YHWH your God." [10]Joshua said, "Hereby you shall know that the living God[c] is among you, and that he will without fail

[a]2:20 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg add "this"

[b]3:4 Or, 900 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters, or 17.72 inches. Lit. two thousand cubits

[c]3:10 El Chai

drive the Canaanite, and the Hethite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite out from before you. 11Look, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into the Jordan. 12Now therefore take twelve men from the sons[a] of Israel, one man for each tribe. 13It shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of YHWH, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, even the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap."

14It happened, when the people moved from their tents to pass over the Jordan, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant being before the people, 15and when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark had dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the time of harvest), 16that the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people passed over right against Jericho. 17The priests who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan; and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation had passed completely over the Jordan.

4 It happened, when all the nation had completely passed over the Jordan, that YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying, 2"Take twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, 3and command them, saying, 'Take up for yourselves from here,[b] from the middle of the Jordan from the place where the feet of the priests stood firm,[c] twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging place, where you will lodge tonight.'"

4Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man. 5Joshua said to them, "Pass over before me in the presence of[d] the ark of YHWH your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you pick up a stone and put it on your shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; 6that this may be a sign among you, that when your

[a]3:12 LXX. MT reads "tribes"
[b]4:3 LXX and 4QJosh(b) lack "from here" possibly from homoioarcton: m-m
[c]4:3 LXX and 4QJosh(b) lack "out of the…firm" possibly from homoioteleuton: n(f)-n(f)
[d]4:5 LXX. MT lacks "(me) in the presence of" from haplography by homoiologon: lpny-lpny. In LXX the word for "ark" fell out in the Greek from homoioteleuton: ou-ou

children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do you mean by these stones?' 7then you shall tell them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of YHWH. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.'"

8The children of Israel did as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, as YHWH spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day. 10For the priests who bore the ark stood in the middle of the Jordan, until everything was finished that YHWH commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and passed over. 11It happened, when all the people had completely passed over, that the ark of YHWH passed over, with the priests, in the presence of the people.

12The people of Reuben, and the people of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spoke to them. 13About forty thousand men, ready and armed for war passed over before YHWH to battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14On that day, YHWH magnified Joshua in the sight of all[a] Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying, 16"Command the priests who bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan."

17Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up out of the Jordan." 18It happened, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH had come up out of the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks, as before. 19The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and camped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho.

20Joshua set up those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, in Gilgal. 21He spoke to the children of Israel, saying, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come,[b] saying, 'What do these stones mean?' 22Then you shall let your children know,

[a]4:14 LXX adds "the people"

[b]4:21 LXX reads "When your children ask you"

saying, 'Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. 23For YHWH your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until you had passed over, as YHWH your God did to the Red Sea which he dried up from before us, until we had passed over; 24that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of YHWH, that it is mighty; that you may fear YHWH your God forever.'"

5 And it happened, when all the kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard how that YHWH had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they[a] had passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. 2At that time, YHWH said to Joshua, "Make flint knives, and circumcise again[b] the children of Israel.[c]" 3Joshua made himself flint knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the Hill of the Foreskins. 4This is the reason Joshua circumcised: all the people who came out of Egypt, who were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. 5For all the people who came out were circumcised; but all the people who were born in the wilderness by the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised. 6For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, that is, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not listen to the voice of YHWH, those to whom YHWH swore that they would not see[d] the land which YHWH swore to their ancestors that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7And their children, whom he raised up in their place, were circumcised by Joshua; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them on the way. 8And it happened, when they were done circumcising all the nation, that they stayed in their places in the camp until they were healed.

9And YHWH said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt from off you." Therefore the name of that place was called Gilgal,[e] to this day. 10The children of Israel camped in Gilgal. They kept the[f] Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. 11They ate unleavened cakes and parched grain of the produce of the land on the next day after the Passover, in the same day. 12The manna ceased on the next day, after

[a]5:1 MT Qere LXX Tg Syr. MT Kethib reads "we"
[b]5:2 MT, which reads wswb "again." LXX reads wsb w "sit"
[c]5:2 LXX cf. DSS spacing. MT adds "the second time"
[d]5:6 DSS LXX. MT reads "that he would not let them see"
[e]5:9 "Gilgal" sounds like the Hebrew for "roll"
[f]5:10 Hebrew Mss add "in the first"

they had eaten of the produce of the land. The children of Israel did not have manna any more; but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 It happened, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and look, a man stood in front of him with his sword drawn in his hand. Joshua went to him, and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?"
14 And he said to him,[a] "Truly I am the commander of the army of YHWH. Now I have come."

And Joshua fell facedown to the ground, and worshipped, and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"

15 The commander of the army of YHWH said to Joshua, "Take your shoes off of your feet; for the place on which you stand is holy." Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the children of Israel. No one went out, and no one came in. 2 YHWH said to Joshua, "Look, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the mighty men of valor. 3 All your men of war shall march around the city, going around the city once. You shall do this six days. 4 Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day, you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him."

6 Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of YHWH." 7 And he[b] said to the people, "Advance. March around the city, and let the armed men pass on before YHWH's ark."

8 It was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before YHWH advanced, and blew the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of YHWH followed them. 9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the ark went after them. The trumpets sounded as they went.

10 Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell

[a] 5:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr, reading לוֹ "to him." MT reads לֹא "No," an aural confusion

[b] 6:7 DSS Hebrew Mss MT Qere Tg Syr Vg. MT Kethib reads "they"

you to shout. Then you shall shout." [11]So he caused the ark of YHWH to go around the city, going about it once. Then they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. [12]Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of YHWH. [13]The seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of YHWH went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them. The rear guard came after the ark of YHWH. The trumpets sounded as they went. [14]The second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. They did this six days.

[15]It happened on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and marched around the city in the same way seven times. Only on this day they marched around the city seven times. [16]It happened at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for YHWH has given you the city. [17]The city shall be devoted, even it and all that is in it, to YHWH. Only Rahab the prostitute shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. [18]But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, so as not to covet[a] and take of the devoted thing and make the camp of Israel accursed, and bring trouble on it. [19]But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are holy to YHWH. They shall come into YHWH's treasury."
[20]So the people shouted, and the priests blew the trumpets. It happened, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. [21]They utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and donkey, with the edge of the sword.
[22]And Joshua said to the two young men[b] who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house, and bring out from there the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her." [23]The young men who were spies went in, and brought out Rahab with her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. They also brought out all her relatives, and they set them outside of the camp of Israel. [24]They burnt the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only they put the silver, the gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron into the treasury of YHWH's house. [25]But Rahab the prostitute, her father's household, and all that she had, Joshua saved alive. She lived in the midst of Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

[a]6:18 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "devote to destruction," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion with transposition of letters

[b]6:22 LXX. MT reads "the two men"

[26]Joshua commanded them with an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before YHWH, who rises up and builds this city Jericho.[a] With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates." [27]So YHWH was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted things; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. Therefore YHWH's anger burned against the children of Israel. [2]Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the land."

The men went up and spied out Ai. [3]They returned to Joshua, and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ai. Do not make all the people to toil there, for there are only a few of them." [4]So about three thousand men of the people went up there, and they fled before the men of Ai. [5]The men of Ai struck about thirty-six men of them, and they chased them from before the gate even to the Shebarim,[b] and struck them at the descent. The hearts of the people melted, and became like water. [6]Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of YHWH until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. [7]Joshua said, "Alas, Lord YHWH, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? I wish that we had been content and lived beyond the Jordan. [8]Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel has turned their backs before their enemies. [9]For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and will surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. What will you do for your great name?"

[10]YHWH said to Joshua, "Get up. Why are you fallen on your face like that? [11]Israel has sinned, and they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken of the devoted things, and have also stolen, and also deceived. They have even put it among their own stuff. [12]Therefore the children of Israel can't stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will not be with you any more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. [13]Get up. Sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for

[a]6:26 LXX lacks "Jericho"

[b]7:5 A quarry, broken or jointed rock, fissures, rifts (cf. Psalm 60:2), or a proper noun

tomorrow, for YHWH, the God of Israel, says, “There is a devoted thing in the midst of you, Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted thing from among you.” 14In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. It shall be that the tribe which YHWH selects shall come near by families. The family which YHWH selects shall come near by households. The household which YHWH selects shall come near man by man. 15It shall be, that he who is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of YHWH, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.’”

16So Joshua rose up early in the morning and brought Israel near by their tribes. The tribe of Judah was selected. 17He brought near the families[a] of Judah; and he selected the family of the Zerahites. He brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was selected. 18He brought near his household man by man, and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was selected. 19Joshua said to Achan, “My son, please give glory to YHWH, the God of Israel, and make confession to him. Tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”

20Achan answered Joshua, and said, “I have truly sinned against YHWH, the God of Israel, and this is what I have done. 21When I saw among the spoil a beautiful garment from Shinar, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, then I coveted them and took them. Look, they are hidden in the ground in the middle of my tent, with the silver under it.”

22So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent. Look, it was hidden in his tent, with the silver under it. 23They took them from the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel. They laid them down before YHWH. 24Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the wedge of gold, his sons, his daughters, his cattle, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. 25Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? YHWH will trouble you this day.” All Israel stoned him with stones, and they burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. 26They raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. YHWH turned from the fierceness of his anger. Therefore the name of that place was called “The Valley of Achor” to this day.

[a]7:17 Or, clans. Cairo Geniza Ms Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Mss. MT reads “family”

8 YHWH said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. Look, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, with his people, his city, and his land. 2You shall do to Ai and her king as you did to Jericho and her king, except its spoil and its livestock, you shall take for a plunder for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it."

3So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai. Joshua chose thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them out by night. 4He commanded them, saying, "Look, you shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready. 5I, and all the people who are with me, will approach to the city. It shall happen, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them. 6They will come out after us, until we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, 'They flee before us, like the first time.' So we will flee before them, 7and you shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for YHWH your God will deliver it into your hand. 8It shall be, when you have seized on the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do this according to the word of YHWH. Look, I have commanded you."

9Joshua sent them out; and they went to set up the ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua stayed among the people that night. 10Joshua rose up early in the morning, mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders,[a] before the people to Ai. 11All the people, even the men of war who were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the city, and camped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between him and Ai. 12He took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of the city. 13So they set the people, even all the army who was on the north of the city, and their ambush on the west of the city; and Joshua went[b] that night into the midst of the valley. 14And it happened, when the king of Ai saw it, that he[c] hurried and rose up early,[d] and the men of the city went out[e] to engage

[a]8:10 DSS LXX OL. MT adds "of Israel"
[b]8:13 Hebrew Mss read "spent," reflecting a kaph-nun confusion
[c]8:14 LXX Syr Vg, 3rd sg "he." MT reads 3rd pl "they"
[d]8:14 LXX(bx), reading "and rose up early" 3rd sg. MT reads 3rd pl. LXX lacks "and rose up early" from homoioarcton: wy-wy, or inner Greek haplography: sen_kai-sen_kai
[e]8:14 LXX(bcqx) MT, reading "and the men…out" ("and went out" 3rd pl). LXX Vg read 3rd sg. LXX lacks "the men of the city"

them[a] directly[b] in battle, he and all his people, to the meeting place in front of the Arabah;[c] but he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city. [15]Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. [16]All the people who were in the city[d] were called together to pursue after them. They pursued Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. [17]There was not a man left in Ai or Beth El who did not go out after Israel. They left the city open, and pursued Israel.

[18]YHWH said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand."

Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. [19]The ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it. They hurried and set the city on fire. [20]When the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and look, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. The people who fled to the wilderness turned back on the pursuers. [21]When Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and killed the men of Ai. [22]The others came out of the city against them, so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. They struck them, so that they let none of them remain or escape. [23]They captured the king of Ai alive, and brought him to Joshua.

[24]And it came to pass when Israel had made an end of killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the plains, and on the mountain[e] on the slope,[f] where they pursued them, and they had all fallen by the edge of the sword until they were destroyed, then all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. [25]All that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. [26]For Joshua did not draw back his hand, with which he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. [27]Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took for prey to themselves, according to the word of YHWH which he commanded Joshua. [28]So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap forever, even a desolation, to this day. [29]He hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the evening, and at the

[a]8:14 DSS(vid) LXX, reading "engage them" pl. MT reads "engage"
[b]8:14 LXX, reading eutheias directly/immediately" = ysr. MT reads ysr'l "Israel," a possible scribal misreading
[c]8:14 LXX lacks "at the appointed… Arabah." LXX(bckqvx) has the words
[d]8:16 Tg(ed) reads "in the city in Ai"
[e]8:24 LXX. MT lacks "and on the mountain"
[f]8:24 LXX. MT reads "wilderness" rather than "on the slope"

sundown Joshua commanded, and they took his body down from the tree, and threw it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised a great heap of stones on it that remains to this day.

30Then Joshua built an altar to YHWH, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, 31as Moses the servant of YHWH commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, on which no man has touched with an iron tool." They offered burnt offerings on it to YHWH, and sacrificed peace offerings. 32He wrote there on the stones a copy of the Law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. 33All Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, who carried the ark of YHWH's covenant, the foreigner as well as the native; half of them in front of Mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of YHWH had commanded at the first, that they should bless the children of Israel. 34Afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35There was not a word of all that Moses commanded[a], which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the foreigners who were among them.

9 It happened, when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the Great Sea in front of Lebanon, the Hethite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard of it 2that they gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. 3But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4they also resorted to a ruse, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins, old and torn and bound up, 5and old and patched shoes on their feet, and wore old garments. All the bread of their provision was dry and moldy. 6They went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, and said to him, and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country. Now therefore make a covenant with us."

7The men of Israel said to the Hivites, "What if you live among us. How could we make a covenant with you?"

8They said to Joshua, "We are your servants."

Joshua said to them, "Who are you? Where do you come from?"

9They said to him, "Your servants have come from a very far

[a]8:35 DSS LXX add "Joshua"

country because of the name of YHWH your God; for we have heard of his fame, all that he did in Egypt, [10]and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan, who was at Ashtaroth. [11]Our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and tell them, "We are your servants. Now make a covenant with us."' [12]This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we went out to go to you; but now, look, it is dry, and has become moldy. [13]These wineskins, which we filled, were new; and look, they are torn. These our garments and our shoes have become old because of the very long journey."

[14]The men sampled their provisions, and did not ask counsel from the mouth of YHWH. [15]Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live. The leaders of the congregation swore to them. [16]It happened at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they lived among them. [17]The children of Israel traveled and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Kephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim. [18]The children of Israel did not strike them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by YHWH, the God of Israel. And the whole congregation murmured against the leaders. [19]But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by YHWH, the God of Israel; and now therefore we may not touch them. [20]This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be on us, because of the oath which we swore to them." [21]And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became wood cutters and drawers of water for all the congregation, and all the congregation did[a] as the leaders had spoken to them.

[22]Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you live among us? [23]Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you will never fail to be bondservants, both wood cutters and drawers of water for the house of my God."

[24]They answered Joshua, and said, "Because your servants were certainly told how YHWH your God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you. Therefore we were very afraid for our lives because of you, and have done this thing. [25]Now, look, we are in your hand. Do to us

[a]9:21 LXX(FM Theta adeijkmptuvy(a)a2). MT lacks "and all the congregation did" from haplography: lkl h'dh-lkl h'dh

as it seems good and right to you to do."

[26]He did so to them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them. [27]That day Joshua made them wood cutters and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of YHWH,[a] to this day, in the place which he should choose.

10 Now it happened when Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem[b] heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made

[a]9:27 LXX reads "of God" and adds "therefore the inhabitants of Gibeon became wood cutters and drawers of water for the altar of God." Possibly lost from homoioteleuton

[b]10:1 Heb. Yerushalem, from yarah "foundation" (Job 38:6; Genesis 31:51; BDB 4155; 2Chronicles 20:16 Jeruel: Yeru "founded" (by) El "God"; BDB 4151), and shalem "(n.) peace," or "(adj.) safe, secure." Prior to the Dead Sea Scrolls, Yerushalem was vocalized without a waw for the –uw sound: yrshlmh (7th cent. BC Jerusalem Papyrus, with hey of direction: "to Jerusalem," cf. Isaiah 36:2); yrshlm (6th cent. BC graffito from Horvat Bet Loya/Khirbet Beit Lei; 2nd cent. BC Hasmonean jar handle stamp impressions, Western Hill in Jerusalem. The LXX reads Ierousalem). The early Akkadian for Yerushalem is Urusalim "city (Uru) of peace (salim)" (e.g. EA 289 14 U-ru-sa-lim). Rainey notes that from the standpoint of purely Canaanite pronunciation, one should read U-ru-sha-lim. In Sennacherib's Annals (Taylor Prism) in Col. 3 (701 BC), it reads: (iii 74) "Moreover, (as for) Hezekiah (u (m).kha-za-qi-a-u) of the land of Judah (KUR.ia-u-da-a-a)… (iv 25) city of Jerusalem (URU.ur-sa-li-im-mu), [his] royal city (URU LUGAL-[ti-shu])." Cf. 2 Kings 18:13-37, 19:1-36; Isaiah 36:1-22, 37:1-37. The Akkadian transliterations of Yerushalem are most likely a corruption of Yeru- or Ir-shalem by assimilation of vowels. The occurrence of the triconsonantal sh-l-m meaning "safety," peace," or "complete" in most ancient Semitic language regions is early and widespread: Proto-Semitic: shal-am "to be safe, well"; Akkadian: shalamu/salamu "peace, friendly relations, alliance" (e.g. EA 12 r.10 shal-mi…sh-la-mi "safety…peace"), and salimu "peace, concord" (e.g. EA 11 r. 22 sa-li-mu "amity, peace"); Hebrew: shalem "(n.) peace," or "(adj.) safe, secure" (Genesis 14:18; Psalm 76:2; BDB 10005; Hebrews 7:2 Gk. eirene, for meaning of Salem: "peace, harmony"), and shalom: "completeness, soundness, welfare, peace" (Genesis 15:15 al. BDB 10002); Ugaritic: shlm "(v.) complete" and "(n.) peace"; Phoenician: shlm "peace, to be complete." Assyrian Dictionary (S), J.A.Brinkman, et al. (eds) (1984), 89-92, 100-103; A. R. Bomhard and J. C. Kerns, Nostratic Macrofamily (2011), 339; A. F. Rainey, Canaanite in the Amarna Tablets, Vol I (1996), 16; S. Ahituv, et al., "The 'Jerusalem' Papyrus," Israel Exploration Journal (2017) 67 (2): 175-76

peace with Joshua and with[a] Israel, and were among them; [2]that they were very afraid, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty. [3]Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, [4]"Come up to me, and help me, and let us strike Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel." [5]Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their armies, and camped against Gibeon, and made war against it. [6]The men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country have gathered together against us."

[7]So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. [8]YHWH said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hands. Not a man of them will stand before you."

[9]Joshua therefore came on them suddenly. He went up from Gilgal all night. [10]YHWH confused them before Israel, and he killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth Horon, and struck them to Azekah and to Makkedah. [11]And it happened, as they fled from before the sons[b] of Israel while they were at the descent of Beth Horon, that YHWH cast down[c] stones from the sky on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than who the children of Israel killed with the sword.

[12]Then Joshua spoke to YHWH in the day when YHWH delivered up the Amorites into the hand of Israel, when he struck them down at Gibeon, and they were struck down[d] before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still on Gibeon. You, moon, stop in the Valley of Aijalon."

[13]The sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. Isn't this written in the book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the midst of the sky, and did not hurry to go down about a whole day. [14]There was no day like that before it or after it, that YHWH

[a]10:1 LXX. MT lacks "Joshua and with" from haplography: 't_y-'t_y
[b]10:11 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Mss Vg. MT lacks "sons" from homoioteleuton: ny-ny
[c]10:11 DSS LXX(x). MT adds "large," and LXX adds "hail"
[d]10:12 LXX. MT lacks "into the power…struck down" from haplography: byd ysr'l-lpny ysr'l

listened to the voice of a man; for YHWH fought for Israel.

15Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gilgal. 16These five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17Joshua was told, saying, "The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18Joshua said, "Roll large stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them; 19but do not stay. Pursue your enemies, and attack them from the rear. Do not allow them to enter into their cities; for YHWH your God has delivered them into your hand."

20It happened, when Joshua and the children of Israel had finished killing them with a very great slaughter until they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. 22Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave, and bring those five kings out of the cave to me."

23They did so, and brought those five kings out of the cave to him: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. 24It happened, when they brought those kings out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who went with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings."

They came near, and put their feet on their necks.

25Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed. Be strong and of good courage, for YHWH will do this to all your enemies against whom you fight."

26Afterward Joshua struck them, put them to death, and hanged them on five trees. They were hanging on the trees until the evening. 27It happened at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave in which they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

28Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, with its king. He utterly destroyed them and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining. He did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah. 30YHWH delivered it also, with its king, into the hand of Israel. He struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls who were in it. He left none remaining in it. He did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 Joshua passed from Libnah,
and all Israel with him, to Lachish,
and camped against it, and fought
against it. 32 YHWH delivered
Lachish into the hand of Israel. He
took it on the second day, and
struck it with the edge of the sword,
with all the souls who were in it,
according to all that he had done to
Libnah. 33 Then Horam king of
Gezer came up to help Lachish; and
Joshua struck him and his people,
until he had left him none
remaining.

34 Joshua passed from
Lachish, and all Israel with him, to
Eglon; and they camped against it
fought against it. 35 They took it on
that day, and struck it with the edge
of the sword. He utterly destroyed
all the souls who were in it that day,
according to all that he had done to
Lachish.

36 Joshua went up from Eglon,
and all Israel with him, to Hebron;
and they fought against it. 37 They
took it, and struck it with the edge
of the sword, with its king and all
its cities, and all the souls who were
in it. He left none remaining,
according to all that he had done to
Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it,
and all the souls who were in it.

38 Joshua returned, and all
Israel with him, to Debir, and
fought against it. 39 He took it, with
its king and all its cities. They
struck them with the edge of the
sword, and utterly destroyed all the
souls who were in it. He left none
remaining. As he had done to
Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to
its king; as he had done also to
Libnah, and to its king. 40 So Joshua
struck all the land, the hill country,
and the Negev, and the lowland,
and the slopes, and all their kings.
He left none remaining, but he
utterly destroyed all that breathed,
as YHWH, the God of Israel,
commanded. 41 And Joshua struck
them from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza,
and the entire region of Goshen[a] as
far as Gibeon. 42 Joshua took all
these kings and their land at one
time, because YHWH, the God of
Israel, fought for Israel. 43 Joshua
returned, and all Israel with him, to
the camp to Gilgal.

11 It happened, when
Jabin king of Hazor
heard of it, that he
sent to Jobab king of Maron,[b] to the
king of Shim'on,[c] to the king of
Achshaph, 2 and to the kings who
were on the north, in the hill
country, in the Arabah south of
Kinnereth,[d] in the lowland, and in

[a] 10:41 The consonantal text can be vocalized as Goshen, Gosen, or Gesen. LXX reads Gosom, while the Latin Vulgate reads Gosen

[b] 11:1 LXX(B) ("Marron") Syr ("Meron"); LXX Mss "Marom"; OL "Amarron." MT LXX(AN) read "Madon," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[c] 11:1 LXX. Mentioned in 18th dynasty Egyptian records as "Sh-m-'-n," and in the Amarna letters as "Shamhuna." MT reads "Shimron"

[d] 11:2 LXX(FGN Theta) Mss OL, cf. Joshua 13:27. MT reads "Kinneroth"

the heights[a] of Dor on the west, [3]to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hethite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. [4]They went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, even as the sand that is on the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. [5]All these kings met together; and they came and camped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

[6]YHWH said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time, I will deliver them up all slain before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."

[7]So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell on them. [8]YHWH delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they struck them, and chased them to Greater Sidon, and to Misrephoth Maim, and to the Valley of Mizpeh eastward. They struck them until they left them none remaining. [9]Joshua did to them as YHWH told him. He hamstrung their horses and burnt their chariots with fire. [10]Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and struck its king with the sword: for Hazor used to be the head of all those kingdoms. [11]They struck all the souls who were in it with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them. There was no one left who breathed. He burnt Hazor with fire. [12]Joshua captured all the cities of those kings, with their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of YHWH commanded. [13]But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, except Hazor only. Joshua burned that. [14]The children of Israel took all the spoil of these cities, with the livestock, as spoils for themselves; but every man they struck with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They did not leave any who breathed.

[15]As YHWH commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua. Joshua did so. He left nothing undone of all that YHWH commanded Moses. [16]So Joshua captured all that land, the hill country, all the Negev, all the land of Goshen, the lowland, the Arabah, the hill country of Israel, and the lowland of the same; [17]from Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir, even to Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon under Mount Hermon. He took all their kings, struck them, and put them to death. [18]Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. [19]There was not a city that made peace with the children of

[a]11:2 Heb. naphath. LXX(N Theta) Mss OL, cf. Joshua 12:23. MT reads naphoth

Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon.[a] They took all in battle. 20For it was of YHWH to harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that he might utterly destroy them, that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as YHWH commanded Moses. 21Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel: Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22There were none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some remain. 23So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that YHWH spoke to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. The land had rest from war.

12 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel struck, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: 2Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even to the river Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon; 3and the Arabah to the sea of Kinnereth[b], eastward, and to the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth Jeshimoth; and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah: 4and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5and ruled in Mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, to the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half Gilead, as far as[c] the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6Moses the servant of YHWH and the children of Israel struck them. Moses the servant of YHWH gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh. 7These are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children of Israel struck beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal Gad in the Valley of Lebanon even to Mount Halak, that goes up to Seir. Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; 8in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the Negev; the Hethite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 9the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; 10the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11the king of Jarmuth, one; the

[a]11:19 LXX lacks "except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon"
[b]12:3 LXX. MT reads "Kinneroth"
[c]12:5 LXX(O) cf. BHS. MT lacks "as far as" from haplography: 'd-'d

king of Lachish, one; [12]the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; [13]the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; [14]the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; [15]the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; [16]the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; [17]the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher,[a] one; [18]the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;[b] [19]the king of Hazor, one; [20]the king of Shim'on,[c] one; the king of Maron,[d] one; the king of Achshaph, one; [21]the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; [22]the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; [23]the king of Dor in Naphath Dor, one; the king of Goyim in Galilee,[e] one; [24]the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one.[f]

13 Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years. YHWH said to him, "You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed. [2]This is the land that still remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites; [3]from the Shihor, which is before Egypt, even to the border of Ekron northward, which is counted as Canaanite; the five lords of the Philistines; the Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avvim, [4]on the south; all the land of the Canaanites, and from Arah[g] that belongs to the Sidonians to Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; [5]and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal Gad under Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath; [6]all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, even all the Sidonians; them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only you allocate it to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. [7]Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh: from the Jordan as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, you are to give it; the Great Sea will be the boundary. [8]But to the two tribes and to the half-tribe of Manasseh,[h] with him the

[a]12:17 LXX Vg read "Opher" probably for Hebrew "Hepher"
[b]12:18 LXX reads "the Sharon." Cf. Nelson, Joshua, 158 fn d. MT also adds "the king of Madon," a possible harmonization to 11:1 MT
[c]12:20 LXX. Mentioned in 18th dynasty Egyptian records as "Sh-m-'-n," and in the Amarna letters as "Shamhuna." MT has misread as "Shimron"
[d]12:20 LXX. MT reads "Shimron meron," which has lost "king of" from homoioarcton: m-m. Cf. Nelson, Joshua: A Commentary, 158
[e]12:23 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "Gilgal," a yod-gimel confusion in Paleo-Hebrew
[f]12:24 LXX reads twenty-nine. MT: thirty one. Cf. R. D. Nelson, Joshua, 159 fn i.
[g]13:4 Alternate pointing which is suggested by the grammar. MT points as "Mearah." Cf. R. D. Nelson, Joshua, 163 fn c.
[h]13:7-8 LXX. MT lacks "[7] from the Jordan…[8] Manasseh" from

Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of YHWH gave them: [9]from Aroer, that is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba to Dibon; [10]and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, to the border of the people of Ammon; [11]and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; [12]all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (the same was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses attacked these, and drove them out. [13]Nevertheless the children of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites: but Geshur and Maacath dwell in the midst of Israel to this day. [14]Only he gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The offerings of YHWH, the God of Israel, made by fire are his inheritance, as he spoke to him. [15]Moses gave to the tribe of the people of Reuben according to their families. [16]Their border was from Aroer, that is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain by Medeba; [17]Heshbon, and all its cities that are in the plain; Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth Baal Meon, [18]Jahaz, Kedemoth, Mephaath, [19]Kiriathaim, Sibmah, Zereth Shahar in the mount of the valley, [20]Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, Beth Jeshimoth, [21]all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in the land. [22]The children of Israel also killed Balaam, the son of Beor, the soothsayer, with the sword, among the rest of their slain.

[23]The border of the people of Reuben was the bank of the Jordan. This was the inheritance of the people of Reuben according to their families, the cities and its villages.
[24]Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the people of Gad, according to their families. [25]Their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the people of Ammon, to Aroer that is before Rabbah; [26]and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir[a]; [27]and in the valley, Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan's bank, to the uttermost part of the sea of Kinnereth beyond the Jordan eastward. [28]This is the inheritance of the people of Gad according to their families, the cities and its villages.

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haplography, from whsy hsbt hmnsh in v.7 to its next occurrence in v.8

[a]13:26 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Lidebir," from dittography: l-l

[29]Moses gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It was for the half-tribe of the people of Manasseh according to their families. [30]Their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities. [31]Half Gilead, Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the people of Makir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the people of Makir according to their families.

[32]These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho, eastward. [33]But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance. YHWH, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spoke to them.

14 These are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of ancestral houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed to them, [2]by the lot of their inheritance, as YHWH commanded by the hand of Moses, to give[a] to the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe. [3]For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. [4]For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: and they gave no portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for their livestock and for their property. [5]The children of Israel did as YHWH commanded Moses, and they divided the land.

[6]Then the people of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal. Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the thing that YHWH spoke to Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning you in Kadesh Barnea. [7]I was forty years old when Moses the servant of YHWH sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land. I brought him word again as it was in my heart. [8]Nevertheless, my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed YHWH my God. [9]Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where you walked shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have wholly followed YHWH my God.' [10]Now, look, YHWH has kept me alive, as he spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that YHWH spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. Now, look, I am eighty-five years old, today. [11]I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then,

[a]14:2 Hebrew Mss Tg Syr Ms. MT lacks "to give" from homoioarcton: lt-lt

even so is my strength now for war, to go out and to come in. 12Now therefore give me this hill country, of which YHWH spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and great and fortified cities. It may be that YHWH will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as YHWH spoke."

13Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day; because he wholly followed YHWH, the God of Israel. 15Now the name of Hebron before was Kiriath Arba, after the greatest man among the Anakim. The land had rest from war.

15 The lot for the tribe of the people of Judah according to their families was to the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, toward the Negev in the far south. 2Their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the bay that looks southward; 3and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh Barnea, and passed along by Hezron, went up to Addar, and turned about to Karka; 4and it passed along to Azmon, went out at the Wadi of Egypt;[a] and the border ended at the sea. This was their[b] southern border. 5The east border was the Salt Sea, even to the end of the Jordan. The border of the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan. 6The border went up to Beth Hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth Arabah; and the border went up to the Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. 7The border went up to Debir from the Valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river. The border passed along to the waters of En Shemesh, and ended at En Rogel. 8The border went up by the Valley of Ben Hinnom to the slope of the Jebusites southward (that is, Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the farthest part of the Valley of Rephaim northward. 9The border extended from the top of the mountain to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities[c] of Mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (that is, Kiriath Jearim); 10and the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and passed along to the side of Mount Jearim on the north (that is, Kesalon), and went down to Beth

[a]15:4 Often identified with Wadi el-Arish

[b]15:4 LXX, reading להם "their." MT reads לכם "your"

[c]15:9 MT 'are "cities"; LXX(bckx) epi kwmas "villages." LXX(BNimra2) omit "villages." LXX(dgnpt) reads eis gai "to the valley." Cf. Theodotion. Syr reads "tip/corner."

Shemesh, and passed along by Timnah;

11and the border went out to the side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea. 12The west border was to the shore of the Great Sea. This is the border of the people of Judah according to their families.

13To Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion among the people of Judah, according to the commandment of YHWH to Joshua, even Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (that is, Hebron). 14Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak. 15He went up against the inhabitants of Debir. Now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath Sepher. 16Caleb said, "He who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife." 17Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. 18It happened, when she came, that she had him ask her father for a field. She got off of her donkey, and Caleb said, "What do you want?"

19She said, "Give me a blessing. Because you have set me in the land of the Negev, give me also springs of water." He gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Judah according to their families. 21The farthest cities of the tribe of the people of Judah toward the border of Edom in the south were Kabzeel, and Arad,[a] and Jagur, 22and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,[b] 23and Kedesh, and Hazor Ithnan,[c] 24Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 25and Hazor Hadattah, and Kerioth Hezron (that is, Hazor), 26Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 27and Hazar Gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth Pelet, 28and Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages,[d] 29Baalah, and Iyim, and Ezem, 30and Eltolad, and Bethul,[e] and Hormah, 31and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 32and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and En Rimmon.[f] All the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages. 33In the

[a]15:21 LXX(dgnpt). MT reads "Eder," a metathesis of resh and dalet
[b]15:22 LXX(q) reads "Aroer." Nelson, 182, reads "Ararah"
[c]15:23 LXX(vid), reading Asorionain (OL: Aserionam). MT reads "hazor, and Ithnan"
[d]15:28 LXX cf. Nehemiah 11:27, reading ובנותיה. MT reads ובזיותיה "and Biziothiah," a misreading involving a nun-zayin confusion in a square script
[e]15:30 Joshua 19:4, cf. LXX (Baithel). MT reads "Chesil," a btw-ksy sight confusion in a square script
[f]15:32 LXX(ANrell), which lack an "and" between the words. Vocalized according to Nehemiah 11:29

lowland, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah, [34]and Zanoah, and En Gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, [35]Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, [36]and Shaaraim,[a] and Adithaim, and Gederah, and its sheepfolds;[b] fourteen cities with their villages. [37]Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal Gad, [38]and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, [39]Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, [40]and Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Kitlish, [41]and Gederoth, and Beth[c] Dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages. [42]Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, [43]and Iphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, [44]and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages. [45]Ekron, with its towns and its villages; [46]from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages. [47]Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; to the Wadi of Egypt, and the Great Sea with its coastline. [48]In the hill country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, [49]and Rannah,[d] and Kiriath Sepher[e] (which is Debir[f]), [50]and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim, [51]and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages. [52]Arab, and Rumah,[g] and Eshan, [53]and Janum,[h] and Beth Tappuah, and Aphekah, [54]and Humtah, and Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.
[55]Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, [56]and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, [57]Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages. [58]Halhul, Beth Zur, and Gedor, [59]and Maarath, and Beth Anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages. Tekoa,[i] and Ephrathah[j] (that is, Bethlehem), and Peor,[k] and Etam,[l] and Kolan,[m]

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[a]15:36 Shaaraim means "Two Gates"
[b]15:36 LXX. MT reads "Gederah, and Gederothaim." Cf. J. Coleson, et al., Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 135
[c]15:41 LXX Syr Vg, reading "and Beth." MT lacks "and"
[d]15:49 LXX Syr OL. MT reads "Dannah," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[e]15:49 Meaning "city of writing/scribe." LXX ("city of letters" cf. Joshua 15:15 and Judges 1:11 LXX) Syr ("Koriath-sepra"). MT reads "Sannah," in reminiscence of the previous word "Rannah"
[f]15:49 Cf. Joshua 15:15, Judges 1:11
[g]15:52 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr Vg cf. OL. MT reads "Dumah," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[h]15:53 MT Qere LXX Mss Tg Vg. MT Kethib reads "Janim"
[i]15:59 LXX(BA), reading Theko = תקועה "Tekoa"
[j]15:59 LXX(BA), reading kai Ephratha = ואפרתה "and Ephrathah."
[k]15:59 LXX(BA), reading kai Phagor = ופעור "and Peor," though Phagor is also used for p'w "Pau." Cf. Genesis 36:39; 1 Chronicles 1:50
[l]15:59 LXX(A), reading kai Aitam = ועיטם "and Etam." 2 Chronicles 11:6. LXX(B): kai Aitan
[m]15:59 LXX(BA), reading kai Koulon = וקולן "and Kolan," meaning "their voice." Cf. Ruth 1:9, 14. LXX(dgnpt): kai Kolam

and Tatem,[a] and Shoresh,[b] and Kerem,[c] and Gallim,[d] and Bether,[e] and Manocho;[f] eleven cities with their villages.[g] 60Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages. 61In the wilderness, Beth Arabah, Middin, and Secacah, 62and Nibshan, and Ir Hamelach, and En Gedi; six cities with their villages.

63As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the people of Judah couldn't drive them out; but the Jebusites live with the people of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

16 The lot came out for the people of Joseph from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel. 2It went out from Bethel to Luz, and passed along to the border of the Archites at Ataroth; 3and it went down westward to the border of the Japhletites, to the border of Lower Beth Horon, even to Gezer; and ended at the sea.

4The people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. 5This was the border of the people of Ephraim according to their families. The border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth Addar, to Upper Beth Horon. 6The border went out westward at Michmethath[h] on the north of Termah.[i] The border turned about eastward to Taanath Shiloh, and passed along it on the east of Janoah. 7It went down from Janoah to Ataroth, to Naaratah, reached to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8From Tappuah the border went along westward to Wadi Kanah;

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[a]15:59 LXX(B), reading kai Tatam = ותתעם "and Tatem," meaning "wander, seduce." Cf. Proverbs 12:26. LXX(A): kai Tatami; LXX(dgnpt): kai Tanach

[b]15:59 LXX(A), reading kai Sores = ושרש "and Shoresh," meaning "root." Cf. Isaiah 11:10; 1 Chronicles 7:16. LXX(B): kai Heobes/Thobes

[c]15:59 LXX(BA), reading kai Karem = וכרם "and Kerem," meaning "vineyard." Cf. Genesis 9:20

[d]15:59 LXX(A), reading kai Gallim = וגלים "and Gallim." Cf. 1 Samuel 25:44; Isaiah 10:30. LXX(B): kai Galem

[e]15:59 LXX(B), reading kai Bether = ובתר "and Bether." Cf. Song of Songs 2:17. LXX(A): kai Baither

[f]15:59 LXX(BA), reading kai Manocho = ומנוחו or ומנוחה. Cf. Genesis 8:9, Numbers 10:33, Judges 13:2. LXX(dgnpt) Syr(hex): kai Manach; OL: Manachor

[g]15:59 LXX OL. MT lacks "Tekoa…their villages" from haplography: whsryhn-whsryhn

[h]16:6 Lit. "the Michmethath," meaning "concealment." Perhaps to be identified with [Mi-i] k-ma-te in Amarna Letter EA 257. The restoration of the name is uncertain

[i]16:6 LXX(Bhqr) (Ethiopic cf. Sahidic "Thergam[a]"), reading Therma. Perhaps Terumah. MT lacks this name

and ended at the sea. This is the
inheritance of the tribe of the
people of Ephraim according to
their families; 9together with the
cities which were set apart for the
people of Ephraim in the midst of
the inheritance of the people of
Manasseh, all the cities with their
villages. 10They did not drive out
the Canaanites who lived in Gezer;
but the Canaanites dwell in the
midst of Ephraim to this day, and
have become servants to do forced
labor.

17 This was the lot for
the tribe of
Manasseh, for he
was the firstborn of Joseph. As for
Makir the firstborn of Manasseh,
the father of Gilead, because he
was a man of war, therefore he had
Gilead and Bashan. 2So this was for
the rest of the people of Manasseh
according to their families: for the
descendants of Abiezer, for the
descendants of Helek, for the
descendants of Asriel, for the
descendants of Shechem, for the
descendants of Hepher, and for the
descendants of Shemida: these
were the male descendants of
Manasseh the son of Joseph
according to their families. 3But
Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the
son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the
son of Manasseh, had no sons, but
daughters: and these are the names
of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah,
Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4They
came near before Eleazar the priest,
and before Joshua the son of Nun,
and before the leaders, saying,
"YHWH commanded Moses to give
us an inheritance among our
brothers." Therefore according to
the commandment of YHWH he
gave them an inheritance among
the brothers of their father. 5Ten
parts fell to Manasseh, besides the
land of Gilead and Bashan, which
is beyond the Jordan; 6because the
daughters of Manasseh had an
inheritance among his sons. The
land of Gilead belonged to the rest
of the sons of Manasseh. 7The
border of Manasseh was from
Asher to Michmethath, which is
before Shechem. The border went
along to the right hand to[a] Jashub[b]
and to[c] En Tappuah. 8The land of
Tappuah belonged to Manasseh;
but Tappuah, on the border of
Manasseh, belonged to the people
of Ephraim. 9The border went
down to Wadi Kanah, southward of
the wadi. These cities belonged to
Ephraim among the cities of
Manasseh. The border of Manasseh
was on the north side of the wadi,
and ended at the sea. 10Southward it
was Ephraim's, and northward it

[a]17:7 LXX(Gi: eis Iasseb; x: eis Iasib; Theta rell (= abb2cdkuy?): eis Iaseb)) = 'l yswb "to Jashub." LXX(B*h) reads "kai Jassib," the kai possibly being an adjustment after misinterpreting "right hand" as a place name, viz. "Jamin." MT reads 'l ysbi "to (the) inhabitants," a scribal misreading in reminiscence of 15:15 etc

[b]17:7 LXX, reading Iassib = ysyb "Jashub." MT reads ysbi "inhabitants," a scribal misreading in reminiscence of 15:15 etc

[c]17:7 LXX(b), reading kai epi "and to." LXX MT lack "and"

was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border. They reached to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east. [11]And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Beth Shean and its towns, and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Endor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; three regions. [12]Yet the people of Manasseh couldn't drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

[13]It happened, when the children of Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out. [14]The people of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me just one lot and one part for an inheritance, since I am a great people, because YHWH has blessed me so far?"

[15]Joshua said to them, "If you are a great people, go up to the forest, and clear land for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you."

[16]The people of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us. All the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are in Beth Shean and its towns, and those who are in the Valley of Jezreel."

[17]Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, "You are a great people, and have great power. You shall not have one lot only; [18]but the hill country shall be yours. Although it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong."

18 The whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the Tent of Meeting there. The land was subdued before them. [2]Seven tribes remained among the children of Israel, which had not yet divided their inheritance. [3]Joshua said to the children of Israel, "How long will you neglect to go in to possess the land, which YHWH, the God of your fathers,[a] has given you? [4]Appoint for you three men of each tribe. I will send them, and they shall arise, walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come to me. [5]They shall divide it into seven portions. Judah shall live in his borders on the south, and the house of Joseph shall live in their borders on the north. [6]You shall survey the land into seven parts, and bring the description here to me; and I will

[a]18:3 YHWH Elohe Abothekem

cast lots for you here before YHWH our God. 7For the Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of YHWH is their inheritance. Gad, Reuben, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of YHWH gave them."

8The men arose and went. Joshua commanded those who went to survey the land, saying, "Go walk through the land, survey it, and come again to me. I will cast lots for you here before YHWH in Shiloh."

9The men went and passed through the land, and surveyed it by cities into seven portions on a scroll. They came to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. 10Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before YHWH. There Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions.
11The lot of the tribe of the people of Benjamin came up according to their families. The border of their lot went out between the people of Judah and the people of Joseph. 12Their border on the north quarter was from the Jordan. The border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward. It ended at the wilderness of Beth Aven. 13The border passed along from there to Luz, to the side of Luz (that is, Bethel), southward. The border went down to Ataroth Addar, by the mountain that lies on the south of Lower Beth Horon. 14The border extended, and turned around on the west quarter southward, from the mountain that lies before Beth Horon southward; and ended at Kiriath Baal (that is, Kiriath Jearim), a city of the people of Judah. This was the west quarter. 15The south quarter was from the farthest part of Kiriath Jearim. The border went out westward, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah. 16The border went down to the farthest part of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Ben Hinnom, which is in the Valley of Rephaim northward. It went down to the Valley of Hinnom, to the slope of the Jebusites southward, and went down to En Rogel. 17It extended northward, went out at En Shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is over against the ascent of Adummim. It went down to the Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben. 18And it passed on to the north to the shoulder of Beth Arabah,[a] and went down to the Arabah. 19The border passed along to the side of Beth Hoglah northward; and the border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the south border. 20The Jordan was its border on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the people of Benjamin, by the borders around it,

[a]18:18 LXX Mss Syr(hex) and 15:6. MT reads "in front of" instead of "Beth,"a misreading involving a beth-mem and yod-waw confusion in a square script

according to their families. 21Now
the cities of the tribe of the people
of Benjamin according to their
families were Jericho, and Beth
Hoglah, and Emek Keziz, 22and
Beth Arabah, and Zemaraim, and
Bethel, 23and Avvim, and Parah,
and Ophrah, 24and Chephar
Ammoni, and Ophni, and Geba;
twelve cities with their villages.
25Gibeon, and Ramah,[a] and
Beeroth, 26and Mizpeh, and
Kephirah, and Mozah, 27and
Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,
28and Zelah,[b] Haeleph, and Jebus[c]
(that is, Jerusalem), and[d] Gibeath,
and Kiriath Jearim[e]; fourteen cities[f]
with their villages. This is the
inheritance of the people of
Benjamin according to their
families.

19 The second lot came
out for Simeon, even
for the tribe of the
people of Simeon
according to their families. Their
inheritance was in the midst of the
inheritance of the people of Judah.
2And they had for their inheritance
Beersheba,[g] and Moladah, 3and
Hazar Shual, and Balah, and Ezem,
4and Eltolad, and Bethul, and
Hormah, 5and Ziklag, and Beth
Marcaboth, and Hazar Susah, 6and
Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen;
thirteen cities with their villages;
7En Rimmon,[h] and Token,[i] and
Ether, and Ashan; four cities with
their villages; 8and all the villages
that were around these cities to
Baalath Beer, Ramath Negev. This
is the inheritance of the tribe of the
people of Simeon according to their
families. 9Out of the part of the
people of Judah was the inheritance
of the people of Simeon; for the
portion of the people of Judah was
too much for them. Therefore the
people of Simeon had inheritance
in the midst of their inheritance.

10And the third lot came up
for the people of Zebulun
according to their families, and the
border of their inheritance was to
Sadud.[j] 11Their border went up
westward, and to Maralah, and
reached to Dabbesheth, and it
reached to the wadi that is before
Jokneam. 12And it turned from

[a]18:25 Or, Ha-Ramah
[b]18:28 Tg adds "and"
[c]18:28 LXX Tg Syr Vg and BHS. MT reads "the Jebusite"
[d]18:28 LXX. MT lacks "and"
[e]18:28 LXX. MT lacks "Jearim" from haplography: y'rym-'rym
[f]18:28 MT LXX(x). LXX reads "thirteen cities," having treated Zelah Haeleph as one city, Zelaleph, lacking an "and" in between
[g]19:2 LXX Ms. MT adds "and/or Sbeba," an apparent dittography of the previous name, and also makes fourteen. Cf. v. 6 and 1 Chronicles 4:28
[h]19:7 Vocalization according to Nehemiah 11:29. MT vocalizes as "Ain Rimmon"
[i]19:7 LXX, reading Thachan = "Token," cf. 1 Chronicles 4:32, possibly lost in MT by homoioarcton: w-w, or homoioteleuton: n-n
[j]19:10 Cf. LXX(L) OL Syr ("Ashdod"). MT reads "Sarid," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

Sadud[a] eastward toward the sunrise to the border of Chisloth Tabor, and it went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia. 13From there it passed along eastward to Gath Hepher, to Eth Kazin; and it went out to Rimmon which bends toward Neah. 14The border turned around it on the north to Hannathon; and it ended at the Valley of Iphtah El; 15Kattath, Nahalal, Shim'on,[b] Idalah,[c] and Bethlehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16This is the inheritance of the people of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the people of Issachar according to their families. 18And their border was to Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 19and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath, 20and Daberath,[d] and Kishion, and Ebez, 21and Remeth, and Engannim, and En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez. 22The border reached to Tabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh; and their border ended at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the people of Asher according to their families. 25Their border was from[e] Helkath (and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 26and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal) and it reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihor Libnath. 27And it turned eastward to Beth Dagon, and reached to Zebulun and to the Valley of Iphtah El on the north. And the border goes north[f] to Beth Emek and Neiel, and it went out to Cabul on the north,[g] 28and Abdon,[h] and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, even to Greater Sidon. 29The border turned to Ramah, to the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah, and it ended at the sea; Mahalab,[i] and

[a]19:12 Cf. LXX(L) LXX(efjsv: "sedoud" 236: "sedaud") Syr ("Ashdod"). MT reads "Sarid"
[b]19:15 LXX. MT reads "Shimron." Cf. 11:1 fn
[c]19:15 Hebrew Mss Syr Vg read "Iralah." A dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion. Cf. BHS; Nelson, 218
[d]19:20 LXX(efjqrsvz, Dabeiroth) Mss OL (Debirath) and Joshua 19:12, reading dbrt "Daberath." MT reads rbyt "Rabbith," a dalet-resh and resh-yod interchange. Joshua 21:28; 1 Chronicles 6:72
[e]19:25 LXX. MT lacks "from" due to haplography
[f]19:27 LXX. MT lacks "And the border goes northward" from haplography: spwnh-spwnh
[g]19:27 MT reads msm'l "on the left." LXX(dpt) masthel apo aristeron = mst'l msm'l "Masthel on the left"? BHS suggests the place name ms'l "Mishal" cf. 21:30
[h]19:28 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Tg cf. 1 Chronicles 6:59. MT reads "Ebron"
[i]19:29 Cf. LXX which reads apo Leb "from Leb" or "Meleb." MT reads mhbl "Mehebel," which suggests a beth-lamed metathesis of an original mhlb "Meheleb" or "Mahalab," a place name known from an Assyrian source as "Mahallibu"

Achzib, 30and Acco,[a] and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages. 31This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32The sixth lot came out for the people of Naphtali, even for the people of Naphtali according to their families. 33Their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim, Adaminekeb, and Jabneel, to Lakkum. It ended at the Jordan. 34The border turned westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out from there to Hukkok. It reached to Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the east. 35The fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinnereth, 36Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, 37Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, 38Yiron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. 39This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.
40The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the people of Dan according to their families. 41And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir Shemesh, 42and Shaalbin,[b] and Aijalon, and Jithlah, 43and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron, 44and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, 45and Jehud, and Azzur,[c] and Bene Berak, and Gath Rimmon, 46and from the sea,[d] Jarkon, and Rakkon,[e] with the border over against Joppa. 47And the border of the people of Dan slipped out of their control, so the people of Dan went up and fought against Leshem,[f] and after capturing it and striking it with the sword they took possession of it and dwelt in it, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor. 48This is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by its borders. The children of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. 50According to the commandment of YHWH, they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath Serah in the hill country of

[a]19:30 LXX Mss cf. BHS, reading akko = ‘kh. MT reads ‘mh, vocalized as “Ummah,” a kaph-mem confusion in Paleo-Hebrew
[b]19:42 Cf. Hebrew Mss and Judges 1:35 (Shaalbim. Shaalbin may be the gentilic adjective of Shaalbim); 2Samuel 23:32 and 1Chronicles 11:33 (Shaalbon MT). MT vocalizes the same consonantal text as Shaalabbin
[c]19:45 LXX (which has lost “Jehud” from haplography). MT lacks “Azzur” (or, Azor) from haplography, with dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion: w(yh)d-w(’zw)r
[d]19:46 Or, “westward.” LXX. MT reads “and Me”
[e]19:46 LXX lacks this place name
[f]19:47 A variant spelling of Laish

Ephraim; and he built the city, and lived there. [51]These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of ancestral houses of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before YHWH, at the door of the Tent of Meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

20 YHWH spoke to Joshua, saying, [2]"Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'Assign the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you by Moses, [3]that the manslayer who kills any person accidentally or unintentionally may flee there. They shall be for you a refuge from the avenger of blood. [4]He shall flee to one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city. They shall take him into the city with them, and give him a place, that he may live among them. [5]If the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he struck his neighbor unintentionally, and did not hate him before. [6]He shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days. Then the manslayer shall return, and come to his own city, and to his own house, to the city he fled from.'"

[7]They set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. [8]Beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer on the wilderness plateau out of the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. [9]These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever kills any person unintentionally might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stands before the congregation.

21 Then the heads of ancestral houses of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of ancestral houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. [2]They spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, "YHWH commanded Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with their suburbs for our livestock."
[3]The children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of YHWH, these cities with their suburbs. [4]The lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. The descendants of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had thirteen cities by lot out of the tribe of Judah, out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin. [5]The rest of the descendants of Kohath had ten cities by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, out of the tribe

of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh. 6The descendants of Gershon had thirteen cities by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, out of the tribe of Asher, out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan. 7The descendants of Merari according to their families had twelve cities by lot[a] out of the tribe of Reuben, out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun. 8The children of Israel gave these cities with their suburbs by lot to the Levites, as YHWH commanded by Moses. 9They gave out of the tribe of the people of Judah, and out of the tribe of the people of Simeon,[b] these cities which are mentioned by name: 10and they were for the descendants of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the people of Levi; for theirs was the first lot. 11They gave them Kiriath Arba, named after the father of Anak (that is, Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its suburbs around it. 12But they gave the fields of the city and its villages to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. 13To the descendants of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Libnah with its suburbs, 14Jattir with its suburbs, Eshtemoa with its suburbs, 15Holon with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, 16Ashan[c] with its suburbs, Juttah with its suburbs, and Beth Shemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17Out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs, 18Anathoth with its suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs; four cities. 19All the cities of the descendants of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20The families of the descendants of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the descendants of Kohath, had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21They gave them Shechem with its suburbs in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with its suburbs, 22Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Beth Horon with its suburbs; four cities. 23Out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs, 24Aijalon with its suburbs, Gath Rimmon with its suburbs; four cities. 25Out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and Beth Shean[d] with its suburbs; two cities. 26All the cities of the families of the rest of the descendants of Kohath were ten with their suburbs.

[a]21:7 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "by lot"
[b]21:9 LXX adds "and out of the tribe of the people of Benjamin," which may have fallen out of MT from homoioteleuton: n(f)-n(f)
[c]21:16 LXX. MT reads "Ain," a shin-yod interchange. Cf. 1 Chronicles 6:59
[d]21:25 LXX(ANrell), reading Baithsan = byt s'n "Beth Shean." LXX reads "Iebatha," thought to suggest "Ibleam" cf. BHS. MT LXX(acx*b*) read gt rmwn "Gath Rimmon"

27They gave to the descendants of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Be Eshterah with its suburbs; two cities. 28Out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, 29Jarmuth with its suburbs, En Gannim with its suburbs; four cities. 30Out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its suburbs, Abdon with its suburbs, 31Helkath with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; four cities. 32Out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, Hammothdor with its suburbs, and Kartan with its suburbs; three cities. 33All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.
34To the families of the descendants of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs, Kartah with its suburbs, 35Rimmon[a] with its suburbs, and Nahalal with its suburbs; four cities. 36And across the Jordan opposite Jericho,[b] from the tribe of Reuben: a city of refuge for the manslayer,[c] Bezer in the wilderness, (on) the plateau,[d] with its suburbs, Jahaz with its suburbs, 37Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; four cities. 38Out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, 39Heshbon with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all. 40All these were the cities of the descendants of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Levites. Their lot was twelve cities.

41All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their suburbs. 42Each of these cities included their suburbs around them. It was this way with all these cities.

43So YHWH gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give to their fathers. They possessed it, and lived in it. 44YHWH gave them rest all around, according to all that he swore to their fathers. Not a man of all their enemies stood before them. YHWH delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45Nothing failed of any good thing which YHWH had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

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[a]21:35 OG cf. Margolis, Joshua in Greek, 417, OL and 1 Chronicles 6:77(62). MT reads “Dimnah,” a resh-dalet confusion: rmn-dmn
[b]21:36 LXX, reading kai peran tou Iordanou tou kata Iericho. MT lacks “And across the Jordan opposite Jericho”
[c]21:36 LXX, reading ten polin to phugadeuterion phoneusantos. MT lacks “a city of refuge for the manslayer”
[d]21:36 LXX, reading en te eremo te misor. MT lacks “in the desert, (on) the plateau.” Cf. Nelson, Joshua, 236 fn r.

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 2and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of YHWH commanded you, and have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you. 3You have not left your brothers these many days to this day, but have performed the duty of the commandment of YHWH your God. 4Now YHWH your God has given rest to your brothers, as he spoke to them. Therefore now return and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of YHWH gave you beyond the Jordan. 5Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of YHWH commanded you, to love YHWH your God, to walk in all his ways, to keep his commandments, to hold fast to him, and to serve him with all your heart[a] and with all your soul."

6So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went to their tents. 7Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but to the other half gave Joshua among their brothers beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them, 8and spoke to them, saying, "Return with much wealth to your tents, with very much livestock, with silver, with gold, with bronze, with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."

9The people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, which they owned, according to the commandment of YHWH by Moses. 10When they came to the region about the Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look at. 11The children of Israel heard this, "Look, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that pertains to the children of Israel." 12When the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war. 13The children of Israel sent to the people of Reuben, and to the people of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, 14and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each of the tribes of

[a]22:5 LXX reads "mind" instead of "heart"

Israel; and every one of them heads of ancestral houses among the thousands of Israel. 15They came to the people of Reuben, and to the people of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying, 16"Thus says the whole congregation of YHWH, 'What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following YHWH, in that you have built you an altar, to rebel this day against YHWH? 17Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although there came a plague on the congregation of YHWH, 18that you must turn away this day from following YHWH? It will be, seeing that you rebel today against YHWH, that tomorrow he will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. 19However, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of YHWH, in which YHWH's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us; but do not rebel against YHWH, nor rebel against us, in building an altar other than the altar of YHWH our God. 20Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? That man did not perish alone in his iniquity.'"

21Then the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22"El, God, YHWH. El, God, YHWH. He knows; and Israel shall know. If it was in rebellion, or if in trespass against YHWH, do not save us this day, 23that we have built us an altar to turn away from following YHWH; or if to offer burnt offering or meal offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings, let YHWH himself require it. 24If we have not out of concern done this, and for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your descendants might speak to our descendants, saying, "What have you to do with YHWH, the God of Israel? 25For YHWH has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you people of Reuben and people of Gad. You have no portion in YHWH."' So your children might make our children cease from fearing YHWH. 26Therefore we said, 'Let's now prepare to build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; 27but it will be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may perform the service of YHWH before him with our burnt offerings, with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings;' that your descendants may not tell our descendants in time to come, 'You have no portion in YHWH.' 28Therefore we said, 'It shall be, when they tell us or our generations this in time to come, that we shall say, "Look the pattern of the altar of YHWH, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you."' 29Far be it from us that we should rebel against YHWH, and turn away this day from following YHWH, to build an altar for burnt offering, for

meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of YHWH our God that is before his tabernacle."

30When Phinehas the priest, and the leaders of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the people of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well. 31Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the people of Reuben, to the people of Gad, and to the people of Manasseh, "Today we know that YHWH is in the midst of us, because you have not committed this trespass against YHWH. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of YHWH." 32And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the leaders, returned from the people of Reuben, and from the people of Gad,[a] out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33The thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land in which the people of Reuben and the people of Gad[b] lived. 34The people of Reuben and the people of Gad[c] called the altar: "A witness between us that YHWH is God."

23 It happened after many days, when YHWH had given rest to Israel from their enemies all around, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years, 2that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said to them, "I am old and well advanced in years. 3You have seen all that YHWH your God has done to all these nations because of you; for it is YHWH your God who has fought for you.

4Look, I have allotted to you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun. 5And YHWH your God will himself thrust them out from before you, and drive them out of your sight, and he will send wild animals against them until he utterly destroys them and their kings from before you;[d] and you will inherit their land, as YHWH your God spoke to you.

6Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that you not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left; 7that you not come among

[a]22:32 LXX adds "and from the half tribe of Manasseh"
[b]22:33 LXX adds "and from the half tribe of Manasseh"
[c]22:34 LXX adds "and the half tribe of Manasseh"

[d]23:5 LXX. MT lacks "and he will…before you" from haplography: mlpnykm-mpnykm. Cf. Deuteronomy 7:20

these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves to them; [8]but hold fast to YHWH your God, as you have done to this day. [9]For YHWH has driven great and strong nations out from before you. But as for you, no man has stood before you to this day.

[10]One man of you shall chase a thousand; for YHWH your God is he who fights for you, as he spoke to you. [11]And be very watchful of yourselves to love YHWH your God. [12]Else if you do at all go back, and hold fast to the remnant of these nations, even these who remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in to them, and they to you; [13]know for a certainty that YHWH your God will no longer drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which YHWH your God has given you. [14]Look, today I am going the way of all the earth. You know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which YHWH your God spoke concerning you. All have happened to you. Not one thing has failed of it. [15]It shall happen that as all the good things have come on you of which YHWH your God spoke to you, so YHWH will bring on you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land which YHWH your God has given you, [16]when you disobey the covenant of YHWH your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them. Then the anger of YHWH will be kindled against you, and you will perish quickly from off the good land which he has given to you."

24 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. [2]Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Your fathers lived of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods. [3]I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants, and gave him Isaac. [4]And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau. And I gave to Esau Mount Seir, to possess it. And Jacob and his children went down into Egypt, and became there a great and numerous and mighty nation, and the Egyptians afflicted them.[a]

[a]24:4 LXX. MT lacks "and became there…afflicted them," from haplography: msrym_w-msrym_w

5And I sent Moses and Aaron,
and I plagued Egypt, according to
that which I did in its midst: and
afterward I brought you out. 6I
brought your fathers out of Egypt:
and you came to the sea. The
Egyptians pursued after your
fathers with chariots and with
horsemen to the Red Sea. 7When
they cried out to YHWH, he put
darkness between you and the
Egyptians, and brought the sea on
them, and covered them; and your
eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and
you lived in the wilderness many
days. 8I brought you into the land of
the Amorites, that lived beyond the
Jordan: and they fought with you;
and I gave them into your hand.
You possessed their land; and I
destroyed them from before you.
9Then Balak the son of Zippor, king
of Moab, arose and fought against
Israel. He sent and called Balaam
the son of Beor to curse you; 10but
I would not listen to Balaam;
therefore he blessed you still. So I
delivered you out of his hand.
11You went over the Jordan, and
came to Jericho. The men of
Jericho fought against you, the
Amorite, the Perizzite, the
Canaanite, the Hethite, the
Girgashite, the Hivite, and the
Jebusite; and I delivered them into
your hand. 12I sent the hornet
before you, which drove them out
from before you, even the two
kings of the Amorites; not with
your sword, nor with your bow. 13I
gave you a land whereon you had
not labored, and cities which you
did not build, and you live in them.
You eat of vineyards and olive
groves which you did not plant.'
14Now therefore fear YHWH, and
serve him in sincerity and in truth.
Put away the gods which your
fathers served beyond the River
and in Egypt, and serve YHWH. 15If
it seems evil to you to serve YHWH,
choose this day whom you will
serve; whether the gods which your
fathers served that were beyond the
River, or the gods of the Amorites,
in whose land you dwell. But as for
me and my house, we will serve
YHWH."

16The people answered, "Far
be it from us that we should forsake
YHWH, to serve other gods; 17for it
is YHWH our God who brought us
and our fathers up out of the land of
Egypt, from the house of bondage,
and who did those great signs in our
sight, and preserved us in all the
way in which we went, and among
all the peoples through the midst of
whom we passed. 18YHWH drove
out from before us all the peoples,
even the Amorites who lived in the
land. Therefore we also will serve
YHWH; for he is our God."

19Joshua said to the people,
"You can't serve YHWH; for he is a
holy God.[a] He is a jealous God.[b] He
will not forgive your disobedience
nor your sins. 20If you forsake
YHWH, and serve foreign gods,
then he will turn and do you harm,
and consume you, after he has done
you good."

[a]24:19 Elohim Kedoshim

[b]24:19 El Kanno

21The people said to Joshua,
"No; but we will serve YHWH."
22Joshua said to the people, "You
are witnesses against yourselves
that you have chosen you YHWH,
to serve him."

They said, "We are
witnesses."

23"Now therefore put away
the foreign gods which are among
you, and incline your heart to
YHWH, the God of Israel."

24The people said to Joshua,
"We will serve YHWH our God,
and we will listen to his voice."

25So Joshua made a covenant
with the people that day, and made
for them a statute and an ordinance
in Shechem. 26Joshua wrote these
words in the book of the law of
God; and he took a great stone, and
set it up there under the oak that
was by the sanctuary of YHWH.
27Joshua said to all the people,
"Look, this stone shall be a witness
against us; for it has heard all the
words of YHWH which he spoke to
us. It shall be therefore a witness
against you, lest you deny your
God." 28So Joshua sent the people
away, every man to his inheritance.

29It happened after these
things, that Joshua the son of Nun,
the servant of YHWH, died, being
one hundred ten years old. 30They
buried him in the border of his
inheritance in Timnath Serah,
which is in the hill country of
Ephraim, on the north of the
mountain of Gaash. 31Israel served
YHWH all the days of Joshua, and
all the days of the elders who
outlived Joshua, and had known all
the work of YHWH, that he had
worked for Israel. 32They buried the
bones of Joseph, which the children
of Israel brought up out of Egypt, in
Shechem, in the parcel of ground
which Jacob bought of the sons of
Hamor the father of Shechem for a
hundred kesitahs.[a] They became
the inheritance of the people of
Joseph. 33Eleazar the son of Aaron
died. They buried him in the hill of
Phinehas his son, which was given
him in the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges

1 It happened after the
death of Joshua, the
children of Israel asked
of YHWH, saying, "Who should go
up first to fight for us against the
Canaanites?"

2YHWH said, "Judah should
go up. Look, I have delivered the
land into his hand."
3Judah said to Simeon his brother,
"Come up with me into my lot, that
we may fight against the
Canaanites; and I likewise will go
with you into your lot." So Simeon

[a]24:32 A unit of money of unknown value and or weight

went with him. [4]Judah went up; and YHWH delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they struck of them in Bezek ten thousand men. [5]They found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they struck the Canaanites and the Perizzites. [6]But Adoni-Bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. [7]Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, scavenged under my table: as I have done, so God has requited me." They brought him to Jerusalem,[a] and he died there. [8]The people of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. [9]Afterward the people of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, and in the Negev, and in the lowland. [10]And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron, and Hebron came out in opposition[b] (now the name of Hebron before was Kiriath Arba), and they struck Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.[c]

[11]From there he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (Now the name of Debir before was Kiriath Sepher.) [12]Caleb said, "He who strikes Kiriath Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife." [13]Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife.

[14]It happened, when she came to him, that she got him to ask her father for a field. And she got off from her donkey,[d] and Caleb said to her, "What would you like?"

[15]She said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me the land in the Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her according to her heart[e] the upper springs and the lower springs. [16]And the descendants of[f] the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law,[g] went up out of the city of palm trees with the people of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the Negev of Arad; and they went and lived with the people.[h] [17]Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. The name of the city was called Hormah. [18]Also Judah

[a]1:7 Cf. Joshua 10:1 fn
[b]1:10 LXX. MT lacks "and Hebron came....opposition"
[c]1:10 LXX adds "children of Anak." Cf. Numbers 13:22
[d]1:14 LXX adds "You have given me away into the land of the Negev." Cf. Joshua 15:18
[e]1:15 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "according to her heart" from haplography: klb-klbh
[f]1:16 LXX Mss add "Hobab"
[g]1:16 Heb. choten, a relation by marriage. Here translated as father-in-law
[h]1:16 LXX(*C*: defsz) OL add "(of) Amalek"

took[a] Gaza with its territory, and Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory, and Ashdod with its surrounding lands.[b] 19YHWH was with Judah; and drove out the inhabitants of the hill country; for he could[c] not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. 20They gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had spoken. And from there he possessed the three cities,[d] and he drove out from there the three sons of Anak. 21The people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem[e] to this day.

22And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel; and YHWH[f] was with them. 23And the house of Joseph[g] sent out spies to Bethel. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.) 24And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they captured him,[h] and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance into the city, and we will show you mercy." 25He showed them the entrance into the city; and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man go and all his family. 26The man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called its name Luz, which is its name to this day.

27Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its towns, nor Taanach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 28It happened, when Israel had grown strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out. 29Ephraim didn't drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer; but the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.[i] 30Zebulun didn't drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites lived among them, and became subject to forced labor. 31Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob; 32but the

[a]1:18 LXX reads "And Judah did not inherit"
[b]1:18 LXX. MT lacks "and Ashdod with its surrounding lands" from haplography: h w-h w. Cf. R. G. Boling, Judges (AB), 58
[c]1:19 Hebrew Ms LXX Tg Vg. MT lacks yaklu "able," perhaps in a skip from sight confusion in a script where lamed aleph looked similar to lamed waw
[d]1:20 LXX(A) OL. MT lacks "and from there he possessed the three cities" from homoioarcton
[e]1:21 LXX(A) lacks "in Jerusalem"
[f]1:22 LXX(AL) OL read "Judah," a difference of one letter
[g]1:23 LXX reads "They"
[h]1:24 LXX. MT lacks "and they captured him" from haplography: wy-wy
[i]1:29 LXX adds "and became subject to forced labor," possibly lost from homoioarcton: w l-w l

Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out. 33Naphtali didn't drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but he lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and of Beth Anath became subject to forced labor. 34The Amorites forced the people of Dan into the hill country; for they would not allow them to come down to the valley; 35but the Amorites would dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed,[a] so that they became subject to forced labor. 36The border of the Amorites[b] was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

2 The angel of YHWH came up from Gilgal to Bochim.[c] He said,[d] "I[e] made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you to the land which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you: 2and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land;[f] you shall break down their altars.' But you have not listened to my voice: why have you done this? 3Therefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they will become your adversaries,[g] and their gods will be a snare to you."
4It happened, when the angel of YHWH spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5They called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there to YHWH. 6Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the children of Israel[h] went every man to his inheritance to possess the land. 7The people served YHWH all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of YHWH that he had worked for Israel. 8Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of YHWH, died, being one hundred ten years old. 9They buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath Serah,[i] in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 10And all that generation were also gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know YHWH, nor the works which he had done for Israel.

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[a] 1:35 LXX adds "upon the Amorite"
[b] 1:36 LXX Mss: "Edomites"
[c] 2:1 LXX adds "and to Bethel, and to the house of Israel," possibly lost from homoioarcton: w-w
[d] 2:1 LXX adds "to them, Thus says YHWH," possibly lost from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph
[e] 2:1 LXX(A) reads "Lord YHWH." Cf. 6:22
[f] 2:2 LXX adds "neither shall you worship their gods, but you shall destroy their carved objects"
[g] 2:3 Vg OL cf. LXX and BHS. MT reads "sides," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[h] 2:6 LXX reads "away, they"
[i] 2:9 Hebrew Mss Syr Vg and Joshua 19:50, 24:30. MT reads "Heres," reading the letters in reverse order

11The children of Israel did that
which was evil in the sight of
YHWH, and served the Baals; 12and
they forsook YHWH, the God of
their fathers, who brought them out
of the land of Egypt, and followed
other gods, of the gods of the
peoples who were around them,
and bowed themselves down to
them: and they provoked YHWH to
anger. 13They forsook YHWH,[a] and
served Baal and the Ashtaroth.
14The anger of YHWH was kindled
against Israel, and he delivered
them into the hands of marauders
who plundered them; and he sold
them into the hands of their
enemies all around, so that they
could not any longer stand before
their enemies. 15Wherever they
went out, the hand of YHWH was
against them for harm, as YHWH
had spoken, and as YHWH had
sworn to them: and they were in
great distress. 16YHWH raised up
judges, who saved them out of the
hand of those who plundered them.
17Yet they did not listen to their
judges; for they played the
prostitute after other gods, and
bowed themselves down to them:
they turned aside quickly out of the
way in which their fathers walked,
obeying the commandments[b] of
YHWH; but they did not do so.
18When YHWH raised up judges for
them, then YHWH was with the
judge, and saved them out of the
hand of their enemies all the days
of the judge: for it grieved YHWH
because of their groaning by reason
of those who oppressed them and
troubled them. 19But it happened,
when the judge was dead, that they
turned back, and dealt more
corruptly than their fathers, in
following other gods to serve them,
and to bow down to them; they did
not cease from their practices, and
they did not turn aside[c] from their
stubborn ways. 20The anger of
YHWH was kindled against Israel;
and he said, "Because this nation
has transgressed my covenant
which I commanded their fathers,
and have not obeyed my voice; 21I
will no longer drive out before
them any of the nations that Joshua[d]
left when he died; 22that by them I
may test Israel, whether they will
keep the way of YHWH to walk in
it, as their fathers kept it, or not."
23So YHWH left those nations,
without driving them out quickly;
nor did he deliver them into the
hand of Joshua.

3 Now these are the
nations which YHWH
left, to prove Israel by
them, even as many of
Israel as had not known all the wars
of Canaan; 2only that the
generations of the children of Israel
might know, to teach them war, at
the least such as before knew
nothing of it: 3namely, the five
lords of the Philistines, and all the
Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and
the Hivites who lived on Mount

[a]2:13 LXX reads "forsook him"
[b]2:17 LXX(B) reads "the word"
[c]2:19 LXX(A). MT lacks "and they did not turn aside" from haplography: w-w
[d]2:21 LXX adds "the son of Nun (left behind) in the land," possibly from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: ayin-tzadi

Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath. 4They were left, to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of YHWH, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. 5The children of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: 6and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons and served their gods. 7The children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and forgot YHWH their God, and served the Baals and the Asheroth. 8Therefore the anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim;[a] and the children of Israel served Cushan Rishathaim eight years. 9When the children of Israel cried to YHWH, YHWH raised up a savior to the people of[b] Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother; and he obeyed him.[c] 10The Spirit of YHWH came on him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war,[d] and YHWH delivered Cushan Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand: and his hand prevailed against Cushan Rishathaim. 11The land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died. 12The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH: and YHWH strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of YHWH. 13He gathered to him the people of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and struck Israel, and they possessed the city of palm trees. 14The children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. 15But when the children of Israel cried to YHWH, YHWH raised them up a savior, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a man left-handed. The children of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. 16Ehud made him a sword which had two edges, eighteen inches[e] in length; and he girded it under his clothing on his right thigh. 17He offered the tribute to Eglon king of Moab: now Eglon was a very fat man. 18When he had made an end of offering the tribute, he sent away the people who bore the tribute. 19But he himself turned back from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and[f] said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." The king[g] said, "Keep silence." All who stood by him went out from him.

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[a]3:8 Or, with different word division, Armon Harim

[b]3:9 LXX lacks "the children of"

[c]3:9 I.e., and Othniel obeyed God. Cf. Judges 2:29. LXX(AMNmin), reading kai eisekousan auton. MT lacks "and he obeyed him," from homoioarcton: w-w, or graphic confusion: w(ysm' ')lyw-w(thy ')lyw

[d]3:10 LXX adds "against Cushan Rishathaim"

[e]3:16 Or, 45 centimeters, or 17.72 inches. Lit. a cubit

[f]3:19 LXX adds "Ehud"

[g]3:19 LXX reads "And Eglon"

[20]Ehud came to him; and he was sitting by himself alone in the cool upper room. Ehud said, "I have a message from God to you, O king.[a]" He[b] arose out of his seat.[c] [21]And it happened as he rose up that Ehud[d] put forth his left hand and took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into his belly.[e] [22]And the handle also went in after the blade; and the fat closed on the blade, for he didn't draw the sword out of his belly; and it came out behind. [23]Then Ehud went forth into the porch,[f] and shut the doors of the upper room on him, and locked them.

[24]Now when he was gone out, his[g] servants came; and they saw, and look, the doors of the upper room were locked; and they said, "Surely he is covering his feet in the upper room." [25]They waited until they were ashamed; and look, he did not open the doors of the upper room: therefore they took the key, and opened them, and look, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth. [26]Ehud escaped while they waited[h], and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped to Seirah. [27]It happened, when he had come,[i] that he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he before them. [28]He said to them, "Follow after me; for YHWH[j] has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand." They went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and did not allow a man to pass over. [29]They struck of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and every man of valor; and there escaped not a man. [30]So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. Then the land had rest eighty years. And Ehud judged them until he died.[k] [31]And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who alone[l] struck down six hundred men of the Philistines with an oxgoad. And he also saved Israel.

4 The children of Israel again did that which

[a]3:20 LXX. MT lacks "O king," from homoioteleuton: k-k
[b]3:20 LXX reads "Eglon"
[c]3:20 LXX adds "near to him"
[d]3:21 LXX. MT lacks "And it happened…up" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy
[e]3:21 LXX(A) reads "into the belly of Eglon"
[f]3:23 LXX adds "and he went out past those who had been stationed"
[g]3:24 LXX reads "Eglon's"
[h]3:26 LXX adds "and no one paid attention to him," possibly lost from homoioarcton: w-w
[i]3:27 LXX adds "into the land of Israel," possibly lost from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: tzadi-ayin
[j]3:28 LXX adds "God," possibly lost from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph
[k]3:30 LXX. MT lacks "And Ehud judged…died" from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w, or by sight confusion: h_w-t_w
[l]3:31 LXX(A) (OL), reading ektos = mlbd. MT lacks "alone" from homoioteleuton: d-d

was evil in the sight of YHWH,
when Ehud was dead.[a] 2YHWH sold
them into the hand of Jabin king of
Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the
captain of whose army was Sisera,
who lived in Harosheth Haggoyim.
3The children of Israel cried to
YHWH: for he had nine hundred
chariots of iron; and twenty years
he mightily oppressed the people
of[b] Israel. 4Now Deborah, a
prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth,
she judged Israel at that time. 5She
lived under the palm tree of
Deborah between Ramah and
Bethel in the hill country of
Ephraim: and the children of Israel
came up to her for judgment. 6She[c]
sent and called Barak the son of
Abinoam out of Kedesh Naphtali,
and said to him, "Hasn't YHWH,
the God of Israel, commanded, 'Go
and draw to Mount Tabor, and take
with you ten thousand men of the
people of Naphtali and of the
people of Zebulun? 7I will draw to
you, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the
captain of Jabin's army, with his
chariots and his multitude; and I
will deliver him into your hand.'"

8Barak said to her, "If you
will go with me, then I will go; but
if you will not go with me, I will not
go, for I do not know the day on
which YHWH prospers his angel
with me.[d]"

9She said, "I will surely go
with you, but know[e] that the
journey that you take will not be for
your honor; for YHWH will sell
Sisera into the hand of a woman."
Deborah arose, and went with
Barak to Kedesh. 10Barak called
Zebulun and Naphtali together to
Kedesh; and there went up ten
thousand men at his feet: and
Deborah went up with him. 11Now
Heber the Kenite had separated
himself from the Kenites, even
from the descendants of Hobab the
brother-in-law[f] of Moses, and had
pitched his tent as far as the oak in
Zaanannim, which is by Kedesh.
12And it was reported to Sisera that
Barak the son of Abinoam had gone
up to Mount Tabor. 13Sisera
gathered together all his chariots,
even nine hundred chariots of iron,
and all the people who were with
him, from Harosheth Haggoyim, to
the river Kishon. 14Deborah said to
Barak, "Arise, for this is the day in
which YHWH has delivered Sisera
into your hand. Hasn't YHWH gone
out before you?" So Barak went
down from Mount Tabor, and ten
thousand men after him. 15YHWH
confused Sisera, and all his
chariots, and all his army, with the
edge of the sword before Barak;
and Sisera got off from his chariot,
and fled away on his feet. 16But
Barak pursued after the chariots,

[a]4:1 LXX(A) lacks "when Ehud was dead"
[b]4:3 LXX lacks "the children of"
[c]4:6 LXX reads "Deborah"
[d]4:8 LXX(A). LXX(B) reads "which the angel of YHWH prospers me." MT lacks "for I do… me," possibly due to repititions in the text. Cf. J. F. Brug, Textual Criticism of the Old Testament, 21
[e]4:9 LXX. MT lacks "know"
[f]4:11 Heb. choten, a relation by marriage. Here translated as brother-in-law

and after the army, to Harosheth Haggoyim: and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left. 17However Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. 18Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; do not be afraid." He came in to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug.

19He[a] said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." She opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20He[b] said to her, "Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there any man here?' that you shall say, 'No.'"

21Then Jael Heber's wife took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground; for he was in a deep sleep; so he died. 22Look, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you seek." He came to her; and look, Sisera lay dead, and the tent peg was in his temples. 23So[c] God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24The hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.[d]

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying,

2"Because the leaders took the lead in Israel,
because the people offered themselves willingly,
be blessed, YHWH.

3"Hear, you kings.
Give ear, you princes.
I, even I, will sing to YHWH.
I will sing praise to YHWH[e],
the God of Israel.

4"YHWH, when you went forth out of Seir,
when you marched out of the field of Edom,
the earth trembled, the sky also dropped.
Yes, the clouds dropped water.
5The mountains quaked at the presence of YHWH,
even Sinai, at the presence of YHWH, the God of Israel.
6"In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath,

[a]4:19 LXX reads "Sisera"
[b]4:20 LXX reads "Sisera"
[c]4:23 LXX(A) adds "YHWH"
[d]4:24 LXX(A) Vg read "had destroyed him"
[e]5:3 LXX(A) lacks "YHWH"

in the days of Jael, the
highways were
unoccupied.
The travelers walked
through byways.
7The rulers ceased in Israel.
They ceased until I,[a]
Deborah, arose;
Until I[b] arose a mother in
Israel.
8They chose new gods.
Then war was in the gates.
Was there a shield or spear
seen among forty
thousand in Israel?[c]
9My heart is toward the leaders of
Israel,
who offered themselves
willingly among the
people.
Bless YHWH.
10"Speak, you who ride on white
donkeys,
you who sit on saddle
blankets,
and you who walk by the
way.
11Far from the noise of archers, in
the places of drawing
water,
there they will rehearse the
righteous acts of
YHWH,
the righteous acts of his rule
in Israel.
"Then the people of YHWH went
down to the gates.

12'Awake, awake, Deborah.
Awaken the multitudes of a
nation.[d]
Awake, awake, sing a song.
Be strong.[e]
Arise, Barak. And Deborah,
strengthen Barak .[f]
And lead away your
captives, son of
Abinoam.'
13"Then a remnant of the nobles
came down.[g]
The people of YHWH
marched down to me
against the mighty.[h]
14From Ephraim those who
uprooted[i] Amalek[j]
came out,

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[a]5:7 LXX lacks "I"
[b]5:7 LXX reads "she"
[c]5:8 LXX(A) lacks "in Israel"
[d]5:12 LXX(A+adgknptvw) OL. MT lacks "Awaken the multitudes… nation" from haplography: 'wry-'wry
[e]5:12 LXX(A+adgklnptvwx) (OL), reading enischuwn = hzk. MT lacks "Be strong" from haplography by sight confusion of zayin qoph for yod resh in a paleo Hebrew script
[f]5:12 LXX(A+adgknptvwx) OL. MT lacks "And Deborah, strengthen Barak" from haplography: brq-brq
[g]5:13 Vocalization here and later in verse according to LXX(B), reading katebe = yarad "went down." LXX(AMN) read "increased." MT points as yerad "reign."
[h]5:13 LXX(A) reads "When was his strength increased? YHWH, humble for me those who are stronger than me"
[i]5:14 LXX Mss, reading "uprooted," suggesting an enclitic mem. MT reads "whose root"
[j]5:14 LXX Theodotion cf. BHS read b'mq "into the valley." LXX(A) reads most of the first five words differently

following you, Benjamin,[a]
among your peoples;
out of Makir leaders
came down, and out of
Zebulun[b] those that
handle the staff of
office.
15And the princes of Issachar were
with Deborah.
As was Issachar, so was
Barak.
They rushed into the valley
at his feet.
By the watercourses of Reuben,
there were great resolves of
heart.
16Why did you sit among the
sheepfolds,
to hear the piping for the
flocks?
At the divisions of Reuben
there were great searchings
of heart.
17Gilead lived beyond the Jordan.
Why did Dan remain in
ships?
Asher sat still at the haven of
the sea,
and lived by his harbors.
18Zebulun was a people that risked
their lives even to
death;
Naphtali also, on the high
places of the field.
19The kings came and fought,
then the kings of Canaan
fought at Taanach by
the waters of Megiddo.
They took no plunder of
silver.
20From the sky the stars fought.
From their courses, they
fought against Sisera.
21The river Kishon swept them
away,
that ancient[c] river, the river
Kishon.
My soul, march on with
strength.
22Then the horse hoofs pounded
because of the
galloping,
the galloping of their steeds.
23Curse Meroz,[d] said the angel of
YHWH.
Curse bitterly its inhabitants,
because they did not come to
help YHWH,
to help YHWH[e] against the
mighty.[f]
24Jael shall be blessed above
women,
the wife of Heber the
Kenite;
blessed shall she be above
women in the tent.
25He asked for water.
She gave him milk.

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[a]5:14 LXX(A) reads “People of Ephraim punished them in your brother Benjamin’s valley.” The Hebrew Vorlage has graphic similarities to MT, suggesting misreadings in a damaged scroll

[b]5:14 LXX(A) OL Syr(hex) add “YHWH would fight for me among the mighty”

[c]5:21 Or, “Kedumim.” The Kedumim Kishon is mentioned in a topographical list of Ramesses II at Karnak

[d]5:23 A town on or near the route between Kishon and Mt. Tabor

[e]5:23 LXX adds “YHWH is our helper”

[f]5:23 LXX(A) adds “warriors”

She brought him curds in a
princely bowl.
26 She put her hand to the tent peg,
and her right hand to the
workmen's hammer.
She struck Sisera,
she pierced his head;
she shattered his temple.
27 At her feet he collapsed, he fell,
he lay.
At her feet he collapsed, he
fell.
Where he collapsed, there he
fell down, destroyed.

28 Through the window she looked
out.
Sisera's mother cried out
through the lattice,[a]
'Why is his chariot so long in
coming?
Why are the hoofbeats of his
chariots delayed?'
29 Her wise princesses answered
her;
indeed, she answers herself,
30 'Have they not found, have they
not divided the spoil?
A womb or two for every
man;
to Sisera a spoil of dyed garments,
a spoil of dyed garments
embroidered,
of dyed garments
embroidered on both
sides, for the neck of
the plunderer?'

31 So let all your enemies perish,
YHWH,
but let those who love you[b]
be as the sun when it
rises forth in its
strength."

And the land had rest forty years.

6 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and YHWH delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of Midian the children of Israel made for themselves the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds. 3 And so it was, when[c] Israel had sown, that Midian, Amalek, and the Kedemites would come up against them. 4 And they camped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, as far as Gaza, and they left no sustenance in[d] Israel, as well as sheep, or ox, or donkey. 5 For they came up with their livestock and their tents and their camels.[e] They would come in like locusts in number, and they[f] were innumerable. And they came into the land to ravage it. 6 Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried to YHWH.

[a] 5:28 LXX(A) adds "at those who returned with Sisera"
[b] 5:31 Hebrew Mss Syr Vg LXX(dglnptvw). MT reads "him"
[c] 6:3 LXX adds "the children of"
[d] 6:3 LXX adds "the land of"
[e] 6:5 LXX(L) cf. DSS spacing. MT lacks "and their camels" from homoioteleuton: lyhm-lyhm
[f] 6:5 DSS OL. MT restored "and their camels" here

7It happened, when the
children of Israel cried to YHWH
because of Midian, 8that YHWH
sent a prophet to the children of
Israel, and he said to them, "Thus
says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'I
brought you up from the land of[a]
Egypt, and brought you forth out of
the house of bondage; 9and I
delivered you out of the hand of the
Egyptians, and out of the hand of
all who oppressed you, and drove
them out from before you, and gave
you their land; 10and I said to you,
"I am YHWH your God; you shall
not fear the gods of the Amorites,
in whose land you dwell." But you
have not listened to my voice.'"

11The angel of YHWH came,
and sat under the oak which was in
Ophrah, that pertained to Joash the
Abiezrite:[b] and his son Gideon was
beating out wheat in the winepress,
to hide it from the Midianites.
12The angel of YHWH appeared to
him, and said to him, "YHWH is
with you, mighty warrior."

13Gideon said to him, "Oh,
my lord, if YHWH[c] is with us, why
then has all this happened to us?
Where are all his wondrous works
which our fathers told us of, saying,
'Didn't YHWH bring us up from
Egypt?' But now YHWH[d] has cast
us off, and delivered us into the
hand of Midian."

14And YHWH looked at him,
and said, "Go in this strength of
yours and save Israel from the hand
of Midian. Look,[e] haven't I sent
you?" 15He[f] said to him, "O Lord,
how shall I save Israel? Look, my
family is the poorest in Manasseh,
and I am the least in my father's
house."

16YHWH[g] said to him,
"Surely I[h] will be with you, and you
shall strike the Midianites as one
man."

17He said to him, "If now I
have found favor in your sight, then
show me a sign that it is you who
talk with me. 18Please do not go
away, until I come to you, and
bring out my present, and lay it
before you."

He said, "I will wait until you
come back."

19Gideon went in, and made
ready a kid, and unleavened cakes
of an ephah of meal: the meat he
put in a basket, and he put the broth
in a pot, and brought it out to him
under the oak, and presented it.

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[a]6:8 Hebrew Mss LXX(BC) Syr. MT lacks "the land of" from haplography by homoioarcton: m-m
[b]6:11 DSS LXX(A). MT reads abi ha'ezri
[c]6:13 DSS reads "God"
[d]6:13 LXX reads "he"
[e]6:14 LXX. MT lacks "Look" from haplography by homoioarcton: h-h
[f]6:15 LXX reads "Gideon"
[g]6:16 LXX reads "And the angel of YHWH"
[h]6:16 LXX reads "YHWH"

[20]The angel of God said to
him, "Take the meat and the
unleavened cakes, and lay them on
this rock, and pour out the broth."

And he did so. [21]Then the
angel of YHWH put forth the end of
the staff that was in his hand, and
touched the flesh and the
unleavened cakes; and there went
up fire out of the rock, and
consumed the flesh and the
unleavened cakes; and the angel of
YHWH departed out of his sight.

[22]Gideon saw that he was the
angel of YHWH; and Gideon said,
"Alas, Lord YHWH. Because I have
seen the angel of YHWH face to
face."

[23]YHWH said to him, "Peace
be to you. Do not be afraid. You
shall not die."

[24]Then Gideon built an altar
there to YHWH, and called it
"YHWH is Peace."[a] To this day it is
still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

[25]It happened the same night,
that YHWH said to him, "Take your
father's bull, even the second bull
seven years old, and tear down the
altar of Baal that your father has,
and cut down the Asherah that is
beside it; [26]and build an altar to
YHWH your God on the top of this
stronghold, in the orderly manner,
and take the second bull, and offer
a burnt offering with the wood of
the Asherah which you shall cut
down."

[27]Then Gideon took ten men
of his servants, and did as YHWH
had spoken to him: and it came
about, because he feared his
father's household and the men of
the city, so that he could not do it
by day, that he did it by night.

[28]When the men of the city
arose early in the morning, look,
the altar of Baal was broken down,
and the Asherah was cut down that
was by it, and the second bull was
offered on the altar that was built.
[29]And they said to one another,
"Who has done this thing?"

When they inquired and
asked, they said, "Gideon the son of
Joash has done this thing."

[30]Then the men of the city said
to Joash, "Bring out your son, that
he may die, because he has broken
down the altar of Baal, and because
he has cut down the Asherah that
was by it." [31]Joash said to all who
stood against him, "Will you
contend for Baal? Or will you save
him? He who will contend for him,
let him be put to death while it is
yet morning: if he is a god, let him
contend for himself, because
someone has broken down his
altar." [32]Therefore on that day he
named him Jerubbaal, saying, "Let
Baal contend against him, because
he has broken down his altar."

[a]6:24 Or, "YHWH Shalom"

33Then all Midian and Amalek
and the Kedemites[a] assembled
themselves together; and they
crossed over,[b] and camped in the
Valley of Jezreel. 34But the Spirit of
YHWH came on Gideon; and he
blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was
gathered together after him. 35He
sent messengers throughout all
Manasseh; and they also were
gathered together after him: and he
sent messengers to Asher, and to
Zebulun, and to Naphtali; and they
came up to meet them.

36Gideon said to God, "If you
will save Israel by my hand, as you
have spoken, 37look, I will put a
fleece of wool on the threshing
floor; if there is dew on the fleece
only, and it is dry on all the ground,
then shall I know that you will save
Israel by my hand, as you have
spoken."

38It was so; for he rose up
early on the next day, and pressed
the fleece together, and wrung the
dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of
water.

39Gideon said to God, "Do not
let your anger be kindled against
me, and I will speak but this once.
Please let me make one more test
with the fleece; let it now be dry
only on the fleece, and on all the
ground let there be dew."

40God did so that night, for it
was dry on the fleece only, and
there was dew all over the ground.

7 Then Jerubbaal, who is
Gideon, and all the
people who were with
him, rose up early, and camped
beside the spring of Harod. And the
camp of Midian[c] was on the north
side of them, by the hill of Moreh,
in the valley. 2YHWH said to
Gideon, "The people who are with
you are too many for me to give the
Midianites into their hand, lest
Israel vaunt themselves against me,
saying, 'My own hand has saved
me.' 3Now[d] therefore proclaim in
the ears of the people, saying,
'Whoever is fearful and trembling,
let him return and depart from
Mount Gilead.' There returned of
the people twenty-two thousand;
but ten thousand remained.

4YHWH said to Gideon, "The
people are yet too many; bring
them down to the water, and I will
try them for you there: and it shall
be, that of whom I tell you, This
shall go with you, the same shall go
with you; and of whoever I tell you,
This shall not go with you, the same
shall not go. 5So he brought down
the people to the water. And YHWH
said to Gideon, "Everyone who
laps of the water with his tongue, as
a dog laps, you shall put to one
side; and everyone who gets down
on his knees to drink with hand to

[a]6:33 Or, "people of the east"
[b]6:33 LXX lacks "and they crossed over'
[c]7:1 LXX(A) adds "and Amalek"
[d]7:3 LXX(A) adds "YHWH said to him," possibly lost from homoioarcton: w-w

mouth[a] shall be on the other side.[b]"
6The number of those who lapped
with their tongues[c] was three
hundred men, but all the rest of the
people got down on their knees to
drink water. 7YHWH said to
Gideon, "By the three hundred men
who lapped will I save you, and
deliver the Midianites into your
hand; and let all the people go
every man to his home."

8So the people took food in
their hand, and their trumpets; and
he sent all the men of Israel every
man to his tent, but retained the
three hundred men. And the camp
of Midian was beneath him in the
valley. 9It happened the same night,
that YHWH said to him, "Arise, get
down into the camp; for I have
delivered it into your hand. 10But if
you fear to go down, go with Purah
your servant down to the camp:
11and you shall hear what they say;
and afterward will your hands be
strengthened to go down into the
camp." Then he went down with
Purah his servant to the outermost
part of the armed men who were in
the camp.

12And Midian, Amalek, and
all the Kedemites lay along in the
valley as numerous as locusts; and
their camels were without number,
as numerous as the sand which is
on the seashore. 13When Gideon
had come, look, there was a man
telling a dream to his friend; and he
said, "Look, I had a dream, and
look, a cake of barley bread
tumbled into the camp of Midian,
and came to the tent, and struck it
so that it fell, and turned it upside
down, so that the tent collapsed."

14His friend answered, "This is
nothing less than the sword of
Gideon the son of Joash, a man of
Israel. Into his hand God[d] has
delivered Midian, and all the
army."

15It was so, when Gideon
heard the telling of the dream, and
its interpretation, that he
worshiped, and he returned into the
camp of Israel, and said, "Get up,
for YHWH has delivered into your
hand the army of Midian."

16He divided the three
hundred men into three companies,
and he put into the hands of all of
them trumpets, and empty pitchers,
with torches within the pitchers.

17He said to them, "Look at
me, and do likewise. And look,
when I come to the outermost part
of the camp, it shall be that, as I do,
so you shall do. 18When I blow the
trumpet, I and all who are with me,
then you blow the trumpets also on
every side of all the camp, and say,
"For YHWH and for Gideon."

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[a]7:5 The Hebrew for "with hand to mouth" was displaced to v.6 in MT. Cf. R. G. Boling, Judges (AB), 145
[b]7:5 LXX Syr Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "shall be on…side"
[c]7:6 LXX(A). MT lacks "with their tongues" from homoioarcton: b-b, or homoioteleuton: m-m
[d]7:14 LXX(A) reads "YHWH"

19So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outermost part of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and broke in pieces the pitchers that were in their hands. 20The three companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands with which to blow; and they called out, "The sword of YHWH and of Gideon.'" 21They each stood in his place every man around the camp; and all the army ran; and they shouted, and put them to flight. 22They blew the three hundred trumpets, and YHWH set every man's sword against each other throughout the camp; and the army fled as far as Beth Shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath. 23The men of Israel were gathered together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after Midian. 24Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against Midian, and capture the waters, as far as Beth Barah, even the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were gathered together, and seized the waters as far as Beth Barah, even the Jordan. 25They took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian. Then they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

8 The men of Ephraim said to him, "Why have you done such a thing to us, not calling us when you went to fight with Midian?" And they argued with him fiercely. 2He said to them, "What have I now done in comparison with you? Isn't the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3God[a] has delivered into your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and what was I able to do in comparison with you?"[b] Then their anger subsided toward him, when he had said that.

4Gideon came to the Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men who were with him, exhausted and famished.[c] 5He said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who follow me; for they are exhausted, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian.

"6The princes of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your army?"

[a]8:3 LXX reads "YHWH"
[b]8:3 LXX(A) adds "And they desisted," possibly lost from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: z-w
[c]8:4 LXX(A). MT reads "exhausted and pursuing." LXX(B): "famished and pursuing"

7Gideon said, "Therefore when YHWH has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will thresh your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers."

8He went up there to Penuel, and spoke to them in like manner; and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9He spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower."

10Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand men, all who were left of all the army of the Kedemites; for there fell one hundred twenty thousand men who drew sword. 11And Gideon went up by the way of those who dwell in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, opposite Zebah,[a] and struck the army, when the army was unsuspecting. 12Zebah and Zalmunna fled, and he pursued after them, and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the entire army. 13Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle from the ascent of Heres. 14He caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he described for him the officials of Succoth, and its elders, seventy-seven men. 15He[b] came to the men of Succoth, and said, "Look Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are weary?" 16He took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he threshed[c] the men of Succoth. 17He broke down the tower of Penuel, and killed the men of the city.

18Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men were they whom you killed at Tabor?"

They answered, "As you are, so were they; each one resembled the son of a king."

19He[d] said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As YHWH lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you."

20He said to Jether his firstborn, "Get up, and kill them." But the youth did not draw his sword; for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise up yourself, and kill us, for a man is judged by his strength." Gideon arose, and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the

[a]8:11 LXX(A). MT lacks "opposite Zebah," possibly from homoioarcton by sight confusion: n-w
[b]8:15 LXX reads "Gideon"
[c]8:16 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "he made known"
[d]8:19 LXX reads "Gideon"

crescent ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

22Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule[a] over us, both you, and your son, and your son's son also; for you have saved us out of the hand of Midian."

23Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: YHWH shall rule over you." 24Gideon said to them, "I would make a request of you, that you would give me every man the earrings from his plunder." (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)

25They answered, "We will willingly give them." They spread a garment, and every one of them threw an earring from his plunder. 26The weight of the golden earrings that he requested was one thousand and seven hundred pieces of gold,[b] besides the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple clothing that was on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27Gideon made an ephod of it, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel prostituted themselves after it there; and it became a snare to Gideon, and to his house. 28So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and did not become a threat again. The land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon. 29Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house. 30Gideon had seventy sons conceived from his body; for he had many wives. 31His secondary wife who was in Shechem, she also bore him a son, and he named him Abimelech. 32Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. 33It happened, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and played the prostitute after the Baals, and made[c] Baal Berith their god. 34The children of Israel did not remember YHWH their God, who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side; 35neither did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shown to Israel.

9 Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's brothers, and spoke with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, 2"Please speak in the ears of all the lords of Shechem, 'Is it better for you that all the sons of Jerubbaal, who are seventy persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you?' Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.'"

[a]8:22 LXX adds "lord"
[b]8:26 About 43 pounds, or 19 kilograms
[c]8:33 LXX adds "a covenant"

3And his mother's brothers
spoke of him in the ears of all the
lords of Shechem all these words:
and their hearts inclined to follow
Abimelech; for they said, "He is
our brother." 4They gave him
seventy pieces of silver out of the
house of Baal Berith, with which
Abimelech hired vain and light
fellows, who followed him. 5He
went to his father's house at
Ophrah, and killed his brothers the
sons of Jerubbaal, being seventy
persons, on one stone. But Jotham
the youngest son of Jerubbaal was
left; for he hid himself. 6And all the
lords of Shechem assembled
themselves together, and all Beth
Millo, and went and made
Abimelech king by the oak which
is found[a] at the pillar[b] in Shechem.
7And when they told it to Jotham,
he went and stood on the top of
Mount Gerizim, and lifted up his
voice, and cried, and said to them,
"Listen to me, you lords of
Shechem, that God may listen to
you. 8The trees went forth on a time
to anoint a king over them; and they
said to the olive tree, 'Reign you
over us.'

9"But the olive tree said to
them, 'Should I leave my fatness,
with which by me they honor God
and man, and go to wave back and
forth over the trees?'

10"The trees said to the fig
tree, 'Come, and reign over us.'

11"But the fig tree said to
them, 'Should I leave my
sweetness, and my good fruit, and
go to wave back and forth over the
trees?'

12"The trees said to the vine,
'Come, and reign over us.'

13"The vine said to them,
'Should I leave my new wine,
which cheers God and man, and go
to wave back and forth over the
trees?'

14"Then all the trees said to the
bramble, 'Come, and reign over
us.'

15"The bramble said to the
trees, 'If in truth you anoint me
king over you, then come and take
refuge in my shade; and if not, let
fire come out of the bramble, and
devour the cedars of Lebanon.'

16"Now therefore, if you have
dealt truly and righteously, in that
you have made Abimelech king,
and if you have dealt well with
Jerubbaal and his house, and have
done to him according to the
deserving of his hands 17(for my
father fought for you, and risked his
life, and delivered you out of the
hand of Midian: 18and you are risen
up against my father's house this
day, and have slain his sons,
seventy persons, on one stone, and
have made Abimelech, the son of
his female servant, king over the

[a]9:6 LXX(B). MT lacks "which is found"

[b]9:6 LXX. MT has a different form

lords of Shechem, because he is your brother). 19If you then have dealt truly and righteously with Jerubbaal and with his house this day,[a] then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: 20but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the lords of Shechem, and Beth Millo; and let fire come out from the lords of Shechem, and from Beth Millo, and devour Abimelech."

21And Jotham escaped and fled and went to Beer and lived there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22Abimelech was prince over Israel three years. 23And God sent a spirit of hostility between Abimelech and the lords of Shechem; and the lords of Shechem dealt treacherously with[b] Abimelech: 24that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers. 25And the lords of Shechem set an ambush for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who came along that way by them. And it was told to[c] Abimelech. 26And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brothers, and went over to Shechem; and the lords of Shechem put their trust in him. 27They went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trod the grapes, and held festival, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. 28Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Isn't he the son of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem. But why should we serve him? 29Would that this people were under my hand. Then I would remove Abimelech. I would say[d] to Abimelech, "Increase your army, and come out."

30When Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was[e] kindled. 31He sent messengers to Abimelech in Arumah,[f] saying, "Look, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem; and look, they constrain the city to take part against you. 32Now therefore, rise up by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field. 33And it shall be that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, you shall rise early, and rush on the city. And look, when he and the people who are with him come out

[a] 9:19 LXX(A) adds "blessed are you," possibly lost from homoioteleuton by graphic confusion: m_hzh-m_'tm
[b] 9:23 LXX adds "house of"
[c] 9:25 LXX adds "the king"
[d] 9:29 LXX. MT reads "Then he said." DSS reads "Then they said"
[e] 9:30 DSS adds "extreamly," possibly lost from homoioarcton by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: m-w
[f] 9:31 Verse 41, reading "in Arumah." MT reads "in Tarmah," or "secretly," an aleph-taw confusion in Paleo-Hebrew

against you, then do whatever you can to them."

34 Abimelech rose up, and all the people who were with him, by night, and they lay in wait against Shechem in four companies. 35 And it happened early in the morning[a] that Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And Abimelech rose up, and the people who were with him, from the ambush.

36 When Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "Look, there are people coming down from the tops of the mountains."

Zebul said to him, "You see the shadow of the mountains as if they were men."

37 Gaal spoke again and said, "Look, there are people coming down by the central part of the land, and one company comes by the way of the Diviners' Oak.[b]"

38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where is now your mouth, that you said, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' Is not this the people that you have despised? Please go out now and fight with them."

39 And Gaal went out before the lords of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. 40 Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and there fell many wounded, even to the entrance of the gate of the city.[c] 41 And Abimelech returned[d] to Arumah; and Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers, so that they could not dwell in Shechem. 42 It happened on the next day, that the people went out into the field; and they[e] told Abimelech. 43 He took the people, and divided them into three companies, and waited in ambush in the field; and he looked, and look, the people came forth out of the city. He rose up against them, and struck them. 44 Abimelech, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two companies rushed against all who were in the field, and struck them. 45 Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and killed the people who were in it. And he destroyed the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the lords of the Tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered into the stronghold of the house of El Berith. 47 And it was told Abimelech that all the lords of the Tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48 So Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and

[a] 9:35 LXX(A). MT lacks "And it happened…morning" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy
[b] 9:37 Or, Elon Meonenim
[c] 9:40 DSS LXX OL Vg. MT lacks "of the city" from haplography by homoioteleuton: r-r. DSS LXX(Aabcx) "gate the city." LXX(MNefijmrsuz) OL: "the gate the city"
[d] 9:41 LXX Mss. MT vocalizes as "lived"
[e] 9:42 DSS LXX read "someone"

all the people who were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a branch from the trees, and took it up, and laid it on his shoulder. And he said to the people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, do quickly, and do as I have done." [49]All the people likewise cut down his branch and followed Abimelech, and put them on the stronghold, and set the stronghold on fire on them; so that all the men of the Tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women. [50]Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and camped against Thebez, and took it. [51]But there was a strong tower within the city, and all the men and women fled, and all the lords of the city, and shut themselves in, and got them up to the roof of the tower. [52]Abimelech came to the tower, and fought against it, and[a] drew near to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. [53]A certain woman threw down an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, and broke his skull.

[54]Then he called quickly to the young man his armor bearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword, and kill me, that men not say of me, 'A woman killed him.'" So the young man thrust him through, and he died.

[55]When the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man to his place. [56]Thus God requited the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did to his father, in killing his seventy brothers; [57]and all the wickedness of the men of Shechem did God return on their heads, and on them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

10 After Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim. [2]He judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir. [3]After him arose Jair, the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years. [4]He had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty towns,[b] which are called Havvoth Jair to this day, which are in the land of Gilead. [5]Jair died, and was buried in Kamon.

[6]The children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and served the Baals, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook YHWH, and did not serve him. [7]The anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the people of Ammon. [8]And they shattered and oppressed the children of Israel that year. Eighteen years they oppressed all the children of Israel that were

[a]9:52 LXX adds "Abimelech"

[b]10:4 LXX. MT reads "donkeys"

beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. [9]The people of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was very distressed. [10]The children of Israel cried to YHWH, saying, "We have sinned against you, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baals."

[11]YHWH said to the children of Israel, "Did I not save you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the people of Ammon, and from the Philistines? [12]Also the Sidonians, and Amalek, and Midian[a] oppressed you; and you cried to me, and I saved you out of their hand. [13]Yet you have forsaken me, and served other gods. Therefore I will save you no more. [14]Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress."

[15]The children of Israel said to YHWH, "We have sinned. Do to us whatever seems good to you; only[b] deliver us, please, this day."

[16]They put away the foreign gods from among them, and served YHWH; and his soul was grieved with the misery of Israel.

[17]Then the people of Ammon were gathered together, and camped in Gilead. The children of Israel assembled themselves together, and camped at Mizpah. [18]And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said to each other, "What man is he who will begin to fight against the people of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a prostitute. And Gilead became the father of Jephthah. [2]Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said to him, "You shall not inherit in our father's house; for you are the son of another woman." [3]Then Jephthah fled from his brothers, and lived in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him. [4]It happened after a while, that the people of Ammon made war against Israel. [5]It was so, that when the people of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah out of the land of Tob; [6]and they said to Jephthah, "Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the people of Ammon."

[a]10:12 LXX Mss cf. BHS. MT reads "Maon," a possible confusion of ayin yod and dalet waw in Paleo-Hebrew. LXX Mss Syr(hex) Vg Arm read "Canaan"

[b]10:15 LXX OL add "Lord." If 'dny, then possibly lost in MT from homoioarcton by sight confusion: 'k-'d

7And Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "Did you not hate me, and drive me out of my father's house, and sent me away from you?[a] And why have you come to me now when you are in distress?" 8The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Not so.[b] We have turned to you now, that you may go with us, and fight with the people of Ammon; and you shall be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

9Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you bring me home again to fight with the people of Ammon, and YHWH delivers them before me, shall I be your head?"

10The elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "YHWH shall be witness between us; surely according to your word so will we do."

11Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them. And Jephthah spoke all his words before YHWH in Mizpah. 12Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the people of Ammon, saying, "What have you to do with me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?" 13And the king of the people of Ammon answered the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and to the Jordan. Now therefore restore it peaceably, and I will depart.[c]" 14And the messengers returned to Jephthah,[d] and Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the people of Ammon; 15and he said to him, "Thus says Jephthah: 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the people of Ammon, 16but when they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness to the Red Sea and came to Kadesh; 17then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, 'Please let me pass through your land.' But the king of Edom did not listen. In the same way, he sent to the king of Moab; but he would not. So Israel stayed in Kadesh.

18Then they went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they camped on the other side of the Arnon; but they did not come within the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the boundary of Moab. 19Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon;

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[a]11:7 LXX. MT lacks "and sent me away from you" from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w, and or sight confusion: wt-wm

[b]11:8 LXX Mss. MT reads "Therefore"

[c]11:13 LXX(B). MT lacks "and I will depart" from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w

[d]11:14 LXX(Aa-dgklnoptvw) OL Syr(hex) Arm Sah Eth. MT lacks "And the messengers returned to Jephthah" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

and Israel said to him, “Please let me[a] pass through your land to our land.’ 20But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and camped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

21YHWH, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. So Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. 22They possessed all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon even to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness even to the Jordan.

23So now YHWH, the God of Israel, has driven out the Amorites from before his people Israel, and should you possess them? 24Won’t you possess that which Chemosh your god gives you to possess? So whoever YHWH our God has driven out from before us, we will possess. 25And now are you anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever contend against Israel, or did he ever fight against them? 26While Israel lived in Heshbon and its towns, and in Aroer and its towns, and in all the cities that are along by the side of the Arnon, three hundred years; why did you not liberate[b] them within that time?

27I therefore have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong by making war against me. YHWH, the Judge, be judge this day between the children of Israel and the people of Ammon.”

28However the king of the people of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jephthah which he sent him. 29Then the Spirit of YHWH came on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over to the people of Ammon. 30Jephthah made a vow to YHWH, and said, “If you will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hand, 31then it shall be that whatever comes forth from the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, it shall be YHWH’s, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.”

32So Jephthah passed over to the people of Ammon to fight against them; and YHWH delivered them into his hand. 33He struck them from Aroer until you come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and to Abel Keramim, with a very great slaughter. So the people of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34Jephthah came to Mizpah to his house; and look, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances: and

[a]11:19 LXX(A). MT reads “us.” Cf. Numbers 21:22

[b]11:26 Vocalization according to LXX(B), reading errusw

she was his only child;[a] besides her
he had neither son nor daughter.
35And it happened, when he saw
her, that he tore his clothes, and
said, "Alas, my daughter. You have
brought me very low. You have
become a stumbling block in my
sight.[b] And you are among those
who trouble me. For I have given
my word to YHWH, and I can't
break it."

36She said to him, "My father,
since you have given your word to
YHWH; do to me as you promised,
because YHWH has taken
vengeance for you on your
enemies, even on the people of
Ammon." 37She said to her father,
"Let this thing be done for me:
leave me alone two months, that I
may depart and go down on the
mountains, and weep because of
my virginity, I and my
companions."

38He said, "Go." He sent her
away for two months: and she
departed, she and her companions,
and wept because of her virginity
on the mountains. 39It happened at
the end of two months, that she
returned to her father, who did with
her according to what he had
vowed. And she was a virgin. It
became a custom in Israel, 40that
the daughters of Israel went yearly
four days in a year to commemorate
the daughter of Jephthah the
Gileadite.

12 The men of Ephraim were gathered together, and passed northward; and they said to Jephthah, "Why did you pass over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house on you with fire."

2And Jephthah said to them, "I
and my people had a great dispute,
and the people of Ammon were
oppressing me greatly;[c] and when I
called you, you did not save me out
of their hand.

3When I saw that you did not
save me, I put my life in my own
hands, and passed over against the
people of Ammon, and YHWH
delivered them into my hand. Why
then have you come up to me this
day, to fight against me?" 4Then
Jephthah gathered together all the
men of Gilead, and fought with
Ephraim; and the men of Gilead
struck Ephraim, because they said,
"You are fugitives of Ephraim, you
Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim,
and in the midst of Manasseh."
5The Gileadites took the fords of
the Jordan against the Ephraimites.
It was so, that when any of the
fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me

[a]11:34 LXX(A) adds "beloved," possibly lost in MT from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph
[b]11:35 LXX(AL) Vg. MT lacks "You have become…sight" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ny-ny
[c]12:2 LXX. MT lacks "were oppressing me," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: ayin-ayin

go over," the men of Gilead said to
him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If
he said, "No"; [6]then they said to
him, "Now say 'Shibboleth;'" and
he said "Sibboleth"; for he couldn't
manage to pronounce it right: then
they seized him, and killed him at
the fords of the Jordan. There fell at
that time of Ephraim forty-two
thousand. [7]Jephthah judged Israel
six years. Then Jephthah the
Gileadite died, and was buried in
his city in Gilead.[a] [8]After him Ibzan
of Bethlehem judged Israel. [9]He
had thirty sons; and thirty
daughters he sent abroad, and thirty
daughters he brought in from
abroad for his sons. He judged
Israel seven years. [10]Ibzan died,
and was buried at Bethlehem.

[11]After him Elon the
Zebulunite judged Israel; and he
judged Israel ten years. [12]Elon the
Zebulunite died, and was buried in
Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.
[13]After him Abdon the son of Hillel
the Pirathonite judged Israel.

[14]He had forty sons and thirty
grandsons who rode on seventy
donkey colts. And he judged Israel
eight years. [15]Abdon the son of
Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was
buried in Pirathon in the land of
Ephraim, in the hill country of the
Amalekites.

13 The children of
Israel again did that
which was evil in
the sight of YHWH; and YHWH
delivered them into the hand of the
Philistines forty years. [2]There was
a certain man of Zorah, of the
family of the Danites, whose name
was Manoah; and his wife was
barren, and did not bear. [3]The angel
of YHWH appeared to the woman,
and said to her, "See now, you are
barren, and do not bear; but you
shall conceive, and bear a son.
[4]Now therefore please be careful
and drink no wine nor strong drink,
and do not eat any unclean thing.
[5]For look, you shall conceive, and
bear a son; and no razor will come
on his head; for the child shall be a
Nazirite to God from the womb.
And he shall begin to save Israel
out of the hand of the Philistines."

[6]Then the woman came and
told her husband, saying, "A man
of God came to me, and his face
was like the face of the angel of
God, very awesome; and I didn't
ask him where he was from, neither
did he tell me his name, [7]but he said
to me, 'Look, you shall conceive,
and bear a son. And now drink no
wine nor strong drink, and do not
eat any unclean thing; for the child
shall be a Nazirite to God from the
womb until the day of his death.'"

[8]Then Manoah pleaded with
YHWH, and said, "Oh, Lord, please
let the man of God whom you did
send come again to us, and teach[b]
us what we shall do to the child
who shall be born."

[a]12:7 LXX. MT reads "in one of the cities of Gilead."

[b]13:8 LXX(A) reads "give light"

9God listened to the voice of
Manoah; and the angel of God
came again to the woman as she sat
in the field: but Manoah, her
husband, wasn't with her. 10The
woman ran quickly, and told her
husband, and said to him, "Look,
the man who came to me the other
day has appeared to me."

11Manoah arose, and went
after his wife, and came to the man,
and said to him, "Are you the man
who spoke to the woman?" He said,
"I am." 12Manoah said, "Now let
your word[a] happen. How shall the
child be raised and what is he to
do?"

13The angel of YHWH said to
Manoah, "Of all that I said to the
woman let her be careful. 14She
may not eat of anything that comes
of the vine, neither let her drink
wine or strong drink, nor eat any
unclean thing. All that I have
commanded her she is to observe."

15Manoah said to the angel of
YHWH, "Please, stay a bit longer
that we may prepare a young goat
for you."

16The angel of YHWH said to
Manoah, "Though you detain me, I
won't eat of your bread. And if you
prepare a burnt offering, you must
offer it to YHWH." For Manoah did
not know that he was the angel of
YHWH.

17Manoah said to the angel of
YHWH, "What is your name, that
when your words come true we
may honor you?"

18And the angel of YHWH said
to him, "Why do you ask for my
name? It is incomprehensible."

19So Manoah took the young
goat and a grain offering, and
offered it on the rock to YHWH,
YHWH who works wonders.[b] And
Manoah and his wife looked on.
20For it happened, when the flame
went up toward the sky from off the
altar, that the angel of YHWH
ascended in the flame of the altar.
And Manoah and his wife looked
on, and they fell on their faces to
the ground. 21But the angel of
YHWH did not appear again to
Manoah or to his wife. Then
Manoah knew that he was the angel
of YHWH. 22Manoah said to his
wife, "We shall surely die, because
we have seen God."

23But his wife said to him, "If
YHWH meant to kill us, he
wouldn't have received a burnt
offering and a grain offering from
us, neither would he have shown us
all these things, nor would he have
spoken to us now like this." 24The
woman bore a son, and named him
Samson. And the child grew, and
YHWH blessed him. 25And the
Spirit of YHWH began to direct[c]

[a]13:12 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "words"

[b]13:19 LXX(A), reading "rock to YHWH, YHWH who works wonders"

[c]13:25 Or "stir" or "move to action"

him in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14 And Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines, and she was right in his eyes.[a]" [2]He came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. Now therefore get her for me as wife."

[3]Then his father and his mother said to him, "Is there not a woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among all my[b] people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes." [4]But his father and his mother did not know that it was of YHWH, for he sought for an opportunity against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines had rule over[c] Israel. [5]Then Samson went down with his father and his mother to Timnah. And he turned aside[d] and went[e] into the vineyards of Timnah, and look, a young lion roared against him. [6]And the Spirit of YHWH rushed upon him, and he tore him as he would have torn a young goat. And he had nothing in his hand, but he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. [7]He went down and talked with the woman, and she was right in Samson's eyes. [8]After a while he returned to take her; and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion, and look, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. [9]He took it into his hands, and went on, eating as he went. And he came to his father and mother, and gave to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the body of the lion. [10]His father went down to the woman, and Samson made a feast there,[f] since young men used to do so. [11]It happened, when they saw[g] him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. [12]Samson said to them, "Let me now put forth a riddle to you. If you can explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, and figure it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. [13]But if you can't explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty

[a]14:1 LXX(A). MT lacks "and she was…eyes" from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w, and or from sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: ym w-yw w

[b]14:3 LXX(L) Syr read "your"

[c]14:4 LXX(A) adds "the children of"

[d]14:5 LXX(A), reading exeklinen = wysr. MT lacks "And he turned aside" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

[e]14:5 LXX(B), reading sg. MT: pl

[f]14:10 LXX Syr add "for seven days." Possibly lost from homoioteleuton by sight confusion in LXX(A) word order: h-t, or hy-ky in Paleo-Hebrew

[g]14:11 MT LXX(B), reading kr'wtm. LXX(AMN rell) (OL Ms) read phobeisthai = byr'tm "because they feared"

changes of clothing." And they said to him, "Propose your riddle, we want to hear it." 14He said to them,
"Out of the eater came forth food.
Out of the strong came forth sweetness."

They couldn't in three days declare the riddle. 15And it happened on the fourth[a] day, that they said to Samson's wife, "Entice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Did you invite us here[b] to impoverish us?" 16Samson's wife wept before him, and said, "You just hate me, and do not love me. You have put forth a riddle to the children of my people, and haven't told it me."

And he said to her, "Look, I haven't told it to my father or my mother, and shall I tell you?"

17She wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it happened on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him hard; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18The men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?"

He said to them,
"If you hadn't plowed with my heifer,
you wouldn't have found out my riddle."

19The Spirit of YHWH rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and struck thirty men of them, and took their belongings, and gave their garments to those who explained the riddle. His anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20But Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his friend.

15 But after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a young goat; and he said, "I will go in to my wife into the room."

But her father wouldn't allow him to go in. 2Her father said, "I most certainly thought that you had utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Isn't her younger sister more beautiful than she is? Please take her, instead."

3Samson said to him,[c] "This time I will be blameless in regard of the Philistines, when I harm them." 4Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put a torch in the midst between every two tails. 5And when he had set fire to the torches, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and

[a]14:15 LXX Syr. MT reads "seventh." The difference is one letter

[b]14:15 LXX Hebrew Mss. MT reads "not"

[c]15:3 LXX OL Ms. MT reads "them"

the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and[a] olive groves. 6Then the Philistines said, "Who has done this?" They said, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife, and given her to his companion." The Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father's house[b] with fire. 7Samson said to them, "Because you did this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease." 8He struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and lived in the cleft of the rock of Etam. 9Then the Philistines went up, and camped in Judah, and spread out in Lehi. 10The men of Judah said, "Why have you come up against us?" They said, "We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us."

11Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What then is this that you have done to us?" He[c] said to them, "As they did to me, so have I done to them."

12They said to him, "We have come down to bind you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines."

Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not fall on me yourselves."

13They spoke to him, saying, "No; but we will bind you fast, and deliver you into their hand; but surely we will not kill you." They bound him with two new ropes, and brought him up from the rock.

14When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him: and the Spirit of YHWH rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands dropped from off his hands. 15And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and reached down and took it, and struck a thousand men with it. 16Samson said, "With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps on heaps; with the jawbone of a donkey I have struck a thousand men." 17It happened, when he had finished speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand; and that place was called Ramath Lehi. 18He was very thirsty, and called on YHWH, and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of your servant; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?"

19And God split the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out of it. When he had drunk,

[a]15:5 Tg cf. LXX Vg. MT lacks "and"
[b]15:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT lacks "house" from haplography by homoioteleuton: t-t
[c]15:11 LXX reads "Samson"

his spirit came again, and he revived: therefore its name was called En Hakkore,[a] which is in Lehi, to this day. 20He judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 Samson went to Gaza, and saw a prostitute there, and went in to her. 2And it was reported[b] to the Gazites, saying, "Samson is here." They surrounded him, and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city, and were quiet all night, saying, "Wait until morning light, then we will kill him." 3Now Samson rested until midnight, but got up at midnight and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is overlooking Hebron, and set them down there.[c] 4It came to pass afterward, that he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5The lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, "Entice him, and see in which his great strength lies, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will each give you eleven hundred[d] pieces of silver."

6Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you can be bound and subdued."

7Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven green cords that were never dried, then shall I become weak, and be as another man." 8Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green cords which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. 9Now she had an ambush waiting in the inner room. She said to him, "The Philistines are on you, Samson." He broke the cords, as a string of tow is broken when it touches the fire. So his strength was not known.

10Delilah said to Samson, "Look, you have mocked me, and told me lies: now please tell me with which you might be bound."

11He said to her, "If they only bind me with new ropes with which no work has been done, then shall I become weak, and be as another man."

12So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said to him, "The Philistines are on you, Samson." The ambush was waiting in the inner room. He broke them off his arms like a thread.

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[a]15:19 En Hakore means "The spring of the one who called"
[b]16:2 LXX. MT lacks "And it was reported"
[c]16:3 LXX. MT lacks "and set them down there" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy
[d]16:5 With redivision, "give each mans unit, one hundred." Cf. Boling, 248-9

13 Delilah said to Samson,
"Until now, you have mocked me
and told me lies. Tell me how you
might be bound." He said to her, "If
you weave the seven braids on my
head with the fabric and fasten
them with the pin, then I will be
weak as another man." 14 So while
he slept, Delilah took the seven
braids on his head and wove them
with the fabric,[a] and she fastened it
with the pin, and said to him, "The
Philistines are upon you, Samson."
And he awoke from his sleep, and
pulled away the pin of the loom and
the fabric. 15 She said to him, "How
can you say, 'I love you,' when
your heart is not with me? You
have mocked me these three times,
and have not told me where your
great strength lies." 16 It happened,
when she pressed him daily with
her words, and urged him, that his
soul was troubled to death. 17 He
told her all his heart, and said to
her, "No razor has ever come on my
head; for I have been a Nazirite to
God from my mother's womb. If I
am shaved, then my strength will
go from me, and I will become
weak, and be like any other man."

18 When Delilah saw that he
had told her all his heart, she sent
and called for the lords of the
Philistines, saying, "Come up this
once, for he has told me[b] all his
heart." Then the lords of the
Philistines went[c] up to her, and
brought the money in their hands.
19 She made him sleep on[d] her
knees; and she called for a man, and
shaved off the seven locks of his
head; and he began to weaken,[e] and
his strength went from him. 20 She
said, "The Philistines are upon you,
Samson."

He awoke out of his sleep,
and said, "I will go out as at other
times, and shake myself free." But
he didn't know that YHWH had
departed from him. 21 The
Philistines seized him, and gouged
out his eyes. And they brought him
down to Gaza, and bound him with
bronze shackles, and he ground at
the mill in the prison. 22 However
the hair of his head began to grow
again after he was shaved. 23 The
lords of the Philistines gathered
them together to offer a great
sacrifice to their god Dagon, and to
celebrate; for they said, "Our god
has delivered Samson our enemy
into our hand." 24 When the people
saw him, they praised their god; for
they said, "Our god has delivered
our enemy and the destroyer of our
country, who has slain many of us,
into our hand."

25 And it happened, when their
hearts were merry, that they said,
"Call for Samson, that he may
entertain us." So they called for

[a] 16:13-14 LXX. MT lacks "and should fasten…fabric" from haplography: r'sy hmskt-r'sy hmskt
[b] 16:18 MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "her"
[c] 16:18 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "came"
[d] 16:19 LXX(A) cf. BHS reads "between"
[e] 16:19 LXX. MT reads "and she began to afflict him"

Samson out of the prison; and he performed before them. And they were striking him.[a] And they set him between the pillars; [26]and Samson said to the boy who held him by the hand, "Allow me to feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean on them." And the boy did so.[b]

[27]Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there. And there were on the roof about three thousand men and women watching while Samson performed. [28]Samson called to YHWH, and said, "Lord YHWH, please remember me, and please strengthen me only this once, God,[c] that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." [29]Samson took hold of the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and leaned on them, the one with his right hand, and the other with his left. [30]Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." He bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell on the lords, and on all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than those who he killed in his life. [31]Then his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burial site of Manoah his father. He judged Israel twenty years.

17 There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. [2]And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, look, the silver is with me; I took it, but now I will restore it to you.[d]" And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by YHWH." [3]And he restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, "I most certainly dedicate the silver to YHWH from my hand for my son, to make an engraved image and a molten image."

[4]When he restored the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made of it an engraved image and a molten image: and it was in the house of Micah.

[5]The man Micah had a house of God, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. [6]In

[a]16:25 LXX(B). MT lacks "And they were…him" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy
[b]16:26 LXX (AGadgklnoptvw). MT lacks "And the boy did so" from haplography by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: w_wy-n_wh
[c]16:28 LXX OL lack "God"
[d]17:2 The words "but now I will restore it to you" are transposed from the end of v.3, apparently lost from homoioarcton, and then restored at the wrong place. Cf. R. G. Boling, Judges (AB), 255-56

those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes. 7There was a young man out of Bethlehem Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he lived there. 8The man departed out of the city, out of Bethlehem Judah, to live where he could find a place, and he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he traveled. 9Micah said to him, "Where did you come from?"

He said to him, "I am a Levite of Bethlehem Judah, and I am going to settle wherever I may find a place." 10Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver by the year, and a suit of clothing, and your food."[a] So the Levite went in. 11The Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was to him as one of his sons. 12Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. 13Then Micah said, "Now I know that YHWH will do good to me, seeing I have a Levite as my priest."

18 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was looking for an inheritance to dwell in; for to that day, their inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of Israel. 2The people of Dan sent of their family five men from their whole number, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said to them, "Go, explore the land." They came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and stayed there. 3When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned in that direction, and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? And what is your business here?"

4He said to them, "Thus and so has Micah dealt with me, and he has hired me, and I have become his priest." 5They said to him, "Please ask counsel of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous."

6The priest said to them, "Go in peace. YHWH will watch over you on your journey."

7Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people who were there, and how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was no one in the land possessing authority that might trouble them in anyway, and they were far from the Sidonians, and had no dealings with Aram.[b]

[a]17:10 OL adds "and urged him." LXX(L) adds "And the Levite was pleased"

[b]18:7 LXX(AL) OL Syr(hex) Arm Eth, reading 'm arm "with Aram." MT LXX(B) Ms read 'm adm "with [any]

[8]They came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brothers said to them, "What do you say?"

[9]They said, "Arise, and let us go up against them, for we have entered and journeyed in the land as far as Laish, and we saw the people how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, and they were far from the Sidonians, and they had no dealings with Aram. But arise, and let us go up against them;[a] for we have seen the land, and look, it is very good. Will you do nothing? Do not hesitate to go and to enter in to possess the land. [10]When you go, you shall come to a secure people, and the land is large; for God has given it into your hand, a place where there is no want of anything that is on the earth."

[11]Then the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men armed with weapons of war, set forth from there. [12]They went up, and camped in Kiriath Jearim, in Judah. Therefore they called that place Mahaneh Dan[b] to this day; look, it is behind Kiriath Jearim.

[13]They passed there to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah. [14]Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish[c] answered, and said to their brothers, "Do you know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and an engraved image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what you have to do." [15]They turned aside there, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even to the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare. [16]The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the people of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. [17]The five men who went to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the engraved image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war.

[18]And these went into Micah's house[d] and took the engraved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. And the priest said to them, "What are you doing?" [19]They said to him, "Hold your peace, lay your hand on your mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?" [20]The

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man" here and in v. 9, which points to a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[a]18:9 LXX(AL) OL Syr(hex) Arm Eth. MT LXX(B) lack "for we have…them" from haplography: wn'lh 'lyhm-wn'lh 'lyhm. Cf. Appendix

[b]18:12 Mahaneh Dan means "The camp of Dan"

[c]18:14 LXX Mss lack "Laish"

[d]18:18 LXX adds "and the priest was standing," possibly lost in MT from homoioarcton: w-w, or homoioteleuton by sight confusion: hn-hw

priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the engraved image, and the molten image,[a] and went in the midst of the people. 21So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the livestock and the goods before them. 22They were some distance from the house of Micah, and look, Micah[b] and the men who were in the houses near Micah's house gathered together and overtook the people of Dan. 23They cried to the people of Dan. They turned their faces, and said to Micah, "What's wrong with you, that you come with such a company?" 24He said, "You have taken away my gods which I made for myself,[c] and the priest, and have gone away, and what more do I have? How then do you say to me, 'What's wrong with you?'"

25The people of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, or angry men will attack you, and you lose your life, with the lives of your household."

26The people of Dan went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. 27They took that which Micah had made, and the priest whom he had, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and they burnt the city with fire. 28There was no deliverer, because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone, and it was in the valley that lies by Beth Rehob. They built the city, and lived there. 29They called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor, who was born to Israel. However the name of the city was originally Laish. 30The people of Dan set up for themselves the engraved image. And Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Moses,[d] and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the exile from the land. 31So they set up for themselves Micah's engraved image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

19 It happened in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim, who took for himself a secondary wife from Bethlehem Judah. 2His

[a]18:20 LXX. MT lacks "and the molten image" from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w
[b]18:22 LXX. MT lacks "and look, Micah" from haplography: wh-wh, or mykh-mykh
[c]18:24 LXX Vg. MT lacks "for myself" from haplography by homoioarcton: l-l
[d]18:30 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT suspends a nun between mem and shin, reading "Manasseh"

secondary wife was angry[a] with him and went away from him to her father's house in Bethlehem of Judah, and was there about four months. 3Her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly to her, to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4His father-in-law, the young woman's father, welcomed him; and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and stayed there.

5It happened on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart: and the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, "Refresh yourself with a piece of bread, and after that you may go." 6So they sat down, ate, and drank, both of them together. Then the young woman's father said to the man, "Please agree to stay the night, and enjoy yourself." 7The man rose up to depart; but his father-in-law urged him, and he stayed there again. 8He arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the young woman's father said, "Please refresh yourself and stay until the day declines." And the two of them ate and drank.[b] 9When the man rose up with his secondary wife and his servant to leave, his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, "Look, now the day draws toward evening, please stay the night. Look, the day grows to an end, stay here, and enjoy yourself; and tomorrow you can get up early for your journey so that you may go home." 10But the man wouldn't stay that night, but he rose up and departed, and went toward Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). And there were with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his secondary wife and his servant[c] were with him.

11When they were by Jebus, the day was almost gone, and the servant said to his master, "Please come and let us stop at this city of the Jebusites, and spend the night in it."

12His master said to him, "We won't go into the city of a foreigner that is not of the children of Israel, but we will pass over to Gibeah." 13He said to his servant, "Come and let us try to reach one of those places and we will spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah." 14So they passed on and went their way; and the sun set on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. 15They turned that way to go in to spend the night in Gibeah. And he went in and they sat down in the street of the city; for there was no one who would take them into their house to spend the night.

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[a]19:2 LXX(AMN) OL, reading orgisthe "angry." MT reads "unfaithful," a chet-hey confusion

[b]19:8 LXX. MT lacks "and drank" from haplography: wy(ʻkl)w-wy(st)w

[c]19:10 LXX(L). MT lacks "and his servant" from haplography by homoioteleuton: l-l

16Look, there came an old man
from his work out in the field at
evening. Now the man was of the
hill country of Ephraim, and he was
residing in Gibeah; but the men of
the place were Benjamites. 17He
lifted up his eyes, and saw the
traveler in the street of the city. And
the old man said, “Where are you
going, and where did you come
from?” 18He said to him, “We are
passing from Bethlehem in Judah
to the farther side of the hill country
of Ephraim. I am from there, and I
went to Bethlehem in Judah. And I
am going to my home,[a] and there is
no one who will take me into his
home. 19Yet there is both straw and
feed for our donkeys, and there is
bread and wine also for me, and for
your female servant, and for the
young man who is with your
servants. There is no lack of
anything.”

20And the old man said,
“Peace be to you. I will take care of
all your needs; however, do not
spend the night in the square.” 21So
he brought him into his house, and
fed the donkeys. And they washed
their feet, and ate and drank. 22As
they were enjoying themselves,
look, the men of the city, some
wicked men of the city surrounded
the house, beating at the door. And
they spoke to the master of the
house, the old man, saying, “Bring
out the man who came into your
house, that we may have sex with
him.”

23The man, the master of the
house, went out to them, and said to
them, “No, my brothers, please do
not act so wickedly; since this man
has come into my house. Do not do
this disgraceful thing. 24Look, here
is my virgin daughter and his
secondary wife. I will bring them
out now. Ravish them and do with
them what seems good to you; but
do not do any such a disgraceful
thing to this man.”

25But the men wouldn’t listen
to him: so the man laid hold of his
secondary wife, and brought her
out to them. And they raped her and
abused her all night until the
morning, and when the day began
to dawn they let her go. 26Then at
daybreak the woman arrived and
fell down at the door of the man’s
house where her lord was, until
daylight. 27Her lord rose up in the
morning, and opened the doors of
the house, and went out to go his
way; and look, the woman his
secondary wife was fallen down at
the door of the house, with her
hands on the threshold.

28And he said to her, "Get up,
and let us go." But there was no
answer, for she was dead.[b] So he
placed her on the donkey, and the

[a]19:18 LXX. MT reads “going to the house of YHWH,” where the yod in byty may have been misunderstood as an abbreviation for yhwh. Cf. 19:29, and R. Boling, Judges (AB), 275

[b]19:28 LXX. MT lacks “for she was dead” from haplography by homoioteleuton: h-h, and or sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: h ky-h wy

man rose up and went to his home.
29When he had come into his house,
he took a knife, and took hold of his
secondary wife and divided her,
limb by limb, into twelve pieces,
and sent her throughout all the
territory of Israel. 30And it was so,
that all who saw it said, "Nothing
like this has been done or seen
since the day that the children of
Israel came up out of the land of
Egypt until this day." And he
commanded the men whom he sent,
saying, "This is what you will say
to all the men of Israel, 'Has
anything like this happened since
the day that the children of Israel
came up out of the land of Egypt
until this day?[a] Consider it, take
counsel, and speak.'"

20 Then all the children
of Israel went out,
and the
congregation was assembled as one
man, from Dan even to Beersheba,
with the land of Gilead, to YHWH
at Mizpah. 2The leaders of all the
people, even of all the tribes of
Israel, presented themselves in the
assembly of the people of God, four
hundred thousand footmen who
drew sword. 3(Now the people of
Benjamin heard that the children of
Israel had gone up to[b] Mizpah.) The
children of Israel said, "Tell us,
how did this wickedness happen?"

4The Levite, the husband of
the woman who was murdered,
answered and said, "I came into
Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I
and my secondary wife, to spend
the night. 5And the leaders of
Gibeah rose against me, and
surrounded the house at night. They
intended to kill me, and they raped
my secondary wife,[c] and she is
dead. 6I took my secondary wife,
and cut her in pieces, and sent her
throughout all the territory of the
inheritance of Israel; for they have
committed wickedness and
disgrace in Israel. 7Look, you
children of Israel, all of you, give
your advice and counsel here."

8All the people arose as one
man, saying, "None of us will go to
his tent, neither will any of us
return to his house. 9But now this is
the thing which we will do to
Gibeah: we will go up[d] against it by
lot; 10and we will take ten men of
one hundred throughout all the
tribes of Israel, and one hundred of
one thousand, and a thousand out of
ten thousand, to get food for the
people, those setting forth,[e] that
when they come to Gibeah[f] of
Benjamin they may repay all the

[a]19:30 LXX Mss cf. BHS. MT lacks "And he commanded…day?" from haplography: 'd hywm hzh-'d hywm hzh
[b]20:3 LXX(A) adds "YHWH," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: h-h
[c]20:5 LXX(A) adds "and sported with/beat her"
[d]20:9 LXX. Words supplied in most translations. MT lacks "we will go up" from haplography by homoioteleuton: h-h
[e]20:10 LXX. MT lacks "those setting forth" from homoioteleuton: m-m
[f]20:10 Hebrew Ms. MT reads "Geba"

disgrace that they[a] have committed in Israel." [11]So all the men of Israel gathered against the city, united as one man.

[12]The tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What wickedness is this that has happened among you? [13]Now therefore deliver up the men, the wicked men who are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel." But the sons[b] of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the children of Israel.

[14]The people of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. [15]The people of Benjamin were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty-six thousand men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men. [16]Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed; everyone could sling stones at a hair and not miss. [17]The men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men who drew sword: all these were men of war.

[18]The children of Israel[c] arose, and went up to Bethel, and asked counsel of God; and they said, "Who shall go up for us first to battle against the people of Benjamin?"

YHWH said, "Judah will go up[d] first." [19]The children of Israel rose up in the morning, and camped against Gibeah. [20]The men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel set the battle in array against them at Gibeah. [21]The people of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites on that day twenty-two thousand men. [22]The people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place where they set themselves in array the first day. [23]The children of Israel went up and wept before YHWH until evening; and they asked of YHWH, saying, "Shall I again draw near to battle against the people of Benjamin my brother?"

YHWH said, "Go up against him."

[24]The children of Israel came near against the people of Benjamin the second day. [25]Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen

[a]20:10 LXX Syr. MT reads "he"
[b]20:13 Hebrew Mss MT Qere LXX Tg Syr. MT Kethib lacks "sons of Benjamin" from haplography
[c] 20:18 LXX reads "They
[d]20:18 LXX. MT lacks "will go up" from haplography by homoioteleuton: h-h

thousand men; all these drew the sword.

[26]Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came to Bethel, and wept, and sat there before YHWH, and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH. [27]The children of Israel asked of YHWH (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, [28]and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the people of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease?" YHWH said, "Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver him into your hand."

[29]Israel set ambushes all around Gibeah. [30]The children of Israel went up against the people of Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. [31]The people of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to strike and kill some of the people, as at other times, on the highways, of which one goes up to Bethel, and the other to Gibeah, in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

[32]The people of Benjamin said, "They are defeated before us, as previously." But the children of Israel said, "Let us flee, and draw them away from the city to the highways." [33]All the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Baal Tamar. And the men of Israel in ambush rushed out of their place west[a] of Geba. [34]There came over against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was severe; but they didn't know that disaster was close upon them. [35]YHWH struck Benjamin before Israel; and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty-five thousand one hundred men: all armed with swords. [36]So the people of Benjamin saw that they were defeated; for the men of Israel gave ground to Benjamin, because they trusted the ambushers whom they had set against Gibeah. [37]The ambushers hurried, and rushed on Gibeah; and the ambushers drew themselves along, and struck all the city with the edge of the sword. [38]Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the ambushers was that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city. [39]The men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, "Surely they are defeated before us, as in the first battle." [40]But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them; and look, the whole city went up in smoke into the sky. [41]The men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were terrified; for

[a]20:33 LXX(A) Syr Vg. MT reads "out of the open plain"

they saw that disaster had come on them. 42Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and those who came out of the cities destroyed them in its midst. 43They surrounded Benjamin, and they pursued them from Nohah[a] and overtook them near Gibeah toward the east. 44There fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor.

45They turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon: and they killed on the highways five thousand men, and followed hard after them to Gidom, and struck down two thousand men. 46So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand swordsmen; all these were valiant fighters. 47But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and stayed in the rock of Rimmon four months. 48The men of Israel turned again on the people of Benjamin, and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city, and the livestock, and all that they found: moreover all the cities which they found they set on fire.

21 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, "There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benjamin as wife." 2The people came to Bethel, and sat there until evening before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept severely. 3They said, "YHWH God of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel?"

4It happened on the next day that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. 5The children of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up in the assembly to YHWH?" For they had made a great oath concerning anyone who did not come up to YHWH to Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death." 6The children of Israel grieved for Benjamin their brother, and said, "There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. 7How shall we do for wives for those who remain, seeing we have sworn by YHWH that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?" 8They said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who did not come up to YHWH to Mizpah?" Look, no one came to the camp from Jabesh Gilead to the assembly. 9For when the people were numbered, look, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead there. 10The congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

[a]20:43 Or, "them at their resting place" or "them at Menuhah"

11This is the thing that you shall do:
you shall utterly destroy every
male, and every woman who has
slept with a man, but the virgins
you are to keep alive." And they did
so.[a] 12They found among the
inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four
hundred young virgins who had
never slept with a man; and they
brought them to the camp to Shiloh,
which is in the land of Canaan.
13The whole congregation sent and
spoke to the people of Benjamin
who were in the rock of Rimmon,
and proclaimed peace to them.
14Benjamin returned at that time;
and they gave them the women
whom they had saved alive of the
women of Jabesh Gilead: and yet so
they weren't enough for them.
15The people grieved for Benjamin,
because YHWH had made a gap in
the tribes of Israel. 16Then the
elders of the congregation said,
"How shall we provide wives for
those who remain, since the women
of Benjamin have been destroyed?"
17They said, "How will an
inheritance remain[b] for the
survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe
not be blotted out from Israel.
18However we may not give them
wives of our daughters, for the
children of Israel had sworn,
saying, 'Cursed is he who gives a
wife to Benjamin.'" 19They said,
"Look, there is a feast of YHWH
from year to year in Shiloh, which
is on the north of Bethel, on the east
side of the highway that goes up
from Bethel to Shechem, and on the
south of Lebonah." 20They
commanded the people of
Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in
wait in the vineyards, 21and watch.
If the daughters of Shiloh come out
to dance in the dances, then come
out of the vineyards, and each man
catch his wife from the daughters of
Shiloh, and go to the land of
Benjamin. 22It shall be, when their
fathers or their brothers come to
complain to us, that we will say to
them, 'Grant them graciously to us,
because we didn't take wives for
each man in battle, neither did you
give them to them, otherwise you
would now be guilty.'"

23The people of Benjamin did
so, and took them wives, according
to their number, of those who
danced, whom they carried off.
They went and returned to their
inheritance, built the cities, and
lived in them. 24The children of
Israel departed there at that time,
every man to his tribe and to his
family, and they went out from
there every man to his inheritance.
25In those days there was no king in
Israel: every man did that which
was right in his own eyes.

[a]21:11 LXX Mss cf. BHS. MT lacks "but the virgins…so" from haplography: w-w

[b]21:17 LXX(L). MT lacks "How…remain"

Ruth

1 It happened in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. A certain man of Bethlehem Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Kilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Judah. They came into the country of Moab, and continued there. 3Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4And they took for themselves wives from the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they lived there about ten years. 5Mahlon and Kilion both died, and the woman was bereaved of her two children and of her husband. 6Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that YHWH had visited his people in giving them bread. 7She went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May YHWH deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9YHWH grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband."

Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10They said to her, "No, but we will return with you to your people."

11Naomi said, "Go back, my daughters. Why do you want to go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12Go back, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, 'I have hope,' if I should even have a husband tonight, and should also bear sons; 13would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from having husbands? No, my daughters, for it grieves me much for your sakes, for the hand of YHWH has gone out against me."

14They lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and returned to her people,[a] but Ruth clung to her. 15She said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people, and to her god. Follow your sister-in-law."

16Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you, and to return from following after you, for where you go, I will go; and where you stay, I

[a]1:14 LXX. MT lacks "and returned to her people," from haplography: h_w-h_w

will stay; your people shall be my people, and your God my God;
17 where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried. YHWH do so to me, and more also, if anything but death part you and me."

18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking to her.

19 So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. It happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they asked, "Is this Naomi?"
20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi.[a] Call me Marah;[b] for Shaddai has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, and YHWH has brought me home again empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since YHWH has testified against me, and Shaddai has afflicted me?" 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

2 Naomi had a kinsman[c] of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, and his name was Boaz. 2 Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor."

She said to her, "Go, my daughter." 3 She went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Look, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "YHWH be with you."

They answered him, "YHWH bless you."

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

6 The servant who was set over the reapers answered, "It is the Moabite woman who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab. 7 She said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came, and has continued even from the morning until now, except that she stayed a little in the house."

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field, and do not go from here, but stay here close to my maidens. 9 Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after

[a] 1:20 "Naomi" means "pleasant"
[b] 1:20 "Marah" means "bitter." Hebrew Mss cf. BHS. MT reads "Mara"
[c] 2:1 MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "friend"

them. Haven't I commanded the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go to the vessels, and drink from that which the young men have drawn."

[10]Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take knowledge of me, since I am a foreigner?"

[11]Boaz answered her, "It has fully been shown to me, all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your husband; and how you have left your father and your mother, and the land of your birth, and have come to a people that you didn't know before. [12]May YHWH repay your work, and a full reward be given you from YHWH, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

[13]Then she said, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, because you have comforted me, and because you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not as one of your handmaidens."

[14]At meal time Boaz said to her, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your morsel in the vinegar."

She sat beside the reapers, and they reached her parched grain, and she ate, and was satisfied, and left some of it. [15]When she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not humiliate her. [16]Also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and do not rebuke her."

[17]So she gleaned in the field until evening; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah[a] of barley. [18]She took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought out and gave to her that which she had left after she was sufficed.

[19]Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where have you gleaned today? And where have you worked? Blessed be he who noticed you."

She showed her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." [20]Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "Blessed be he of YHWH, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead." Naomi said to her, "The man is a close relative to us, one of our near kinsmen."

[21]And Ruth the Moabitess said,[b] "He even said to me, 'You

[a]2:17 1 ephah is about 22 litres or about 2/3 of a bushel

[b]2:21 LXX reads "And Ruth said to her mother-in-law"

shall stay close to my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.'"

22 Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maidens, and that they not meet you in any other field." 23 So she stayed close to the maidens of Boaz, to glean to the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? 2 Now isn't Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? Look, he winnows barley tonight at the threshing floor. 3 Therefore wash yourself, anoint yourself, and put on your clothes,[a] and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 It shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go in, and uncover his feet, and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."

5 She said to her, "All that you say I will do." 6 She went down to the threshing floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law told her. 7 When Boaz had eaten and drank, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. She came quietly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. 8 It happened at midnight, that the man was startled and turned over; and look, a woman lay at his feet. 9 He said, "Who are you?"

She answered, "I am Ruth your handmaid. Therefore spread the corner of your garment over your handmaid; for you are a redeeming kinsman."

10 He said, "Blessed are you by YHWH, my daughter. You have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as you didn't follow young men, whether poor or rich. 11 Now, my daughter, do not be afraid; I will do to you all that you say; for all the city of my people does know that you are a worthy woman. 12 Now it is true that I am a redeeming kinsman; however there is a redeemer closer than I am. 13 Stay this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform for you the part of a redeemer, well; let him do the redeemer's part. But if he will not do the part of a redeemer for you, then I will do the part of a redeemer for you, as YHWH lives. Lie down until the morning."

14 She lay at his feet until the morning. She rose up before one could discern another. For he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing

[a] 3:3 MT Qere which reads pl. MT Kethib reads sg

floor." [15]He said, "Bring the cloak that is on you, and hold it." She held it; and he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her; and he went into the city.

[16]When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?"

She told her all that the man had done to her. [17]She said, "He gave me these six measures of barley; for he said me,[a] 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

[18]Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he has finished the thing this day."

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat down there. Look, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by; to whom he said, "Come over here, friend, and sit down." He turned aside, and sat down. [2]He took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." They sat down. [3]He said to the near kinsman, "Naomi, who has come back out of the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's. [4]I thought to disclose it to you, saying, 'Buy it before those who sit here, and before the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know. For there is no one to redeem it besides you; and I am after you." He said, "I will redeem it."
[5]Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi and from[b] Ruth the Moabitess, you must also aquire the widow of the deceased, to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance."

[6]The near kinsman said, "I can't redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption for yourself; for I can't redeem it."

[7]Now this was the custom in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man took off his sandal, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the way of attestation in Israel. [8]So the near kinsman said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." And he took off his sandal and gave it to him.[c]

[9]Boaz said to the elders, and to all the people, "You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Kilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. [10]Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, Have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up

[a]3:17 MT Qere LXX (Syr) Tg. MT Kethib lacks "to me" from haplography: 'l-'l

[b]4:5 MT LXX. OL Vg read "and also"

[c]4:8 LXX. MT lacks "and gave it to him" from haplography: n'lw-wytn lw

the name of the deceased on his inheritance, that the name of the deceased may not be cut off from among his brothers, and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses this day."

[11]All the people who were in the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May YHWH make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, which two built the house of Israel; and treat you worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Bethlehem. [12]Let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which YHWH shall give you of this young woman."

[13]So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and YHWH gave her conception, and she bore a son. [14]The women said to Naomi, "Blessed be YHWH, who has not left you this day without a redeemer; and let his name be famous in Israel. [15]He shall be to you a restorer of life, and sustain you in your old age, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." [16]Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and looked after him. [17]The women, her neighbors, gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

[18]Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, [19]and Hezron became the father of Ram, and Ram became the father of Amminadab, [20]and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon became the father of Salmon,[a] [21]and Salmon became the father of Boaz, and Boaz became the father of Obed, [22]and Obed became the father of Jesse, and Jesse became the father of David.

The First Book of Samuel

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite[b] of the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jerahmeel,[c] the son of Elihu, the son of Toah,[d] the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. [2]And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of other Peninnah. And Peninnah had

[a]4:20 LXX, reading Salman = slmwn. MT reads slmh "Salmah," a possible wn-h graphic confusion in square script

[b]1:1 LXX, reading seipha = swpy "Zuphite." MT reads swpym "Zophim," which has picked up a mem by dittography from the following word

[c]1:1 LXX. MT reads "Jeroham," a shorter form of the name

[d]1:1 LXX Mss and 1Chronicles 6:34(19). MT reads "Tohu," a metathesis

children, but Hannah had no children. 3This man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice to YHWH of hosts[a] in Shiloh. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests of YHWH, were there. 4When the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5but to Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but YHWH had shut up her womb. 6Her rival taunted her severely, to irritate her, because YHWH had shut up her womb. 7As he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of YHWH, so she taunted her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. 8Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

9So Hannah rose after eating and drinking in Shiloh, and stood before YHWH.[b] Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the temple of YHWH. 10She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to YHWH, and wept bitterly. 11She vowed a vow, and said, "YHWH of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your handmaid, and remember me, and not forget your handmaid, but will give to your handmaid a son, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. And he will not drink wine or strong drink,[c] and no razor will come on his head."

12It happened, as she multiplied prayers before YHWH, that Eli saw her mouth. 13And[d] she was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14So Eli said to her, "How long will you make yourself drunk? Put away your wine from you."

15And Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before YHWH. 16Do not count your handmaid as a worthless woman; for I have been speaking out of the abundance of my distress and my anguish."

17Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; and may the God of Israel grant your petition that you have asked of him."

18She said, "Let your handmaid find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way, and entered her quarters,[e] and ate;[f] and

[a]1:3 Or, "YHWH Tzevaot"
[b]1:9 LXX. MT lacks "and stood before YHWH" from haplography: sth-hyhwh
[c]1:11 (DSS) LXX. MT reads "will give him to YHWH all the days of his life, and no." MT is too abrupt, and represents a misreading of four Hebrew words, with a loss of five, possibly due to a very damaged section of a scroll
[d]1:13 DSS LXX. MT adds "Hannah"
[e]1:18 LXX. MT lacks "and entered her quarters" from haplography: h_wt-h_wt
[f]1:18 LXX adds "with her husband and drank"

her facial expression wasn't sad any more. 19They rose up in the morning early, and worshiped before YHWH, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah:[a] and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and YHWH remembered her.

20It happened, when the time had come, that Hannah conceived, and bore a son; and she named him Samuel,[b] saying, "Because I have asked him of YHWH."

21The man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer to YHWH the yearly sacrifice, and to redeem his vow and all the tithes of his land.[c] 22But Hannah did not go up; for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will bring him, that he may appear before YHWH, and stay there forever."[d]

23And Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems good in your eyes. Wait until you have weaned him; only may YHWH establish what you have said.[e]" So the woman waited and nursed her son, until she weaned him.
24And she went up with him to Shiloh[f] with a three-year old bull,[g] and bread,[h] and one ephah[i] of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of YHWH in Shiloh. And the child was with them. And they went before YHWH, and his father slaughtered the sacrifice, which he did annually to YHWH. And he brought the child,[j] 25and he[k] slaughtered the bull. And Hannah, the mother[l] of the child, brought him[m] to Eli. 26She said, "Oh, my lord, as your soul lives, my lord,[n] I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to YHWH. 27For this child I prayed; and YHWH has given me my petition which I asked of him. 28Therefore also I have lent

[a]1:19 Lit. "Ramatha"
[b]1:20 Samuel sounds like the Hebrew for "heard by God"
[c]1:21 LXX LXX(L) LXX(dgpqtz) OL. MT lacks "redeem…and all the tithes of his land" from haplography by homoioteleuton: (w')t (ndr)w-(m'srw)t ('rs)w. Leviticus 27:30
[d]1:22 DSS adds "I will offer him as a Nazarite forever, all the days of his life"
[e]1:23 DSS LXX. MT reads "establish his word"
[f]1:24 LXX cf. DSS. MT reads "And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her"
[g]1:24 DSS LXX Syr. MT reads "three bulls," which reflects a different word division
[h]1:24 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and bread"
[i]1:24 1 ephah is about 22 litres or about 2/3 of a bushel
[j]1:24 (DSS) LXX. MT lacks "was with them…child" from haplography: whn'r- hn'r. See McCarter, Jr., I Samuel (AB), 57; E. Tov in Tehillah le Moshe, 437-38
[k]1:25 LXX. MT reads "they"
[l]1:25 LXX. MT lacks "Hannah the mother" from homoioarcton by sight confusion in a square script: הנ-חנ
[m]1:25 Or, "child, brought it" or "child, went"
[n]1:26 MT LXX(L.c2) Ms LXX(Acx). LXX(BL) lack "my lord" from homoioteleuton: ny-ny, or aleph-aleph

him to YHWH. As long as he lives[a]
he is lent to YHWH." He worshiped
YHWH there.

2 Hannah prayed,[b] and said:
"My heart exults in
YHWH.
My horn is exalted in my God.[c]
My mouth is enlarged over my
enemies,
because I rejoice in your
salvation.
2Truly,[d] there is no one as holy as
YHWH,
Truly,[e] there is no one
besides you,
nor is there any rock[f] like
our God.

3"Do not keep speaking proudly.
Do not let arrogance come
out of your mouth,
for YHWH is a God of
knowledge.
By him actions are weighed.

4"The bows of the mighty men are
broken.
Those who stumbled are
armed with strength.
5Those who were full have hired
themselves out for
bread.
Those who were hungry are
satisfied.
Even the barren has borne seven,
and she who has many
children languishes.

6"YHWH kills, and makes alive.
He brings down to Sheol,
and brings up.
7YHWH makes poor, and makes
rich.
He brings low, he also lifts
up.
8He raises up the poor out of the
dust.
He lifts up the needy from
the dunghill,
To make them sit with
princes,
and inherit the throne of
glory.
For the pillars of the earth are
YHWH's.
He has set the world on
them.
9He will guard the feet of his
faithful ones,
but the wicked will be put to
silence in darkness.[g]
For no man will prevail by
strength.
10YHWH will shatter his

[a]1:28 Hebrew Ms LXX Tg Syr OL, reading hayyah "lives." MT reads hayah "to be," a chet-hey confusion with dittography of a hey from the word following
[b]2:1 MT LXX(L). LXX reads "And she said"
[c]2:1 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[d]2:2 DSS LXX, which read ky "Truly, Indeed, For"
[e]2:2 MT Syr Vg. DSS may be lacking this word
[f]2:2 LXX reads "righteous"
[g]2:8c-9a LXX lacks "For the pillars…darkness" from haplography: ky-ky. DSS LXX add to v.9a: "He grants the petition of him who prays. He blesses the years of the righteous"

adversaries.[a]
He will thunder against them
in the sky.
"YHWH will judge the farthest
parts of the earth.
He will give strength to his
king,[b]
and exalt the horn of his
anointed."

[11]Elkanah went to Ramah[c] to his house. The child served YHWH before Eli the priest.[d] [12]Now the sons of Eli were base men; they did not know YHWH. [13]The custom of the priests with the people was that when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was boiling, with a fork of three teeth in his hand; [14]and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest took therewith. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. [15]Yes, before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat to roast for the priest; for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but raw."

[16]If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, and then take all of it which[e] your soul desires"; then he would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force." [17]The sin of the young men was very great before YHWH; for they[f] despised the offering of YHWH. [18]But Samuel ministered before YHWH, being a child, clothed with a linen ephod. [19]Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. [20]And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and said, "May YHWH repay[g] you with offspring by this woman for the gift which she made to[h] YHWH." And the man returned to[i] his home.

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[a]2:10 DSS LXX. MT reads "YHWH, his adversaries will be shattered." LXX OL add "YHWH is holy. Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, nor let the mighty man boast in his strength, and let not the wealthy boast in his wealth; but let him that boasts boast in this, to understand and know YHWH, and to execute justice and righteousness in the midst of the land." This text could have dropped out of MT by haplography: yhwh-hwh. DSS may have had this addition (Tov, 448-54). Cf. Jeremiah 9:22-23

[b]2:10 LXX reads, "YHWH ascended to the heavens, and has thundered. He will judge the ends of the earth, and he gives strength to our kings"

[c]2:11 Lit. "Ramatha"

[d]2:11 LXX reads, "And they left him there before YHWH, and departed to Ramathaim"

[e]2:16 DSS LXX. MT reads "take as much as"

[f]2:17 Hebrew Ms DSS LXX. MT reads "for the men"

[g]2:20 DSS LXX. MT reads "gift"

[h]2:20 DSS LXX. MT reads "for the petition which she asked of"

[i]2:20 DSS LXX. MT reads "And they would go to"

21YHWH visited Hannah, and she bore more children,[a] three sons and two daughters. The child Samuel grew before[b] YHWH. 22Now Eli was very old; and he heard[c] what his sons did to the people of[d] Israel (and how that they lay with the women who served at the door of the Tent of Meeting).[e] 23And he said to them, "Why do you do such things as these that I hear[f] being said of you[g] from the mouth of the people of YHWH?[h] 24No, my sons, do not do this.[i] For it is not a good report that I hear the people of YHWH[j] spreading. 25If a man sins gravely[k] against another, he can appeal to YHWH [l]; but if a man sins against YHWH, who can intercede for him?" But, they did not listen to the voice of their father, because YHWH intended to kill them. 26The child Samuel grew on, and increased in favor both with YHWH, and also with men.

27A man of God came to Eli, and said[m], "Thus says YHWH, I plainly revealed[n] myself to the house of your father, when they were slaves[o] in Egypt to the house of Pharaoh. 28And I chose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me. And I gave to the house of your father all the offerings by fire of the children of Israel as food.[p] 29Why do you look down[q] on my sacrifice and on my offering, which I have commanded for my dwelling place, and honor your sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel my people?'

30"Therefore YHWH, the God of Israel, says, 'I said indeed that your house, and the house of your father, should walk before me forever.' But now YHWH says, 'Be

[a]1:21 DSS LXX. MT reads "conceived and bore"
[b]2:21 Or, "grew in the presence of." DSS LXX Syr. MT reads "with"
[c]2:22 DSS LXX. MT adds "all"
[d]2:22 DSS LXX. MT reads "to all"
[e]2:22 MT LXX(A) Tg Syr. DSS LXX lack "and how that…Meeting"
[f]2:23 MT cf. LXX(A) (remata ponera "evil dealings") add "evil," which could have fallen out from homoioteleuton: ym-ym
[g]2:23 LXX(B) lacks "being said of you" from homoioarcton: m-m
[h]2:23 DSS LXX(L). MT reads "these? For I hear of your evil dealings from all this people"
[i]2:24 LXX(L), reading me poieite ontws = 'l t'swn kn. MT lacks "do not do this." Cf. Ulrich, BQS, 264 fn 2:24
[j]2:24 LXX(L) MT. LXX reads "God"
[k]2:25 LXX cf. DSS, reading lit. "If in sinning a man sins." MT lacks "gravely" from homoioteleuton: aleph-aleph
[l]2:25 DSS LXX. MT reads "another, God will mediate"
[m]2:27 DSS LXX. MT adds "to him"
[n]2:27 DSS LXX Syr, reading nglh nglyty. MT has picked up a heh preceding nglh by dittography, reading hnglh nglyty "Did I not reveal"
[o]2:27 DSS LXX. MT lacks "slaves" from haplography: msrym-'bdym
[p]2:28 LXX. MT lacks "as food" from haplography: l_l-l_l
[q]2:29 DSS LXX. MT reads "you kick at"

it far from me; for those who honor
me I will honor, and those who
despise me shall be lightly
esteemed. 31Look, the days come,
that I will cut off your descendants,
and the descendants[a] of your
father's house, that there shall not
be an old man in your house. 32And
you will see distress in the dwelling
place, in all that he does good with
Israel. And there will not be an old
man in your house all the days.
33And the man of yours I do not cut
off from my altar will be to cause
his[b] eyes to fail and to grieve his[c]
soul, and all the increase of your
house will die by the sword of
men.[d]

34"'This shall be the sign to
you, that shall come on your two
sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in
one day they shall both die. 35I will
raise me up a faithful priest, that
shall do according to that which is
in my heart and in my mind. I will
build him a sure house; and he shall
walk before my anointed forever.
36It shall happen, that everyone
who is left in your house shall come
and bow down to him for a piece of
silver and a loaf of bread, and shall
say, "Please put me into one of the
priests' offices, that I may eat a
morsel of bread."'"

3 The child Samuel
ministered to YHWH
before Eli. The word of
YHWH was rare in those
days; there was no frequent vision.
2It happened at that time, when Eli
was lying down in his place (now
his eyes had begun to grow dim, so
that he could not see), 3and the
lamp of God hadn't yet gone out,
and Samuel was lying down in
YHWH's temple, where the ark of
God was; 4that YHWH called,
"Samuel. Samuel."[e] And he said,
"Here I am." 5He ran to Eli, and
said, "Here I am; for you called
me." He said, "I did not call; lie
down again." He went and lay
down.

6YHWH called yet again,
"Samuel. Samuel." And he arose[f]
and went to Eli, and said, "Here I
am; for you called me." He
answered, "I did not call, my son;
lie down again." 7Now Samuel did
not yet know YHWH, neither was
the word of YHWH yet revealed to
him. 8YHWH called Samuel again
the third time. He arose and went to
Eli, and said, "Here I am; for you
called me."

Eli perceived that YHWH had
called the child. 9Therefore Eli said
to Samuel, "Go, lie down: and it
shall be, if he calls you, that you

[a]2:31 LXX OL. MT reads "your arm, and the arm," the difference being vocalization of zr'k as either zaraka "descendant" or zeroaka "arm." Cf. R. W. Klein, 1 Samuel (WBC), 22-23
[b]2:33 LXX DSS. MT reads "your"
[c]2:33 LXX. MT reads "your"
[d]2:33 DSS LXX. MT reads "will die [as] men"
[e]3:4 (DSS) LXX cf. 3:10. MT reads "called to Samuel"
[f]3:6 LXX. MT has a different word order: "Samuel.' And Samuel arose"

shall say, 'Speak, YHWH; for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. [10]YHWH came, and stood, and called as at other times, "Samuel. Samuel."

Then Samuel said, "Speak; for your servant hears."

[11]YHWH said to Samuel, "Look, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle. [12]In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even to the end. [13]For I have told him that I will judge his house forever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons were cursing God,[a] and he did not restrain them. [14]Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be removed with sacrifice nor offering forever."

[15]And Samuel lay there until the morning, and in the morning he got up[b] and opened the doors of the house of YHWH. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision. [16]Then Eli called Samuel, and said, "Samuel, my son."

He said, "Here I am."

[17]He said, "What is the thing that he has spoken to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that he spoke to you in your ears.[c]" [18]And Samuel told him everything, and did not hide anything from him. And he said, "It is YHWH. Let him do what seems good to him."

[19]Samuel grew, and YHWH was with him, and let none of his words fall to the ground. [20]All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of YHWH. [21]YHWH appeared again in Shiloh; for YHWH revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of YHWH.[d]

4 And Samuel's words came to all Israel. And Eli grew very old, and his sons kept advancing in their wicked behavior before YHWH. And it came to pass in those days that the Philistines gathered themselves together against Israel.[e] And Israel went out to meet them[f] in battle, and camped beside Ebenezer, and the Philistines camped in Aphek. [2]The Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle,

[a]3:13 LXX OL Mss, reading 'lhym "God." MT reads lhm "to themselves"
[b]3:15 LXX. MT lacks "and in the…up" from haplography: hbqr-hbqr. See McCarter, 96
[c]3:17 LXX. MT lacks "in your ears" from homoioteleuton: yk-yk
[d]3:21 LXX adds "And Samuel was confirmed to be a prophet of YHWH to all Israel, from one end of the land as far as the other end." Thought to be a displaced variant of v.20, or lost from haplography: h wy-h wy
[e]4:1 LXX. MT lacks "And Eli grew…Israel" from haplography: ysr'l-ysr'l. See McCarter, 103
[f]4:1 LXX. MT adds "the Philistines"

Israel was struck before the Philistines; and they killed of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3When the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has YHWH struck us today before the Philistines? Let us get the ark of the covenant of YHWH out of Shiloh to us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies."

4So the people sent to Shiloh; and they brought from there the ark of the covenant of YHWH of hosts, who sits above the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. 5When the ark of the covenant of YHWH came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6When the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What does the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" They understood that the ark of YHWH had come into the camp. 7The Philistines were afraid, for they said, "Gods have come into the camp." They said, "Woe to us. For there has not been such a thing before. 8Woe to us. Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods that struck the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness. 9Be strong, and behave like men, O you Philistines, that you not be servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Strengthen yourselves like men, and fight." 10So they[a] fought, and Israel was defeated, and they fled every man to his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 11The ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 12There ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn, and with earth on his head. 13When he came, look, Eli was sitting on his seat by the side[b] of the gate[c] watching the road, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. When the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14When Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, "What does the noise of this tumult mean?" The man hurried, and came and told Eli.

15Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, so that he could not see.[d] 16The man said to Eli, "I am he who came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army."

He said, "How did the matter go, my son?"

17He who brought the news answered, "Israel has fled before

[a]4:10 Cf. LXX and DSS spacing. MT adds "the Philistines"
[b]4:13 Lit., "hand"
[c]4:13 LXX. MT lacks "gate"
[d]4:15 LXX apparently adds a variant of v.14 here

the Philistines, and there has been also a great slaughter among the people. Your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured."

[18]It happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck broke, and he died; for he was an old man, and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years.

[19]His daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered. When she heard the news that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth; for her pains came on her. [20]About the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not be afraid; for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer, neither did she regard it. [21]She named the child Ichabod,[a] saying, "The glory has departed from Israel"; because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. [22]She said, "The glory has departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken."

5 Now the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. [2]The Philistines took the ark of God[b], and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. [3]And the Ashdodites rose early on the next day, and look, Dagon had fallen on his face[c] before the ark of YHWH. So they raised up[d] Dagon and set him in his place again. [4]And it happened[e] when they arose early the next morning, look, Dagon had fallen on his face[f] before the ark of YHWH; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on the threshold. Only Dagon's torso[g] was intact. [5]Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any who come into Dagon's house, step on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, to this day.

[6]But the hand of YHWH was heavy on the Ashdodites, and he ravaged them and afflicted them with tumors, both Ashdod and its territory. And he brought up against them mice, and they burst out in their ships, and mice sprang up in the midst of their land, and there was a great terror of death in the city.[h]

[a]4:21 "Ichabod" means "no glory"
[b]5:2 LXX(L) reads "Philistines next took it,"
[c]5:3 LXX. MT reads "before his face to the ground"
[d]5:3 LXX. MT reads "they took"
[e]5:4 LXX. MT lacks "And it happened"
[f]5:4 LXX. MT reads "before his face to the ground"
[g]5:4 LXX cf. Tg Syr OL. MT lacks "torso"
[h]5:6 LXX(L). MT lacks "And he brought…city" from haplography: gbwlh-hgdwlh

7When the men of Ashdod
saw what was happening, they said,
"The ark of the God of Israel shall
not stay with us; for his hand is
severe on us, and on Dagon our
god." 8So they sent and gathered all
the lords of the Philistines to them,
and said, "What shall we do with
the ark of the God of Israel?" Then
the Gittites[a] answered, "Let the ark
of the God of Israel be carried over
to us.[b]" So they brought the ark of
God[c] to Gath.[d]

9And it happened after they
had brought it to Gath,[e] the hand of
YHWH was against the city with a
very great confusion: and he struck
the men of the city, both small and
great; and tumors broke out on
them. 10So they sent the ark of God[f]
to Ekron. It happened, as the ark of
God came to Ekron, that the
Ekronites cried out, saying, "Why
have you[g] brought about the ark of
the God of Israel to us,[h] to kill us[i]
and our[j] people?"

11And they sent and gathered
together all the lords of the
Philistines, and they said, "Send
away the ark of the God of Israel,
and let it go again to its own place,
so that it will not kill us and our
people." For there was a very heavy
terror of death[k] throughout all the
city when the ark of God[l] arrived[m]
there. 12The men who did not die
were struck with the tumors; and
the cry of the city went up to
heaven.

6 The ark of YHWH was
in the country of the
Philistines seven
months. 2The Philistines called for
the priests, and for the diviners, and
for the magicians,[n] saying, "What
shall we do with the ark of YHWH?
Tell us how we should send it to its
place."

3And they said, "If you are
going to[o] send away the ark of the
God of Israel, do not send it empty.
But return to him a reparation, then

[a]5:8 LXX. MT reads "Gath"
[b]5:8 LXX. MT lacks "to us"
[c]5:8 LXX. MT adds "of Israel"
[d]5:8 DSS LXX. MT lacks "to Gath"
[e]5:9 DSS LXX Ms cf. LXX(L). MT reads "it"
[f]5:10 DSS LXX(L) read "ark of the God of Israel"
[g]5:10 DSS LXX. MT reads "They have"
[h]5:10 Hebrew: "me"
[i]5:10 Hebrew: "me"
[j]5:10 Hebrew: "my"
[k]5:11 LXX(ALNO Rell) MT Tg Syr Vg, reading מהומת מות. LXX(Bya2) lack "of death." LXX(B) reads sugchusis = מהמה "confusion," a chet-hey confusion. DSS reads מהמת יהוה "terror of YHWH"
[l]5:11 DSS LXX(Acfx). LXX adds "of Israel"
[m]5:11 LXX cf. DSS reconstruction, reading eiselthen kibotos = kbw' 'rwn. MT lacks "ark…arrived" from haplography. Cf. Klein, 48 fn 11.b.-b.; Ulrich, BQS, 266
[n]6:2 LXX cf DSS spacing. MT lacks "and for the magicians" from homoioteleuton. DSS adds "and for the soothsayers"
[o]6:3 LXX. MT lacks "are going to" from haplography

you shall be healed and he will be reconciled to you. Will not,[a] then, his hand be removed from you?"
4Then they said, "What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him?" They said, "Five golden tumors, and five golden mice,[b] for the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all,[c] and on your lords. 5Therefore you shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that ravage the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had worked wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

7"Now therefore take and prepare yourselves a new cart, and two milk cows, on which there has come no yoke; and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them; 8and take the ark of YHWH, and lay it on the cart; and put the figures of gold, which you return him for a trespass offering, in a box by its side; and send it away, that it may go. 9And watch; if it goes up by the way of its own territory to Beth Shemesh, then he has done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it was a chance that happened to us." 10The men did so, and took two milk cows, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home; 11and they put the ark of YHWH on the cart, and the box with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors. 12The cows took the straight way by the way to Beth Shemesh; they went along the highway, mooing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines followed them to the territory of Beth Shemesh. 13And those of Beth Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood there, where there was a great stone. And they split the wood of the cart, and offered up the cows for a burnt offering to YHWH. 15The Levites took down the ark of YHWH, and the chest that was with it, in which the articles of gold were, and put them on the great stone. And the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day to YHWH. 16When the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. 17These are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering to YHWH: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for

[a]6:3 LXX. MT reads "Why"
[b]6:4 DSS and LXX Mss lack "and five golden mice" from haplography: y zhb-y zhb
[c]6:4 LXX (humin) DSS(reconstruction) read lakem "you" rather than MT lekullam "you all"

Ekron one; [18]and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities and of country villages, even to the great stone, whereon they set down the ark of YHWH`. That stone remains to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh. [19]But the sons of Jeconiah did not rejoice with the people of Beth Shemesh when they saw[a] the ark of YHWH. So he struck seventy men of them,[b] and the people mourned, because YHWH had struck the people with a great slaughter. [20]And the men of Beth Shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before this holy thing?[c] And to whom should he go up from us?"

[21]They sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of YHWH; come down, and bring it up to yourselves."

7 The men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of YHWH and brought it into the house of Abinadab, which was[d] on the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of YHWH. [2]It happened, from the day that the ark stayed in Kiriath Jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after YHWH. [3]Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you do return to YHWH with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts to YHWH, and serve him only; and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." [4]Then the children of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and served YHWH only. [5]Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you to YHWH." [6]They gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before YHWH, and fasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against YHWH." Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. [7]When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. When the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. [8]The children of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry to YHWH your[e] God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines." [9]Samuel took a suckling lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt offering to YHWH: and Samuel cried to YHWH for Israel; and YHWH answered him. [10]As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel; but YHWH

[a]6:19 LXX OL. MT reads "But he struck of the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into"
[b]6:19 Hebrew Mss, cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 6.16). MT reads "seventy men, fifty thousand men." McCarter, I Samuel, 131; Klein, 1 Samuel, 54
[c]6:20 LXX Mss. MT reads "this holy YHWH God"
[d]7:1 DSS LXX. MT lacks "which was"
[e]7:8 LXX cf. 12:19. MT reads "our"

thundered with a great thunder on that day on the Philistines, and confused them; and they were struck down before Israel. 11The men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them, as far as below Beth Kar.
12Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Jashan,[a] and called its name Ebenezer,[b] saying, "YHWH helped us until now." 13So the Philistines were subdued,[c] and they came no more within the territory of Israel. The hand of YHWH was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14The cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel recovered its territory out of the hand of the Philistines. There was peace between Israel and the Amorites. 15Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. 16He went from year to year in circuit to Bethel and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those places. 17His return was to Ramah,[d] for there was his house; and there he judged Israel: and he built there an altar to YHWH.

8 It happened, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. 2Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beersheba. 3His sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside toward dishonest gain, and took bribes, and perverted justice. 4Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah; 5and they said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." Samuel prayed to YHWH.

7YHWH said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they tell you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. 8According to all the works which they have done to me[e] since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also to you. 9Now therefore listen to their voice: however you shall protest solemnly to them, and shall show them the way of the king who shall reign over them."

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[a]7:12 Or, "Jashen", or "Jeshan." Syr ("Jashan") LXX (palaios = Heb. jashan, meaning "old." Cf. Leviticus 25:22, 26:10 LXX). See also Heb. jashen "sleeping" 1Samuel 26:7, and Jashen 2Samuel 23:32. Others suggest the town of Jeshanah 2Chronicles 13:19. MT reads "Shen," having lost a yod
[b]7:12 "Ebenezer" means "stone of help"
[c]7:13 LXX reads "YHWH humbled the Philistines"
[d]7:17 Lit. "Ramatha"
[e]8:8 LXX. MT lacks "to me"

[10]Samuel told all the words of YHWH to the people who asked of him a king. [11]He said, "This will be the way of the king who shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them to him, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots. [12]And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands, and commanders of fifties; and he will assign some to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and gather his vintage,[a] and to make his implements of war, and the equipment of his chariots. [13]He will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. [14]He will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves, even their best, and give them to his servants. [15]He will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. [16]He will take your male servants, and your female servants, and your best cattle[b], and your donkeys, and put them to his work. [17]He will take the tenth of your flocks: and you shall be his servants. [18]You shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you shall have chosen for yourselves, and YHWH will not answer you in that day[c].[d]"

[19]But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No; but we will have a king over us, [20]that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles."

[21]Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of YHWH. [22]YHWH said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice, and make them a king." Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every man go to his city."

9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor. [2]He had a son, whose name was Saul, a handsome young man; and there was no one among the children of Israel more handsome than he was. From his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of the people.

[3]Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, "Take now one of the servants with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." So Saul got up and took one of the servants of his father with him and went to look for the donkeys of his

[a]8:12 LXX(BL). MT lacks "and gather his vintage" from haplography: qsyrw-bsyrw
[b]8:16 LXX, reading "cattle" (poss. bqrkm). MT reads "young men" (bkwrykm)
[c]8:18 DSS LXX reads "you in those days"
[d]8:18 LXX adds "because you have chosen for yourselves a king"

father Kish.[a] 4He passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they weren't there. Then he passed through the land of the Jaminites,[b] but they did not find them.

5When they had come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, lest my father stop caring about the donkeys, and be anxious for us."

6He said to him, "See now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is a man who is held in honor. All that he says surely comes to pass. Now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us concerning our journey on which we have set out."

7Then Saul said to his servant, "But look, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is gone in our vessels, and there is no gift to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8The servant answered Saul again, and said, "Look, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver. I will give that to the man of God, to tell us our way." 9(In earlier times in Israel, whenever someone went to inquire of God, he would say, "Come, and let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.)

10Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said. Come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was. 11As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

12They answered them, and said, "He is. Look, he is ahead of you. Hurry now, for he has come today into the city; for the people have a sacrifice today in the high place. 13As soon as you have come into the city, you shall immediately find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat; for the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the sacrifice;[c] afterward those who are invited eat. Now therefore go up; for at this time you shall find him."

14They went up to the city. As they came within the city, look, Samuel came out toward them, to go up to the high place.

15Now YHWH had revealed to Samuel a day before Saul came, saying, 16"Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of

[a]9:3 LXX Mss Syr. MT lacks "So Saul got…Kish" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

[b]9:4 LXX Mss read "of Jabin." A possible b-m confusion in a square script

[c]9:13 LXX Syr add "and"

the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel; and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have seen the suffering[a] of my people, because their cry has come to me."

17When Samuel saw Saul, YHWH said to him, "Look, the man of whom I spoke to you. This one shall have authority over my people."

18Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate,[b] and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is."

19And Samuel answered Saul, and said, "I am he.[c] Go up before me to the high place, for you will eat with me today. In the morning I will let you go, and will tell you all that is in your heart. 20As for your donkeys who were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them; for they have been found. And for whom does all Israel desire? Is it not for you, and for all your father's house?"

21Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family the least of all the families of the tribe[d] of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me like this?"

22Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guest room, and made them sit in the best place among those who were invited, who were about thirty persons. 23And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion which I gave you, of which I told you to set aside." 24The cook picked up the leg, and that which was attached to it, and set it before Saul. And he said, "Look, here is what has been kept for you. Set it before you and eat, because it was kept especially for you until the right time; because I said, 'I have invited the people.'" So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25When they had come down from the high place into the city, they prepared a bed[e] for Saul on the roof, 26and he slept.[f] And it happened about daybreak that Samuel called to Saul on[g] the roof, saying, "Get up, that I may send you away." So Saul arose, and they went out, both of them, he and Samuel, outside. 27As they were going down at the edge of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant that he should pass on

[a]9:16 LXX Tg, reading 't 'ny 'my. MT lacks 'ny "suffering" from haplography: 'ny-'my
[b]9:18 DSS LXX reads "in the city"
[c]9:19 DSS LXX. MT reads "I am the seer"
[d]9:21 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr OL Ms Vg. MT reads "tribes"
[e]9:25 LXX, reading "and they spread (a bed)." MT reads "he talked," a misreading of rbd as dbr, a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[f]9:26 LXX, reading "and he slept." MT reads "And they arose early," a beth-mem confusion
[g]9:26 LXX. MT lacks "on" from homoioteleuton: l-l

before us and cross over. But you remain here awhile, that I may make known to you the word of God."

10 Then Samuel took the vial of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him, and said, "Has not YHWH anointed you to be ruler over his people Israel? And you shall rule over the people of YHWH, and you shall save them out of the hand of their enemies all around. And this shall be the sign to you[a] that YHWH has anointed you to be ruler over his inheritance. 2When you have departed from me today, then you shall find two men by Rachel's tomb, in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will tell you, 'The donkeys which you went to seek have been found; and look, your father has stopped caring about the donkeys, and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do for my son?"'

3"Then you shall go on forward from there, and you shall come to the oak of Tabor; and three men shall meet you there going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three young goats, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a container of wine: 4and they will greet you and give you two wave offerings[b] of bread, which you shall accept from their hand.

5"After that you shall come to Gibeath Elohim, where the Philistine garrison is. And it shall happen, when you have come there to the city, that you shall meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with harps, and tambourines, and flutes, and lyres before them, and they will be prophesying. 6And the Spirit of YHWH will come mightily on you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be transformed into a different person. 7And let it be, when these signs have come to you, that you do as the occasion demands, for God is with you.

8"You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and look, I will come down to you, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: you shall wait seven days, until I come to you, and show you what you shall do." 9It was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs happened that day. 10And he[c] went from there[d] to Gibeah,[e] and look, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily on him, and he prophesied among

[a]10:1 LXX. MT lacks "Has not YHWH…sign to you" from haplography: mshk yhwh-mshk yhwh. See Klein, 81-83
[b]10:4 DSS (-"two" = LXX(L)) LXX(BO) cf. OL Tg. MT lacks "wave offerings"
[c]10:10 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "they"
[d]10:10 LXX, reading "from there." MT reads "there"
[e]10:10 Or, "the hill"

them. [11]It happened, when all who knew him before saw that, look, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said one to another, "What is this that has come to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"

[12]One of the same place answered, "Who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" [13]When he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

[14]Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, "Where did you go?"

He said, "To seek the donkeys. When we saw that they were not found, we came to Samuel."

[15]Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."

[16]Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys were found." But concerning the matter of the kingdom, of which Samuel spoke, he did not tell him.

[17]Samuel called the people together to YHWH to Mizpah; [18]and he said to the children of Israel, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you:' [19]but you have this day rejected your God, who himself saves you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and you have said, 'No. Set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before YHWH by your tribes, and by your thousands."

[20]So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken. [21]He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families, and the family of the Matrites was taken. And he brought the family of the Matrites near man by man,[a] and Saul the son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he could not be found. [22]Therefore they asked of YHWH further, "Is there a man yet to come here?" YHWH answered, "Look, he has hidden himself among the baggage."

[23]They ran and fetched him there; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. [24]Samuel said to all the people, "You see him whom YHWH has chosen, that there is none like him among all the people?"

All the people shouted, and said, "Let the king live."

[a]10:21 LXX OL. MT lacks "And he brought…man" from haplography: wy-wy

25Then Samuel told the
people the regulations of the
kingdom, and wrote it on a scroll,
and laid it up before YHWH.
Samuel sent all the people away,
every man went to his place.[a] 26Saul
also went to his house in Gibeah;
and there went with him the valient
men,[b] whose hearts YHWH[c] had
touched. 27But certain worthless
fellows said, "How shall this man
save us?" So they despised him,
and brought him no present.[d] Now
Nahash,[e] king of the Ammonites,
was severely oppressing the
Gadites and the Reubenites. He put
out the right eye of all of them, and
he would not allow anyone to
rescue Israel. Not one was left of
the children of Israel beyond the
Jordan whose right eye Nahash,
king of the Ammonites, did not put
out, except for seven thousand men
who had escaped from the
Ammonites and went to Jabesh
Gilead.[f]

11 After about a
month,[g] Nahash the
Ammonite came up
and camped against
Jabesh Gilead: and all the men of
Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a
covenant with us, and we will serve
you." ." 2And Nahash the
Ammonite said to them, "On this
condition I will make a covenant[h]
with you, that all your right eyes are
put out; and I will make it a
disgrace on all Israel."

3The elders of Jabesh said to
him, "Give us seven days, that we
may send messengers to all the
borders of Israel; and then, if there
is no one to save us, we will come
out to you." 4Then the messengers
came to Gibeah of Saul, and spoke
these words in the ears of the
people: and all the people lifted up
their voice, and wept.

5Look, Saul came following
the oxen out of the field; and Saul
said, "What ails the people that
they weep?" They told him the

[a]10:25 (DSS) LXX. MT reads "man to his house"
[b]10:26 DSS LXX. MT lacks "men"
[c]10:26 DSS LXX. MT reads "God"
[d]10:27 Beginning here and ending in 11:1 MT has lost a paragraph, leaving a misread phrase which belongs after the lost text. MT reads wyhy kmhrys "But he was as one keeping silent." DSS (LXX kai egenethe ws meta) has a slightly different word division and spelling, reading wyhy kmw hds "After about a month"
[e]10:27 Nahash means "serpent" in Hebrew
[f]10:27 DSS cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 6.68-71). MT lacks "Now Nahash king…Gilead" (and text to the next Nahash) from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w. Cf. D. N. Freedman and S. D. Overton, in Imagining Biblical Worlds, 103
[g]11:1 DSS LXX, reading wyhy kmw hds "After about a month." MT has misread as wyhy kmhrys "But he was as one keeping silent" a misdivision and dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion with loss of waw and addition of yod
[h]11:2 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Mss OL Ms Vg. MT lacks "a covenant," from homoioarcton: b-b

words of the men of Jabesh. 6The Spirit of God[a] came mightily on Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7He took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever doesn't come forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." The dread of YHWH fell on the people,[b] and they came out as one man. 8He numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9And he[c] said to the messengers who came, "Thus you shall tell the men of Jabesh Gilead,[d] 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance.'" The messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.[e] 10Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you." 11It was so on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and struck the Ammonites[f] until the heat of the day: and it happened, that those who remained were scattered, so that no two of them were left together. 12And the people said to Samuel, "Who is it that said Saul should not[g] reign over us? Bring those men so we may put them to death."

13Saul said, "There shall not a man be put to death this day; for today YHWH has worked deliverance in Israel." 14Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there." 15All the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before YHWH in Gilgal; and there they offered sacrifices of peace offerings before YHWH; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12 Samuel said to all Israel, "Look, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. 2Now, look, the king walks before you; and I am old and gray-headed; and look, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my youth to this day. 3Here I am. Testify against me before YHWH, and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken a bribe, or

[a]11:6 LXX reads "of YHWH"
[b]11:7 [DSS] LXX add "of Israel"
[c]11:9 LXX Syr(B codex Londini) OL Ms; McCarter, 200; Klein, 103. MT reads "they"
[d]11:9 LXX lacks "Gilead"
[e]11:9 In addition to three extant words not found in other Mss and DSS spacing, a total of about 10-12 Hebrew words were lost at this point in other Mss, possibly from a haplography: wy'mrw-wy'mrw. Cf. Ulrich, BQS, 272
[f]11:11 Hebrew Mss LXX OL Tg Syr Mss. MT reads "Ammon"
[g]11:12 LXX Tg Syr. MT lacks "not"

a shoe? Testify against me,[a] and I will restore it to you."

4They said, "You have not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything of any man's hand."

5He said to them, "YHWH is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand."

They said, "He is witness."
6And Samuel said to the people, "It is YHWH[b] who appointed Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.
7Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before YHWH and will recount for you[c] all the righteous acts of YHWH,[d] which he did to you and to your fathers.

8"When Jacob[e] went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them,[f] and your fathers cried to YHWH, then YHWH sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this place.

9"But they forgot YHWH their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of[g] Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. 10And they cried to YHWH, and they[h] said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken YHWH, and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.' 11YHWH sent Jerubbaal, and Barak,[i] and Jephthah, and Samuel,[j] and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you lived in safety.

12"When you saw that Nahash the king of the people of

[a]12:3 LXX. MT reads "bribe, and hide my eyes." The LXX Hebrew *Vorlage* and MT variant are graphically similar, and the arcane reference to a shoe, which in that era also held legal application, may have also been a factor in the misreading of the text. LXX(L) has a conflation of the two variants, which has inserted the MT variant into the LXX text between "or a shoe" and "Testify against me." Cf. Ruth 4:7; P. K. McCarter, Jr, I Samuel (AB), 209-10 fn 3; E. A. Speiser, "Of Shoes and Shekels," BASOR 77 (1940), 15; F. E. Eakin Jr., The Religion and Culture of Israel (1971), 238. Contrast R. W. Klein, 1 Samuel (WBC), 111 fn 3 a-a

[b]12:6 LXX adds "*is* witness"
[c]12:7 LXX, reading, prb: w'gydh lkm. MT lacks "and will recount for you"
[d]12:7 Judges 5:11; Micah 6:5
[e]12:8 LXX adds, prb: wbnyw "and his sons." Cf. Joshua 24:4
[f]12:8 LXX. MT lacks "and the Egyptians oppressed them" from haplography: msrym-msrym
[g]12:9 LXX adds "Jabin king of"
[h]12:10 LXX. MT reads "he"
[i]12:11 LXX Syr. MT reads "Bedan," a possible rk-dn graphic confusion. Cf. also Judges 4:6; Hebrews 11:32
[j]12:11 MT LXX(BA). LXX(L) Syr read "Samson"

Ammon came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us;' when YHWH your God was your king. 13Now therefore see the king whom you have chosen, and whom you have asked for: and look, YHWH has set a king over you. 14If you will fear YHWH, and serve him, and listen to his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of YHWH, and both you and also the king who reigns over you are followers of YHWH your God, then he will rescue you.[a] 15But if you will not listen to the voice of YHWH, but rebel against the commandment of YHWH, then the hand of YHWH will be against you, and against your king to destroy you.[b]

16"Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which YHWH will do before your eyes. 17Isn't it wheat harvest today? I will call to YHWH, that he may send thunder and rain; and you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of YHWH, in asking for a king."

18So Samuel called to YHWH; and YHWH sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared YHWH and Samuel.

19All the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to YHWH your God, that we not die; for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask us a king."

20Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid. You have indeed done all this evil; yet do not turn aside from following YHWH, but serve YHWH with all your heart. 21Do not turn aside to go after vain things which can't profit nor deliver, for they are vain. 22For YHWH will not forsake his people for his great name's sake, because it has pleased YHWH to make you a people to himself. 23Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against YHWH in ceasing to pray for you:[c] but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. 24Only fear YHWH, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you. 25But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

13 Saul was ruling for less than a year, when he ruled during year two over Israel,[d] 2that Saul chose for himself

[a]12:14 LXX(L), reading (kai) [= bo] exeleitai (3 sg) humas [= boc2e2] = whslkm, cf. McCarter, 211; Ulrich, BQS, 273 (DSS spacing). MT lacks "then he will rescue you," from homoioteleuton: km-km

[b]12:15 LXX Mss. MT reads "you, and against your fathers," and lacks "to destroy you" from homoioteleuton: km-km. Cf. McCarter, 212; Klein, 111

[c]12:23 LXX adds, prb: w'bdty 't yhwh "but I will serve YHWH"

[d]13:1 Saul's first regnal year corresponed to year two when adding his accession year. Syriac adds that

three thousand men of Israel, of which two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And the rest of the people he sent away, each to his own home. 3Jonathan struck the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba: and the Philistines heard of it. Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear." 4All Israel heard that Saul had struck the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel has become repulsive to the Philistines. Then the people were summoned to Saul at Gilgal. 5The Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel, and brought up against Israel[a] three[b] thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the seashore in multitude: and they came up, and camped in Michmash, eastward of Beth Aven. 6When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were distressed), then the people hid themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in coverts, and in pits. 7Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8And he stayed seven days, according to the time that Samuel had said.[c] But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people began to abandon him. 9Saul said, "Bring here the burnt offering to me, and the peace offerings." He offered the burnt offering.

10It came to pass that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, look, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 11Samuel said, "What have you done?"Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash; 12therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down on me to Gilgal, and I haven't entreated the favor of YHWH.' I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt offering."

13Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of YHWH your God, which he commanded you; for now YHWH would have established your kingdom on Israel forever. 14But now your kingdom shall not continue. YHWH has sought for himself a man after his own heart, and YHWH has appointed him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept

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Saul was "twenty-one," while LXX Mss add "thirty"

[a]13:5 LXX, reading, prb: wy'lw 'l ysr'l. MT lacks "and brought up against Israel" from haplography: ysr'l-ysr'l

[b]13:5 LXX(L) Syr. MT reads "thirty"

[c]13:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg. MT lacks 'mr "said" from haplography: 'sr-'mr

that which YHWH commanded you."

15And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal, and the rest of the people went up after Saul to meet him after the men of war, when they had come up from Gilgal[a] to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men. 16And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people who were present with them, stayed in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines camped in Michmash. 17The spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shual; 18and another company turned the way to Beth Horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looks down on the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. 19Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines had said, "Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears." 20But all Israel would go down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, mattock, axe, and sickle;[b] 21and the charge[c] was one payim[d] for the plowshares and for the mattocks, and three shekels[e] for picks and axes and to set the goads. 22So it came to pass in the day of battle,[f] that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan; but Saul and his son Jonathan had them. 23The garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.

14 Now it fell on a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father. 2Saul stayed in the uttermost part of Gibeah[g] under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people who were with him were about six hundred men; 3and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son

[a]13:15 LXX. MT lacks "and the rest…Gilgal" from haplography: mn hglgl-mn hglgl. See Klein, 122-23
[b]13:20 LXX which reads drepanen = hrmsw. MT reads mhrstw "plowshare." Others: "mattock," "coulter," "hoe"
[c]13:21 The Hebrew word "ptsirah" occurs only here. Others translate as "sharpening"
[d]13:21 The payim (or, pim) occurs only here in the scriptures. In excavations in Israel stones marked "pym" had an average weight of 0.27 ounces, equivalent to two-thirds of a shekel. Others translate pym as "file," "edges" or "multi-grooved file"
[e]13:21 LXX which reads treis sikloi eis ton odonta = sls sql lsn "three shekels for the prong." MT reads wlsls qlswn "and for three picks," which some translate as "and for three-pronged forks." Since LXX translates "king's weight" (lit. stones) as "king's shekel" in 2 Samuel 14:26, perhaps shekel is a translation for payim.
[f]13:22 LXX reads "on the day of the battle of Michmash"
[g]14:2 LXX cf. Tg reads ep akrou tou bounou "on top of the hill"

of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of YHWH in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. The people did not know that Jonathan was gone. 4Between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side, and a rocky crag on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. 6Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, and let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that YHWH will work for us; for there is no restraint on YHWH to save by many or by few." 7His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that your heart inclines toward.[a] Look, I am with you, my heart is as your heart."[b] 8Then Jonathan said, "Look, we will pass over to the men, and we will reveal ourselves to them. 9If they say thus to us, 'Wait until we come to you.' then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up to them. 10But if they say this, 'Come up to us.' then we will go up; for YHWH has delivered them into our hand. This shall be the sign to us."

11Both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they had hidden themselves." 12The men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armor bearer, and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you something."

Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me; for YHWH has delivered them into the hand of Israel." 13Jonathan climbed up on his hands and on his feet, and his armor bearer after him. And they fell before[c] Jonathan; and his armor bearer killed them after him. 14That first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 15And there was a terror in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders were terrified. And the earth quaked, and it became a terror of God.[d] 16And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin saw, and look, the multitude was scattering here[e] and there. 17Then Saul said to the people who were with him,

[a]14:7 LXX, which reads, prb: lbbk nth lw "your heart inclines toward" MT reads blbbk nth lk: "in your heart. Turn." See McCarter, 235-36.
[b]14:7 LXX, which reads, prb: klbby klbbk "my heart is as your heart." MT reads klbbk "you according to your heart," having lost klbby from haplography
[c]14:13 MT, reading wyplw "and they fell." LXX OL read kai epeblepsen = wypnw "and when they turned toward," a difference of one letter. LXX OL Mss also add kai epataxen autous = wykm "and he struck them," possibly lost from homoioarcton: w-w
[d]14:15 LXX Tg Syr read "YHWH"
[e]14:16 LXX. MT lacks "here," from homoioteleuton: hlm-whlm

"Count now, and see who is missing from us." When they had counted, look, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there.

18And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring near the ephod," for he wore the ephod at that time before Israel.[a] 19And it happened, while Saul was speaking to the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

20Saul and all the people who were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle: and look, every man's sword was against his fellow: a very great confusion. 21Now the Hebrews who were with the Philistines as before, and who went up with them into the camp, they too turned[b] to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed closely after them in the battle. 23So YHWH saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over by Beth Aven.[c] And all the people with Saul were about ten thousand men. And the battle extended itself into every city in the hill country of Ephraim.[d]

24And Saul committed a great blunder that day,[e] for he had placed the people under an oath, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats any food until it is evening, and I am avenged of my enemies." So none of the people tasted food.

25All the people came into the forest; and there was honey on the ground. 26When the people had come to the forest, look, a flow of honey, but no man would raise[f] his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath. 27But Jonathan did not hear when his father commanded the people with the oath, so he put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and raised his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened. 28Then one of the people answered, and said, "Your father directly commanded the people with an oath, saying, 'Cursed is the man who eats food this day.'" The people were faint.

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[a]14:18 LXX(BL) OL Ms. MT "Bring the ark of God for the ark of God that day and the children of Israel." The Hebrew verb "bring near" is properly applied to the use of the ephod. Cf. 23:9, 30:7

[b]14:21 LXX, reading sbybw gm "they too turned." MT has a different word division, reading sbyb wgm "from all around, even they also turned"

[c]14:23 LXX(L) OL read "Beth Horon"

[d]14:23 LXX. MT lacks "And all the…Ephraim," perhaps in a skip in the MT text stream from "And all the children of Israel" (cf. LXX(L)) to "And the men of Israel" (MT)

[e]14:24 LXX OL cf. DSS. MT reads "The men of Israel were distressed that day"

[f]14:26 LXX Tg OL, reading epistrephon = msyb. MT reads msyg "put," a beth-gimel confusion

29Then Jonathan said, “My father
has troubled the land. Please look
how my eyes have been
enlightened, because I tasted a little
of this honey. 30How much better if
the people had eaten freely today of
the spoil of their enemies when
they found it, for the slaughter
among the Philistines would have
been greater.[a]” 31They struck of the
Philistines that day from Michmash
to Aijalon. The people were very
faint; 32and the people pounced[b]
upon the spoil, and took sheep, and
cattle, and calves, and killed them
on the ground; and the people ate
them with the blood. 33Then they
told Saul, saying, “Look, the people
are sinning against YHWH, in that
they eat meat with the blood.”

He said, “You have dealt
treacherously. Roll a large stone
here[c] to me.” 34Saul said, “Disperse
yourselves among the people, and
tell them, ‘Bring me here every
man his ox, and every man his
sheep, and kill them here, and eat;
and do not sin against YHWH in
eating meat with the blood.’” All
the people brought every man his
ox[d] with him that night, and killed
them there.

35Saul built an altar to
YHWH. This was the first altar that
he built to YHWH. 36Saul said, “Let
us go down after the Philistines by
night, and take spoil among them
until the morning light, and let us
not leave a man of them.”

They said, “Do whatever
seems good to you.”

Then the priest said, “Let us
draw near here to God.”

37Saul asked counsel of God,
“Shall I go down after the
Philistines? Will you deliver them
into the hand of Israel?” But he did
not answer him that day. 38And
Saul said, “Come here, all you
leaders of the people; and
investigate and see how this sin has
arisen today. 39For, as YHWH lives,
who saves Israel, though it is in
Jonathan my son, he shall surely
die.” But there was not a man
among all the people who answered
him. 40Then he said to all Israel,
“You be on one side, and I and
Jonathan my son will be on the
other side.”

The people said to Saul, “Do
what seems good to you.”

41Therefore Saul said,
“YHWH, God of Israel, why have
you not answered your servant this
day? If this sin is mine or in
Jonathan my son, YHWH, God of
Israel, give Urim. But if this sin is

[a]14:30 DSS LXX. MT reads “For now there has been no great slaughter among the Philistines”
[b]14:32 Hebrew Mss MT Qere LXX. MT Kethib “and they did”
[c]14:33 LXX OL Ms cf. DSS spacing. MT reads “today”
[d]14:33 LXX reads “what (was)” instead of “his ox”

in your people Israel,[a] give Thummim." And Jonathan and Saul were chosen, but the people were cleared.

42And Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. Whomever YHWH shall indicate to be taken by lot, let him die." And the people said to Saul, "This thing is not to be." And Saul prevailed over the people, and they cast lots between him and Jonathan his son.[b] And Jonathan was selected.

43Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." And Jonathan told him, and said, "I certainly did taste a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand; and look, I must die."

44Saul said, "God do so and more also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan." 45The people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has worked this great salvation in Israel? Far from it. As YHWH lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.

46Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place. 47Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the people of Ammon, and against Edom, and against Beth Rehob,[c] and against the king[d] of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and wherever he turned, he was victorious.[e] 48He did valiantly, and struck the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hand of its plunderers.[f]

49Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Jishvi, and Malkishua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merob,[g] and the name of the younger Mikal: 50and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. The name of the commander of his army was Abiner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. 51Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner

[a]14:41 LXX OL. MT lacks "Why have you . . .Israel." from haplography: ysr'l-ysr'l. Cf. McCarter, 248; Klein, 132; B. Albrektson, Text, Translation and Theology (2013), 67-72, 131
[b]14:42 LXX. MT lacks "Whomever YHWH…son" from haplography: ywntn bny-ywntn bnw. Cf. McCarter, 248; Klein, 132
[c]14:47 LXX(L). MT lacks "and against Beth Rehob" from homoioarcton: wb-wb
[d]14:47 DSS LXX Josephus. MT reads "kings"
[e]14:47 LXX. MT reads "put to the worse," an apparent waw-resh confusion
[f]14:48 DSS LXX. MT reads "plunderer"
[g]14:49 DSS LXX Vg. MT reads "Merab." Cf. McCarter, 254. 1Samuel 18:17, 19

was the son of Abiel. 52There was severe war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he took him to him.

15 Samuel said to Saul, "YHWH sent me to anoint you to be king over his people, over Israel. Now therefore listen to the voice of the words of YHWH. 2Thus says YHWH of hosts, 'I will punish[a] Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up out of Egypt. 3Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them; but kill both man and woman, infant and nursing baby, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"

4Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim,[b] two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5Saul came to the city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. 6Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amalekites, lest I sweep you away[c] with them; for you showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7Saul struck the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, that is before Egypt. 8He took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. 9But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and the cattle, and the fat ones[d] and the lambs, and all that was good, and wouldn't utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and rejected,[e] that they utterly destroyed. 10Then the word of YHWH came to Samuel, saying, 11"It grieves me that I have made Saul king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commandments." And Samuel was angry; and he cried to YHWH all night.

12And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to Carmel, and look, he set up a monument for himself, and turned, and passed on, and went down to Gilgal." And Samuel came to Saul, and look, he was offering up a burnt offering to YHWH, the

[a]15:2 Or, "have witnessed"
[b]15:4 To vocalize as Telem (cf. Joshua 15:24) cf. Klein, 146. A city in the Judean Negev. MT vocalizes as "with the lambs"
[c]15:6 Vocalized according to Syr Vg. MT vocalizes as "I gather you"
[d]15:9 LXX, reading ton edesmaton = whmsmnym "and the fat ones." MT reads whmsnym "and the second ones"
[e]15:9 Or, "worthless." LXX, reading etimomenon kai exoudenomenon = nbzh wnm'st "despised and rejected." MT reads nmbzh wnms 'th "and melted/weak it (?)"

best of the spoils which he had brought from Amalek.[a]

13And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said to him, "You are blessed by YHWH. I have performed the commandment of YHWH."

14Samuel said, "Then what does this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the cattle which I hear mean?"

15And Saul said, "I[b] have brought them from Amalek;[c] for the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle to sacrifice to YHWH your God, and I[d] have utterly destroyed the rest."

16Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stay, and I will tell you what YHWH has said to me last night."

He said to him, "Say on."

17Samuel said, "Though you were little in your own sight, weren't you made the head of the tribes of Israel? YHWH anointed you king over Israel; 18and YHWH sent you on a journey, and said to you,[e] 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until you[f] have destroyed them.' 19Why then did you not obey the voice of YHWH, but took the spoils, and did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH?"

20Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of YHWH,[g] and have gone the way which YHWH sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21But the people took of the spoil, sheep and cattle, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice to YHWH your God in Gilgal."

22Samuel said, "Has YHWH as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of YHWH? Look, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim. Because you have rejected the word of YHWH, he has also rejected you from being king."

24Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of YHWH, and your words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 25Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship YHWH."

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[a]15:12 LXX(L). MT lacks "And Samuel came…Amalek" from haplography: smw'l 'l s'wl-smw'l 'l s'wl
[b]15:15 LXX. MT reads "They"
[c]15:15 LXX. MT reads "Amalekites"
[d]15:15 LXX. MT reads "we"
[e]15:18 LXX. MT lacks "to you," from homoiologon: lk-lk
[f]15:18 LXX Tg Syr. MT "they"
[g]15:20 LXX reads "the people." Cf. v.24

[26]Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of YHWH, and YHWH has rejected you from being king over Israel.” [27]As Samuel turned about to go away, he grabbed the skirt of his robe, and it tore. [28]Samuel said to him, “YHWH has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours who is better than you. [29]And also the Eternal One of Israel will not retract[a] or change his mind; for he is not a man that he should change his mind.”

[30]Then he said, “I have sinned: yet please honor me now before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and come back with me, that I may worship YHWH your God.”

[31]So Samuel went back with Saul; and he[b] worshiped YHWH. [32]Then Samuel said, “Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.” And Agag came to him trembling. And Agag said, “Surely death is bitter.”[c]

[33]Samuel said, “As your sword has made women childless, so your mother will be childless among women.” Samuel cut Agag in pieces before YHWH in Gilgal.

[34]Then Samuel went to Ramah;[d] and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. [35]And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel mourned for Saul. And YHWH grieved that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 YHWH said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided a king for myself among his sons.”

[2]Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.”

YHWH said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, I have come to sacrifice to YHWH. [3]Call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. You shall anoint to me him whom I name to you.”

[4]And Samuel did what YHWH said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling. And they[e] said, “Is your visit peaceful,[f] seer[g]?”

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[a]15:29 DSS (ysyb) LXX. MT reads ysqr “not lie”
[b]15:31 DSS LXX(BL). MT reads “Saul”
[c]15:32 LXX OL Mss Syr. MT adds “is past” from dittography
[d]15:34 Lit. “Ramatha”
[e]16:4 Hebrew Mss Vg. MT is singular
[f]16:4 DSS LXX. MT lacks the article
[g]16:4 DSS LXX. MT lacks “seer”

5And he said, “Peaceful; I
have come to sacrifice to YHWH.
Sanctify yourselves, and come with
me to the sacrifice.” He sanctified
Jesse and his sons, and called them
to the sacrifice. 6It happened, when
they had come, that he looked at
Eliab, and said, “Surely YHWH’s
anointed is before him.” 7But
YHWH said to Samuel, “Do not
look at his appearance or at the
height of his stature, because I have
rejected him. For humans do not
see as God sees,[a] for humans look
at the outward appearance, but
God[b] looks at the heart.” 8Then
Jesse called Abinadab, and made
him pass before Samuel. He said,
“Neither has YHWH chosen this
one.” 9Then Jesse made Shimeah[c]
to pass by. He said, “Neither has
YHWH chosen this one.” 10And
Jesse made seven of his sons pass
before Samuel. And Samuel said to
Jesse, “YHWH has not chosen
these.” 11Samuel said to Jesse, “Are
all your children here?”

He said, “There remains yet
the youngest, and look, he is
keeping the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send
and get him; for we will not sit
down until he comes here.”

12And he sent and brought
him in. And he was reddish brown,
and had beautiful eyes, and was
handsome. And YHWH said,
“Arise, anoint him, for he is the
one.”

13Then Samuel took the horn
of oil, and anointed him in the
midst of his brothers: and the Spirit
of YHWH came mightily on David
from that day forward. So Samuel
rose up, and went to Ramah.[d]
14Now the Spirit of YHWH departed
from Saul, and an evil spirit from
YHWH troubled him. 15Saul’s
servants said to him, “See now, an
evil spirit from God troubles you.
16Let our lord now command your
servants who are before you, to
seek out a man who is a skillful
player on the harp. It shall happen,
when the evil spirit from God[e] is on
you, that he shall play with his
hand, and you shall be well, and it
will give you relief.[f]”

17Saul said to his servants,
“Provide me now a man who can
play well, and bring him to me.”

18Then one of the young men
answered, and said, “Look, I have
seen a son of Jesse the
Bethlehemite, who is skillful in
playing, and a mighty man of valor,
and a warrior, and articulate in

[a]16:7 LXX. MT lacks “see as God” from haplography: yr’h-yr’h
[b]16:7 LXX. MT reads “YHWH”
[c]16:9 Cf. LXX Mss OL and 2Samuel 13:3,32. MT reads “Shammah,” having lost an ayin in transcription
[d]16:13 Lit. “Ramatha”
[e]16:16 LXX lacks “from God,” which may be an addition in reminiscence of v. 15
[f]16:16 Or, respite. LXX, which reads, prb: rwhh lk.MT lacks “and it will give you relief” from haplography: lk-lk. Cf. McCarter, 280

speech, and a handsome man; and YHWH is with him."

19Therefore Saul sent
messengers to Jesse, and said,
"Send me David your son, who is
with the sheep."

20And Jesse took a donkey
and loaded it with an omer of
bread,[a] and a skin of wine, and a
young goat, and sent them by
David his son to Saul. 21David
came to Saul, and stood before him.
He loved him greatly; and he
became his armor bearer. 22Saul
sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let
David stand before me; for he has
found favor in my sight." 23It
happened, when the spirit from
God was on Saul, that David took
the harp, and played with his hand:
so Saul was refreshed, and was
well, and the evil spirit departed
from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle; and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and camped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. 2Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and camped in the Valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 3The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. 4There went out a champion out of the camp[b] of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six feet eight inches.[c] 5He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6And he had bronze shin guards on his legs, and a javelin of bronze between his shoulders. 7The staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and his shield bearer went before him. 8He stood and shouted to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to set your battle in array? Am I not a Philistine, and you servants to Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then you will be our servants, and serve us." 10The Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together."

[a]16:20 LXX(L) OL. MT lacks "and loaded it with an omer of" from haplography: hmwr-'mr

[b]17:4 LXX(B) reads "the ranks"

[c]17:4 Or, 2.0 meters, using the Hebrew short cubit of 45 cm. DSS LXX, cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 6.171), reading "four cubits and a span." MT reads "six cubits and a span," which would be nine feet nine inches. A scribe accidentally copied the number six from v.7 by parablepsis, where the word hundred מאות looks similar to the word for cubit אמות in v.4

[11]When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. [12]Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons. And in the days of Saul the man was old and advanced in years.[a] [13]The three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle. And the names of his[b] sons who went to the battle were Eliab, the firstborn, and Abinadab, the second, and Shimeah,[c] the third. [14]David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul. [15]Now David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. [16]The Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. [17]Jesse said to David his son, "Now take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp and give[d] them to your brothers; [18]and bring these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers are doing, and bring back news." [19]Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. [20]David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the place of the wagons, as the army which was going forth to the fight shouted for the battle. [21]Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, army against army. [22]David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. [23]As he talked with them, look, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words: and David heard them. [24]All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were terrified. [25]The men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? He has surely come up to defy Israel. It shall be, that the man who kills him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house exempt in Israel."

[26]David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done to the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the disgrace from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

[27]The people answered him in this way, saying, "So shall it be done to the man who kills him."

[a]17:12 LXX Syr. MT reads "old among men"
[b]17:13 LXX(A). MT adds "three"
[c]17:13 2Samuel 13:3,32 cf. LXX Mss. MT reads "Shammah," having lost an ayin in transcription
[d]17:17 LXX(A). MT lacks "and give" from haplography: hmhnh-wtnh

28Eliab his eldest brother
heard when he spoke to the men;
and Eliab's anger was kindled
against David, and he said, "Why
have you come down? With whom
have you left those few sheep in the
wilderness? I know your insolence
and the wickedness of your heart;
for you have come down that you
might see the battle."

29David said, "What have I
now done? Is there not a cause?"
30He turned away from him toward
another, and spoke like that again;
and the people answered him again
the same way. 31When the words
were heard which David spoke,
they rehearsed them before Saul;
and he sent for him. 32David said to
Saul, "Let not my lord's[a] heart fail
because of him. Your servant will
go and fight with this Philistine."

33Saul said to David, "You
are not able to go against this
Philistine to fight with him; for you
are but a youth, and he a man of war
from his youth."

34David said to Saul, "Your
servant was keeping his father's
sheep; and when a lion or a bear
came, and took a lamb out of the
flock, 35I went out after him, and
struck him, and rescued it out of his
mouth. When he arose against me,
I caught him by his beard,[b] and
struck him, and killed him. 36Your
servant struck both the lion and the
bear, and this uncircumcised
Philistine shall be as one of them.
Should I not go and smite him, and
remove this day a disgrace from
Israel? For who is this
uncircumcised one,[c] since he has
defied the armies of the living
God?" 37David said, "YHWH who
delivered me out of the paw of the
lion, and out of the paw of the bear,
he will deliver me out of the hand
of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go; and
YHWH shall be with you." 38Saul
dressed David with his clothing. He
put a helmet of bronze on his head,
and he clad him with a coat of mail.
39David strapped his sword on his
clothing, and he tried to move; for
he had not tested it. Then David
said to Saul, "I can't go with these;
for I have not tested them." So they
took them off him.[d]
40He took his staff in his hand, and
chose for himself five smooth
stones out of the brook, and put
them in the shepherd's bag which
he had, even in his wallet. His sling
was in his hand; and he drew near
to the Philistine. 41The Philistine
came on and drew near to David;
and the man who bore the shield
went before him. 42When the
Philistine looked and saw David, he
despised him, for he was but a
youth, and ruddy, and handsome in

[a]17:32 LXX. MT reads "a man's heart"
[b]17:35 MT, which reads bzqnw. LXX reads prb: bgrwnw "his throat"
[c]17:36 LXX. MT lacks "Should I not… one" from haplography: h'rl hzh k-h'rl hzh k, followed by partial repair of k'hd mhm. See McCarter, 287
[d]17:39 LXX. MT reads "So David took them off him"

appearance. 43The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with a stick and stones?" And David said, "No, worse than a dog."[a] And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky, and to the animals of the field."[b]

45Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to you in the name of YHWH of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46Today, YHWH will deliver you into my hand; and I will strike you, and take your head from off you. And I will give your corpse and the corpses[c] of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air, and to the wild animals of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in[d] Israel, 47and that all this assembly may know that YHWH doesn't save with sword and spear: for the battle is YHWH's, and he will give you into our hand."
48It happened, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49David put his hand in his bag, took a stone, and slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51Then David ran, and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of its sheath, and killed him, and cut off his head therewith. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. 52The men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued them[e] as far as Gath,[f] and to the gates of Ekron.[g] The wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath, and to Ekron. 53The children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. 54David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem;[h] but he put his armor in his tent. 55When Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the

[a]17:43 LXX(BN) Josephus (Ant. 6.186). MT lacks "and stones…dog" from haplography: -mql to mkl-
[b]17:44 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Mss Vg read ulebehemat ha'aretz "animals of the land." LXX(AL) and v.46 = ulechayyat ha'aretz "wild animals of the land." MT reads ulebehemat hassadeh "animals of the field"
[c]17:46 LXX. MT lacks "and the corpses" from haplography: pgrk-wpgr
[d]17:46 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Mss Vg. MT reads "to"
[e]17:52 LXX. MT reads "pursued the Philistines"
[f]17:52 LXX. MT reads "valley"
[g]17:52 MT LXX(Ax) Tg Syr Vg. LXX(BL) reads "as Gath, and as far as the gate of Ashkelon."
[h]17:54 Cf. Joshua 10:1 fn

captain of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?"

Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I can't tell."

[56]The king said, "Inquire whose son the young man is."

[57]As David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. [58]Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, you young man?"

David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

18 It happened, when he had made an end of speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. [2]Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. [3]Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. [4]Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and gave it to David, and his clothing, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his sash. [5]Then Saul set him over the men of war, and David went out, succeeding wherever Saul sent him.[a] And it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. [6]It happened as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music. [7]The women sang one to another as they played, and said,

"Saul has slain his thousands,
David his ten thousands."

[8]Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands. What can he have more but the kingdom?" [9]Saul eyed David from that day and forward. [10]It happened on the next day, that an evil spirit from God came mightily on Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house. David played with his hand, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; [11]and Saul threw the spear; for he said, "I will pin David even to the wall." David escaped from his presence twice. [12]Saul was afraid of David, because YHWH was with him, and had departed from Saul. [13]Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

[a]18:5 LXX(L). The first four Hebrew words were apparently lost from homoioarcton: wy-wy, and restored in MT after yskyl ("succeeding"). Cf. McCarter, I Samuel, 303; Klein, 1 Samuel, 172; B. A. Taylor, The Lucianic Manuscripts of 1 Reigns, 64-65

14David behaved himself
wisely in all his ways; and YHWH
was with him. 15When Saul saw
that he behaved himself very
wisely, he stood in awe of him.
16But all Israel and Judah loved
David; for he went out and came in
before them. 17Saul said to David,
"Look, my elder daughter Merob,[a]
I will give her to you as wife. Only
be valiant for me, and fight
YHWH's battles." For Saul said,
"Do not let my hand be on him, but
let the hand of the Philistines be on
him." 18David said to Saul, "Who
am I, and what is my life, or my
father's family in Israel, that I
should be son-in-law to the king?"

19But it happened at the time
when Merob,[b] Saul's daughter,
should have been given to David,
that she was given to Adriel the
Meholathite as wife. 20Mikal,
Saul's daughter, loved David; and
they told Saul, and the thing
pleased him. 21And Saul thought, "I
will give her to him, that she may
be a snare to him, and that the hand
of the Philistines may be against
him." Therefore Saul said to David,
"You shall this day be my son-in-
law a second time." 22Then Saul
commanded his servants, "Talk
with David secretly, and say,
'Look, the king has delight in you,
and all his servants love you. So
now therefore be the king's son-in-
law.'"

23Saul's servants spoke those
words in the ears of David. David
said, "Does it seem to you a little
thing to be the king's son-in-law,
since I am a poor man, and
insignificant?"

24The servants of Saul told
him, saying, "David spoke like
this."

25Saul said, "You shall tell
David, 'The king desires no dowry
except one hundred foreskins of the
Philistines, to be avenged of the
king's enemies.'" Now Saul
thought to make David fall by the
hand of the Philistines. 26When his
servants told David these words, it
pleased David well to be the king's
son-in-law. The days were not
expired; 27and David arose and
went, he and his men, and killed of
the Philistines one hundred[c] men;
and David brought their foreskins,
and they gave them in full number
to the king, that he might be the
king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave
him his daughter Mikal as wife.
28And Saul saw and knew that
YHWH was with David, and that all
Israel[d] loved him, 29then Saul was
even more afraid of David. So Saul
was David's enemy continually.
30Then the leaders of the Philistines
went forth: and it happened, as
often as they went forth, that David
behaved himself more wisely than
all the servants of Saul; so that his
name was highly esteemed.

[a]18:17 LXX(AL) Vg. MT reads "Merab." Cf. McCarter, 254
[b]18:19 LXX(AL) Vg. MT reads "Merab"
[c]18:27 LXX(BL). 2 Samuel 3:14. MT reads "two hundred"
[d]18:28 LXX. MT reads "and Mikal Saul's daughter loved him"

19 Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. 2Jonathan told David, saying, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Now therefore, please take care of yourself in the morning, and keep hidden in a secret place.[a] 3I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk with my father about you; and if I see anything, I will tell you."

4Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David; because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you; 5for he put his life in his hand, and struck the Philistine, and YHWH worked a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

6Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, "As YHWH lives, he shall not be put to death."

7Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as before. 8There was war again. David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him.

9An evil spirit from God[b] was on Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10Saul sought to pin David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he stuck the spear into the wall. David fled, and escaped that night. 11Saul sent messengers to David's house, to watch him, and to kill him in the morning. Mikal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." 12So Mikal let David down through the window. He went, fled, and escaped. 13Mikal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with the clothes. 14When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

15Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." 16When the messengers came in, look, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head.

17Saul said to Mikal, "Why have you deceived me thus, and let

[a]19:2 Lit. "and hide and stay in secret." LXX word order. MT reads "and stay in secret and hide"

[b]19:9 LXX(Bemwy). LXX(Nrell) omit. MT reads "YHWH." Cf. McCarter, 324; Klein, 193

my enemy go, so that he is escaped?"

Mikal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?'"

18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived in the dwellings.[a] 19 And it was told to Saul, saying, "Look, David is in the dwellings at Ramah."

20 And Saul sent messengers to capture David. But when they[b] saw a company[c] of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 When it was told to Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 And Saul became very angry,[d] and he himself also went to Ramah, and came to the cistern of the threshing floor that is on the bare hill.[e] And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" And one said, "Look, they are in the dwellings[f] at Ramah."

23 So he went there to the dwellings at Ramah. Then the Spirit of God came on him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to the dwellings at Ramah. 24 He also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Samuel,[g] and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

20 Then David fled from the dwellings at Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?"

2 He said to him, "Far from it; you shall not die. Look, my father does nothing either great or small, but that he discloses it to me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so."

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[a] 19:18 Hebrew: navith (Kethib) or naioth (Qere). Possibly related to navah "dwelling." Cf. Exodus 15:13, Job 8:6, Zephaniah 2:6

[b] 19:20 Hebrew Ms LXX Tg Syr Mss Vg OL Ms. MT reads "he"

[c] 19:20 LXX reads ekklesian = qhlt "assembly"

[d] 19:22 LXX. MT lacks "And Saul became very angry," from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

[e] 19:22 LXX, = hgrn 'sr bspy "(cistern of) the threshing floor that is on the bare hill." MT reads hgdwl 'sr bskw "(cistern) the great that is in Secu," an rn(f)-dl and py-kw confusion, where hgrn "threshing floor" was misread as hgdl (with waw added) "the big," and bspy "bare hill" as bskw "in Secu"

[f] 19:22 See 19:18 fn

[g] 19:24 LXX(B) reads "before them"

3And David answered[a] and said, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly as YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death."

4Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you."

5So David said to Jonathan, "Look, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat. Instead, let me go so that I may hide myself in the field until evening.[b] 6If your father missed me at all, then say, 'David urgently requested of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city, for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family.' 7If he says, 'It is well;' your servant shall have peace: but if he be angry, then know that evil is determined by him. 8Therefore deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of YHWH with you: but if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father?"

9Jonathan said, "Far be it from you; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then wouldn't I tell you that?"

10Then David said to Jonathan, "Who shall tell me if your father answers you harshly?"

11Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." They both went out into the field. 12Jonathan said to David, "YHWH, the God of Israel, is witness.[c] When I have studied my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, look, if there is good toward David, shall I not then send to you, and disclose it to you? 13God[d] do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do you evil, if I do not disclose it to you, and send you away, that you may go in peace. And may YHWH be with you, as he has been with my father. 14And if I am still alive, deal loyally with me.[e] But if I die, 15do not cut off your loyalty from my house forever. And[f] when YHWH cuts off the enemies of David, each one from the face of the earth, 16if[g] the name of Jonathan be cut off from[h] the house of David, then may YHWH require it at the hand of the enemies of David." 17And Jonathan

[a]20:3 LXX. MT reads "And David swore again"
[b]20:5 LXX. MT reads "until the third evening," a harmonization to v.35
[c]20:12 LXX Syr. MT lacks "is witness" from haplography by homoioarcton, where 'd fell out following dwd
[d]20:13 LXX. MT reads "YHWH." Cf. 3:17; McCarter, 336
[e]20:14 LXX. MT reads
[f]20:15 LXX(L). MT adds "not"
[g]20:16 LXX(L). MT lacks "if"
[h]20:16 LXX. MT reads "And Jonathan cut with." Cf. McCarter, 337; Klein, 203 fn 16.a.-a.

swore to David[a] again, because he loved him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 18Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the new moon: and you will be missed, because your seat will be empty. 19On the third day you should go down quickly, and come to the place where you hid yourself when this started, and stay by that mound.[b] 20And as for me, on the third day I will shoot arrows to its side, as though I shot at a mark. 21Look, I will send the boy, saying, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I tell the boy, 'Look, the arrow[c] is on this side of you. Take it;' then come; for there is peace to you and no hurt, as YHWH lives. 22But if I say this to the boy, 'Look, the arrow[d] is beyond you;' then go your way; for YHWH has sent you away. 23Concerning the matter which you and I have spoken of, look, YHWH is a witness[e] between you and me forever."

24So David hid himself in the field. And when the new moon had come, the king sat at the table[f] to eat. 25The king sat on his seat, as at other times, even on the seat by the wall; and Jonathan sat opposite,[g] and Abner sat by Saul's side: but David's place was empty. 26Nevertheless Saul did not say anything that day: for he thought, "Something has happened to him. He is not clean. Surely he is not clean."

27It happened on the next day after the new moon, the second day, that David's place was empty. Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why hasn't the son of Jesse come to the table,[h] either yesterday or today?"

28Jonathan answered Saul, and said,[i] "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem. 29He said, 'Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city. And as for me, my brothers[j] have ordered me to be there. Now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me go away and see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the king's table."

30Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse rebellious woman,[k] do I not know that you are the companion[l] of the

[a]20:17 Cf. LXX (Niphal). MT reads "caused David to swear" (Hiph)
[b]20:19 LXX. MT reads "the stone Ezel." Cf. v.41
[c]20:21 LXX. MT reads "arrows"
[d]20:22 LXX. MT reads "arrows"
[e]20:23 LXX Tg. MT lacks "a witness"
[f]20:24 LXX, reading, prb: 'l hslhn. MT reads 'l hlhm "to the meal"
[g]20:25 LXX, reading, prb: wyqdm "opposite, in front." MT reads wyqm "stood up"
[h]20:27 DSS LXX, reading 'l hslhn. MT reads 'l hlhm "to the meal"
[i]20:28 (DSS) LXX. MT lacks "and said"
[j]20:29 DSS. MT reads "And he, my brother"
[k]20:30 DSS cf. LXX reads "a rebellious slave girl"
[l]20:30 LXX. MT reads "you choose"

son of Jesse to your own shame,
and to the shame of your mother's
nakedness? 31For as long as the son
of Jesse lives on the earth, your
kingdom will not be established.[a]
Therefore now send and bring him
to me, for he shall surely die."

32But Jonathan answered
Saul,[b] "Why should he be put to
death? What has he done?"

33Then Saul raised[c] his spear
at him to strike him, and Jonathan
realized that this evil[d] from his
father to kill David was
determined. 34So Jonathan sprang
up[e] from the table in fierce anger,
and ate no food the second day of
the month; for he was grieved for
David, because his father had
dishonored him. 35It happened in
the morning, that Jonathan went out
into the field at the time appointed
with David, and a little boy with
him. 36He said to the[f] boy, "Run,
find now the arrows which I shoot."
And as the boy ran, he shot an
arrow, causing it to pass beyond,
toward the city.[g] 37When the boy
had come to the place of the arrow
which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan
cried after the boy, and said, "Isn't
the arrow beyond you?" 38Jonathan
called after the youth,[h] "Go fast.
Hurry. Do not delay." Jonathan's
boy gathered up the arrows, and
came to his master. 39But the boy
did not know anything. Only
Jonathan and David knew the
matter. 40Jonathan gave his
weapons to his boy, and said to
him, "Go, carry them to the city."

41As soon as the boy was
gone, David arose from beside the
mound,[i] and fell on his face to the
ground, and bowed himself three
times. They kissed one another, and
wept one with another, and David
wept the most. 42Jonathan said to
David, "Go in peace, because we
have both sworn in the name of
YHWH, saying, 'YHWH shall be[j]
between me and you, and between
my descendants and your
descendants, forever.'" He[k] arose
and departed; and Jonathan went
into the city.

21 Then David came to
Nob to Ahimelech
the priest.
Ahimelech came to meet David

[a]20:31 DSS LXX. MT reads "you will not be established, nor your kingdom"
[b]20:32 LXX, reading "answered Saul." DSS LXX(L) read "answered his father and said." LXX(N rell): "answered Saul his father and said." MT: "answered Saul his father and said to him."
[c]20:33 LXX. MT vocalizes as "threw"
[d]20:33 LXX. MT lacks "evil," possibly from homoioarcton: h-h
[e]20:34 DSS LXX, which read "sprang up." MT reads "rose"
[f]20:36 DSS LXX. MT reads "his"
[g]20:36 DSS. MT lacks "toward the city" from haplography
[h]20:37 LXX. MT reads "boy"
[i]20:41 LXX, reading הארגב. MT has misread as הנגב "the south," involving a resh-nun confusion. In v.19 MT misread as האבן "the stone"
[j]20:42 LXX adds "witness"
[k]20:42 DSS LXX read "David"

trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no man with you?" 2David said to[a] the priest, "The king has commanded me a business, and has said to me, 'Let no man know anything of the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded you; and I have arranged to meet[b] the young men at a certain place.'

3Now, if[c] there are five loaves of bread under your control, give them into my hand, or whatever there is."

4And the priest answered David, and said, "There is no common bread in my control, but there is holy bread. If[d] the young men have kept themselves from women, they may eat of it."[e]

5And David answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I set out. All[f] the young men are holy, even when it is an ordinary mission. So how much more today will their vessels be holy?" 6So the priest gave him what had been consecrated, for there was no bread there but the show bread, that had been removed[g] before YHWH, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before YHWH; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the best of the herdsmen who belonged to Saul. 8David said to Ahimelech, "Isn't there here under your control spear or sword? For I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."

9The priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, look, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind an ephod.[h] If you will take that, take it; for there is no other except that here."

David said, "There is none like that. Give it to me."

10David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11The servants of Achish said to him, "Isn't this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another about him in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands?'" 12David laid up these words in his heart, and was very afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13He changed his behavior before them, and pretended to be mad in

[a]21:2 DSS LXX(B). MT adds "Ahimelech"
[b]21:2 Or, "have stationed." DSS Vg. MT reads "directed"
[c]21:3 LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "what"
[d]21:4 DSS LXX OL Vg. DSS(corr) MT add 'k "only"
[e]21:4 DSS. MT lacks "they may eat of it" from haplography: w-w
[f]21:5 DSS LXX. MT reads kly "The vessels"
[g]21:6 DSS sg. MT pl
[h]21:9 DSS. MT reads "the ephod" and has a different form for "behind"

their hands, and drummed[a] on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle run down his beard. 14Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? 15Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

22 David therefore departed there, and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. 2Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented, gathered themselves to him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. 3David went there to Mizpeh of Moab, and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother stay[b] with you, until I know what God will do for me." 4He brought them before the king of Moab; and they lived with him all the while that David was in the stronghold. 5The prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Depart, and go into the land of Judah." Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth.[c] 6Saul heard that David had been discovered, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was in Gibeah, sitting under the tamarisk tree at the high place,[d] with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him.

7And he said to them,[e] "Hear now, you Benjamites. Will the son of Jesse give everyone of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, 8that all of you have conspired against me, and there is none who discloses to me when my son makes a covenant[f] with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you who is sorry for me, or discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"

9Then Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, answered and said, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10He inquired of God[g] for him, gave him food, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

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[a]21:13 LXX. MT reads "scribbled," a possible pey(f)-waw confusion in an early square script (cf. DSS)
[b]22:3 Hebrew Ms Syr Vg. MT reads "come out"
[c]22:5 Josephus (*Ant.* 6.249) calls this city "Sarin," i.e. "Saris"
[d]22:6 LXX Mss. MT reads "on the height" or "at Ramah"
[e]22:7 LXX(BA), which is a conflation of "And he said to them" plus the text of MT. MT reads "And Saul said to his servants who stood about him." LXX is a conflation of the two readings
[f]22:8 An ellipse, the object "covenant" omitted in the Hebrew but here supplied
[g]22;10 DSS LXX. MT reads "YHWH"

[11]Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king. [12]Saul said, "Hear now, you son of Ahitub."

He answered, "Here I am, my lord."

[13]Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread, and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"

[14]Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, "Who among all your servants is so faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and a commander[a] over[b] your bodyguard, and honored in your house? [15]Have I today begun to inquire of God for him? Be it far from me. Do not let the king impute anything to his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for your servant knows nothing of all this, less or more."

[16]The king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you, and all your father's house." [17]The king said to the guard who stood about him, "Turn, and kill the priests of YHWH; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me." But the servants of the king wouldn't put forth their hand to fall on the priests of YHWH. [18]The king said to Doeg, "Turn and attack the priests."

Doeg the Edomite turned, and he attacked the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five people who wore a linen ephod. [19]He struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing babies, and cattle and donkeys and sheep.[c] [20]One of the sons of Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. [21]Abiathar told David that Saul had slain YHWH's priests. [22]David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I am responsible[d] for all the lives of your father's house. [23]Stay with me, do not be afraid; for he who seeks my life seeks your life. For with me you shall be in safeguard."

23 David was told, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing floors."

[a]22:14 Cf. LXX Tg. MT reads "turns aside"
[b]22:14 Tg. MT reads "to"
[c]22:19 LXX(BN). MT adds "with the edge of the sword"
[d]22:22 LXX Syr, reading "I am responsible." MT reads "I have turned," a misreading involving a chet-samekh interchange or confusion

2Therefore David inquired of YHWH, saying, "Shall I go and strike these Philistines?" YHWH said to David, "Go strike the Philistines, and save Keilah."

3David's men said to him, "Look, we are afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"

4Then David inquired of YHWH yet again. YHWH answered him, and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into your hand."

5David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their livestock, and killed them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 6It happened, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David, that he went down with David to Keilah,[a] having an ephod in his hand.

7Now it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. So Saul said, "God has sold[b] him into my hand, for he has shut himself in by entering into a town that has gates and bars." 8Then Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. 9David knew that Saul was devising mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod[c] here." 10Then David said, "YHWH, God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11And now, will[d] Saul come down, as your servant has heard? YHWH, God of Israel,[e] tell your servant." And YHWH said, "He will come down."

12Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?"

YHWH said, "They will deliver you up."

13Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went wherever they could go. And Saul was told[f] that David had escaped Keilah; so he gave up the pursuit. 14David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but YHWH[g] did not

[a]23:6 LXX(B). MT lacks "that he with David" from haplography: dwd-dwd, with a subsequent transposition of yrd 'pwd. Cf. McCarter, 369; Klein, 228
[b]23:7 LXX Tg, reading mkr. MT reads nkr "alienated"
[c]23:9 LXX adds "of YHWH"
[d]23:11 LXX, reading kai nun = w'th. MT lacks "And now," and adds "Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand," which appears to be a dittograph from v. 12. Cf. DSS reconstruction of extant text and space considerations. Ulrich, BQS, 282; Klein, 228; McCarter, 370
[e]23:11 DSS LXX Vg. MT adds "please"
[f]23:13 LXX Mss DSS. MT reverses word order
[g]23:14 DSS LXX. MT reads "God"

deliver him into his hand. 15Now David was afraid that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh.

16Jonathan, Saul's son, set out and came to David at Horesh and encouraged him in YHWH.[a] 17He said to him, "Do not be afraid; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you; and you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you; and that also Saul my father knows." 18They both made a covenant before YHWH: and David stayed at Horesh, and Jonathan went to his house. 19Then the Ziphites came up to Saul to Gibeah, saying, "Doesn't David hide himself with us in the strongholds at Horesh, on the hill of Hakilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon? 20Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of your soul to come down. It will be our responsibility to deliver him up into the king's hand."

21Saul said, "You are blessed by YHWH; for you have had compassion on me. 22Please go investigate[b] again, and look around and learn the place where his swift foot is,[c] for I am told that he is very clever. 23See therefore, and find out all the hiding places where he hides himself, and come back to me when you know for certain, and I will go with you. And it shall happen, if he is in the land, that I will search for him among all the thousands of Judah."

24They arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of Jeshimon. 25Saul and his men went to seek him. When David was told, he went down to the rock, and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard that, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon. 26And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain. And David was hurrying to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men surrounded David and his men to take them. 27But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come; for the Philistines have made a raid on the land." 28So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Rock of Divisions.29David went up from there, and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.

24 It happened, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, "Look, David is in the wilderness of En Gedi." 2Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of

[a]23:16 DSS LXX. MT reads "God"
[b]23:22 Hebrew Mss Syr. MT reads "make firm," an apparent beth-kaph confusion
[c]23:22 LXX. MT reads "place where his foot is, who has seen him there"

the wild goats. [3]He came to the sheep pens by the way, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were abiding in the innermost parts of the cave. [4]The men of David said to him, "Look, the day of which YHWH said to you, 'Look, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose, and cut off an edge of Saul's robe secretly. [5]It happened afterward, that David's heart struck him, because he had cut off an edge of Saul's robe.[a] [6]He said to his men, "YHWH forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, YHWH's anointed, to put forth my hand against him, since he is YHWH's anointed." [7]So David restrained his men with these words and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. [8]Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, saying, "My lord the king."

When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and showed respect. [9]David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to men's words, saying, 'Look, David seeks your harm?' [10]Look, this day your eyes have seen how that YHWH had delivered you today into my hand in the cave, but I refused[b] to kill you, and my eye[c] spared you; and I said, 'I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is YHWH's anointed.' [11]Moreover, my father, look, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor disobedience in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, though you hunt for my life to take it. [12]May YHWH judge between me and you, and may YHWH avenge me of you; but my hand shall not be on you. [13]As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness;' but my hand shall not be on you. [14]Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? After a dead dog, or[d] one flea? [15]May YHWH therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you. May he see and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand."

[16]It came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. [17]He said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for you have done good to me, whereas I have done evil to you. [18]You have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that[e] YHWH had delivered me up into your hand and you did not kill me. [19]For if a man

[a]24:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr. MT lacks "robe"
[b]24:10 LXX. MT reads "And he will say"
[c]24:10 Vg. MT lacks "my eye" from haplography by homoioarcton: ayin-ayin
[d]24:14 DSS LXX. MT lacks "or"
[e]24:18 DSS. MT adds 't

finds his enemy, will he let him go away unharmed? Therefore may YHWH reward you good for that which you have done this day.[a] [20]Now, look, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. [21]Swear now therefore to me by YHWH, that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house."

[22]David swore to Saul. Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

25 Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Maon.[b] [2]There was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. [3]Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail. And the woman was intelligent and beautiful, but the man was harsh and evil in his dealings; and the man[c] was a Calebite. [4]David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. [5]David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. [6]Thus you are to say to my brother,[d] 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. [7]And now, look,[e] I have heard that you have shearers. Now your shepherds have been with us in the wilderness, and[f] we did not hurt them, neither was there anything missing from them, all the while they were in Carmel. [8]Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let the young men find favor in your eyes; for we come in a good day. Please give whatever comes to your hand, to your servants, and to your son David.'"

[9]And David's young men came and spoke to Nabal according to all those words, in the name of David. But he became arrogant.[g]

[10]Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "Who is David? Who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants who break away

[a]24:19 (DSS) LXX(L) cf. LXX(BO). MT has a different word order, and adds "to me"
[b]25:1 LXX(B), reading maan "Maon." MT reads "Paran"
[c]25:3 DSS LXX. MT reads "and he"
[d]25:6 Vg. MT reads "to the one who lives," which has dropped an aleph
[e]25:7 LXX. MT lacks "look" possibly from homoioteleuton: h-h
[f]25:7 LXX Syr. MT lacks "in the wilderness…and (not)" from haplography, when the scribe skipped from the ו in עמנו to the ו in ולא. Cf. McCarter, I Samuel, 392. Contrast: Klein, 1 Samuel, 245
[g]25:9 LXX(B). DSS LXX(L) read "and Nabal became arrogant." MT reads "and they waited"

from their masters these days.
11Shall I then take my bread, and
my wine,[a] and my meat that I have
slaughtered for the shearers of my
sheep,[b] and give it to men who I do
not know where they come from?"

12So David's young men
turned on their way, and went back,
and came and told him according to
all these words. 13David said to his
men, "Every man put on his
sword."

So every man put on his
sword. David also put on his sword.
About four hundred men followed
David; and two hundred stayed by
the baggage. 14But one of the young
men told Abigail, Nabal's wife,
saying, "Look, David sent
messengers out of the wilderness to
greet our master; and he railed at
them. 15But the men were very
good to us, and we were not hurt,
nor did we miss anything as long as
we went with them, when we were
in the fields. 16They were a wall to
us both by night and by day, all the
while we were with them keeping
the sheep. 17Now therefore know
and consider what you will do; for
evil is determined against our
master, and against all his house;
for he is such a worthless fellow
that one can't speak to him."

18Then Abigail hurried and
took two hundred loaves of bread,
two bottles of wine, five sheep
ready dressed, five measures of
parched grain, one hundred
clusters[c] of raisins, and two
hundred cakes of figs, and laid
them on donkeys. 19She said to her
young men, "Go on before me.
Look, I come after you." But she
did not tell her husband, Nabal. 20It
was so, as she rode on her donkey,
and came down by the covert of the
mountain, that look, David and his
men came down toward her; and
she met them.

21Now David had said,
"Surely in vain have I kept all that
this fellow has in the wilderness, so
that nothing was missed of all that
pertained to him. He has returned
me evil for good. 22God do so to[d]
David, and more also, if I leave of
all that belongs to him by the
morning light so much as one who
urinates on a wall."

23When Abigail saw David,
she hurried, and got off from her
donkey, and fell before David on
her face, and bowed herself to the
ground. 24She fell at his feet, and
said, "On me, my lord, on me be the
iniquity; and please let your
handmaid speak in your ears. Hear
the words of your handmaid.
25Please do not let my lord regard

[a]25:11 LXX OL Mss. MT reads "water"
[b]25:11 LXX. MT lacks "of my sheep," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: y-y
[c]25:18 LXX reads "grain, and one omer"
[d]25:22 LXX. MT LXX(mosc2e2) Mss add "to the enemies of." Cf. McCarter, I Samuel, 394; Klein, 1 Samuel, 245 n. 22a

this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and folly is with him; but I, your handmaid, did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. [26]Now therefore, my lord, as YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, since YHWH has withheld you from blood guiltiness, and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now therefore let your enemies, and those who seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. [27]Now this present which your servant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. [28]Please forgive the trespass of your handmaid. For YHWH will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fights the battles of YHWH; and evil shall not be found in you all your days. [29]Though men may rise up to pursue you, and to seek your soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with YHWH your God. He will sling out the souls of your enemies, as from the hollow of a sling. [30]It shall come to pass, when YHWH has done to my lord according to all the good that he has spoken concerning you, and shall have appointed you prince over Israel, [31]that this shall be no grief to you, nor offense of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause, or that my lord has avenged himself. When YHWH has dealt well with my lord, then remember your handmaid."

[32]David said to Abigail, "Blessed is YHWH, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me. [33]Blessed is your discretion, and blessed are you, that have kept me this day from blood guiltiness, and from avenging myself with my own hand. [34]For indeed, as YHWH, the God of Israel, lives, who has withheld me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there wouldn't have been left to Nabal by the morning light so much as one who urinates on a wall.[a]"

[35]So David received of her hand that which she had brought him: and he said to her, "Go up in peace to your house. Look, I have listened to your voice, and have granted your request."

[36]Abigail came to Nabal; and look, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. Therefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. [37]It happened in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. [38]It happened about ten days after, that YHWH struck Nabal, so that he died. [39]When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed is YHWH, who has taken my side in the matter of Nabal's insult, and has kept back his servant

[a]25:34 Or, male

from evil. YHWH has returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." David sent and spoke concerning Abigail, to take her to him as wife. [40]When the servants of David had come to Abigail to Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you, to take you to him as wife."

[41]She arose, and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, "Look, your handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord." [42]Abigail hurried, and arose, and rode on a donkey, with five female servants of hers who followed her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. [43]David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they both became his wives. [44]Now Saul had given Mikal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

26 The Ziphites came to Saul to Gibeah, saying, "Doesn't David hide himself in the hill of Hakilah, which is before Jeshimon?" [2]Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. [3]Saul camped in the hill of Hakilah, which is before Jeshimon, near the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. [4]David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had certainly come. [5]David arose, and came to the place where Saul had camped; and David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army: and Saul lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were camped around him. [6]Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hethite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?" Abishai said, "I will go down with you." [7]So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, look, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay around him.

[8]Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered up your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore please let me strike him with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time."

[9]David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can put forth his hand against YHWH's anointed, and be guiltless?" [10]David said, "As YHWH lives, YHWH will strike him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle and perish. [11]YHWH forbid that I should put forth my hand against YHWH's anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head, and the jar of water, and let us go."

[12]So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head; and they went away: and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any

awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from YHWH was fallen on them. 13Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being between them. 14And David called to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered, "Who are you that calls?" [a]
15David said to Abner, "Aren't you a man? Who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept watch over your lord, the king? For one of the people came in to destroy the king your lord. 16This thing isn't good that you have done. As YHWH lives, you are worthy to die, because you have not kept watch over your lord, YHWH's anointed. Now look, where is the king's spear, and where is[b] the jar of water that was by his head?"

17Saul knew David's voice, and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?"

David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." 18He said, "Why does my lord pursue after his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand? 19Now therefore, please let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it is so that God[c] has stirred you up against me, let him accept an offering. But if it is from human beings, they are cursed before YHWH; for they have driven me out this day that I shouldn't cling to YHWH's inheritance, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' 20Now therefore, do not let my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of YHWH; for the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea,[d] as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David; for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Look, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly."

22And David answered and said, "Look, the king's spear.[e] Now let one of the young men come over and get it. 23YHWH will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because YHWH delivered you into my hand today, and I wouldn't put forth my hand against YHWH's anointed. 24Look, as your life was respected this day in my eyes, so let my life be respected in the eyes of YHWH, and let him deliver me out of all oppression."

25Then Saul said to David, "You are blessed, my son David. You shall both do mightily, and shall surely prevail." So David

[a]26:14 LXX(B). LXX(MN) adds "to me." MT adds "to the king"
[b]26:16 Cf. Tg. MT lacks "where is"
[c]26:19 LXX. MT reads "YHWH." Cf. McCarter, 406
[d]26:20 LXX reads "seek my life"
[e]26:22 DSS LXX MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "the spear, O king"

went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27 David said in his heart, "I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me except[a] that I escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Israel. So shall I escape out of his hand." 2David arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath. 3David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail the Carmelite, Nabal's wife. 4It was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him. 5David said to Achish, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?" 6Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: why Ziklag pertains to the kings of Judah to this day. 7The number of the days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 8David and his men went up, and made a raid on the Geshurites, and the Girzites, and the Amalekites. And look, the land was inhabited[b] from Telam,[c] going in the direction of Shur, [d] as far as the land of Egypt.

9David struck the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the cattle, and the donkeys, and the camels, and the clothing; and he returned, and came to Achish.

10Achish said, "Against whom[e] have you made a raid today?" David would say, "Against the Negev of Judah," or "Against the Negev of the Jerahmeel,[f]" or "Against the Negev of the Kenizzites."[g] 11David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell of us, saying, 'David has done this, and this has been his way all the time he has lived in the country of the Philistines.'"

12Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel utterly to abhor him.

[a]27:1 LXX. MT has lost 'm by haplography: 'm-'m, and an infinitive absolute added
[b]27:8 Cf. LXX. MT reads "For they were inhabiting the land."
[c]27:8 LXX(MN dghlnpv) Mss, reading apo telampsour "from Telam [and] Shur," which lack a translation for bo'aka "going in the direction." MT has misread me'telam "from Telam" as me'olam "from ancient times"
[d]27:8 Cf. LXX(MN dghlnpv) Mss, reading telampsour = "Telam [to] Shur." MT reads "For they were inhabiting the land," and has misread me'telam "from Telam" as me'olam "from ancient times"
[e]27:10 DSS LXX. MT lacks "whom"
[f]27:10 DSS. MT reads "Jerahmeelites"
[g]27:10 LXX. MT reads "Kenites"

Therefore he shall be my servant forever."

28 It happened in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you are to go out with me to battle,[a] you and your men."

2David said to Achish, "Therefore you shall know what your servant will do." Achish said to David, "Therefore I will make you my bodyguard for ever."

3Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. Saul had removed the mediums, and spiritists, from the land. 4The Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and camped in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they camped in Gilboa.

5When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6When Saul inquired of YHWH, YHWH did not answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7Then Saul said to his servants, "Find for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "Look, there is a woman who is a medium at Endor."

8Saul disguised himself, and put on other clothing, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine a spirit for me, please, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you."

9The woman said to him, "Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and spiritists[b] out of the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?"

10Saul swore to her by YHWH, saying, "As YHWH lives, no punishment shall happen to you for this thing."

11Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up to you?"

He said, "Bring Samuel up for me."

12When the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul."

13The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. For what do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth."

[a]28:1 DSS LXX. MT reads "from the camp"

[b]28:9 MT has lost the final mem from haplography.

14He said to her, “What does
he look like?” She said, “An old[a]
man comes up. He is covered with
a robe.” Saul perceived that it was
Samuel, and he bowed with his face
to the ground, and showed respect.

15Samuel said to Saul, “Why
have you disturbed me, to bring me
up?” Saul answered, “I am very
distressed; for the Philistines make
war against me, and God has
departed from me, and answers me
no more, neither by prophets, nor
by dreams. Therefore I have called
you, that you may make known to
me what I shall do.”
16Samuel said, “Why then do you
ask of me, since YHWH has
departed from you and is with your
neighbor[b]? 17YHWH has done to
you as he spoke by me. YHWH has
torn the kingdom out of your hand,
and given it to your neighbor, even
to David. 18Because you did not
obey the voice of YHWH, and did
not execute his fierce wrath on
Amalek, therefore YHWH has done
this thing to you this day.
19Moreover YHWH will deliver
Israel also with you into the hand of
the Philistines; and tomorrow you
and your sons with you will fall.[c]
YHWH will deliver the army of
Israel also into the hand of the
Philistines.”

20Then Saul fell immediately
his full length on the earth, and was
terrified, because of the words of
Samuel. There was no strength in
him; for he had eaten no bread all
the day, nor all the night. 21The
woman came to Saul, and saw that
he was very troubled, and said to
him, “Look, your handmaid has
listened to your voice, and I have
put my life in my hand, and have
listened to your words which you
spoke to me. 22Now therefore,
please listen also to the voice of
your handmaid, and let me set a
morsel of bread before you; and
eat, that you may have strength,
when you go on your way.”

23But he refused, and said, I
will not eat. But his servants,
together with the woman, pressed
him;[d] and he listened to their voice.
So he arose from the earth, and sat
on the bed. 24The woman had a
fattened calf in the house. She
hurried and killed it; and she took
flour, and kneaded it, and baked
unleavened bread of it. 25She
brought it before Saul, and before
his servants; and they ate. Then
they rose up, and went away that
night.

29 Now the Philistines
gathered together all
their armies to

[a]27:14 MT, reading zqn “old.” LXX reads orthicon = zqp “upright”
[b]28:16 LXX Ms Syr, cf. 1Samuel 15:28. MT reads “you and is your enemy”
[c]28:19 LXX(B). MT reads “sons [will be] with me,” where “will fall” may have been lost from homoioarcton with sight confusion: n-g
[d]28:23 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads “and they broke forth,” a resh-tzadi metathesis

Aphek: and the Israelites camped by the spring which is in Jezreel.
2 The lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish.

3 Then the leaders of the Philistines said, "What about these Hebrews?" And Achish said to the leaders of the Philistines, "Isn't this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault in him since he defected[a] to me[b] until this day?"

4 But the leaders of the Philistines were angry with him; and the leaders of the Philistines[c] said to him, "Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where you have appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For with what should this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Should it not be with the heads of these men? 5 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands?'"

6 Then Achish called David, and said to him, "As YHWH lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the lords do not favor you. 7 Therefore now return, and go in peace, that you not displease the lords of the Philistines."

8 David said to Achish, "But what have I done? What have you found in your servant so long as I have been before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

9 Achish answered David, "I know that you are good in my sight, as an angel of God. Nevertheless the leaders of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.' 10 Therefore now rise up early in the morning, you and the servants of your lord who have come with you, and go to the place which I allotted to you. As for evil remarks,[d] take none to heart; for you are good in my sight.[e] And as soon as you are up early in the morning, and have light, depart."

11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. The Philistines went up to Jezreel.

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[a] 29:3 Lit. "fell"
[b] 29:3 LXX, which reads enepesen me = nplw 'ly "fell to me." MT lacks "to me," possibly from haplography: nplw-'ly
[c] 29:4 LXX reads "and they said to him"
[d] 29:10 Lit. "words of Belial"
[e] 29:10 LXX OL Mss. MT lacks "and go to… sight." See R. W. Klein, 1 Samuel (WBC), 275-76

30 It happened, when David and his men had come to Ziklag on the third day, that Amalek[a] had made a raid on the Negev, and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag, and burned it with fire, 2and had taken captive the women and all[b] who were in it, both small and great. They did not kill any, but carried them off, and went their way. 3When David and his men came to the city, look, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive. 4Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5David's two wives were taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in YHWH his God. 7David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring me here the ephod." Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8David inquired of YHWH, saying, "If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue; for you shall surely overtake them, and shall without fail recover all."

9So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Wadi Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. 10But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind,[c] who were so faint that they couldn't cross the Wadi Besor. 11They found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he ate; and they gave him water to drink.

12They gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. When he had eaten, his spirit came again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13David asked him, "To whom do you belong? Where are you from?" He said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14We made a raid on[d] the Negev of the Kerethites, and on that which belongs to Judah, and on the Negev of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire."

15David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this troop?" He said, "Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop." And he swore to him.[e]

[a]30:1 LXX. MT reads "the Amalekites"
[b]30:2 LXX. MT lacks "and all"
[c]30:10 LXX(L) adds "to guard"
[d]30:14 LXX Tg OL Vg. MT lacks "on"
[e]30:15 LXX(LM). MT lacks "And he swore to him" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

16When he had brought him down,
look, they[a] were spread around
over all the ground, eating,
drinking, and dancing, because of
all the great spoil that they had
taken out of the land of the
Philistines, and out of the land of
Judah. 17David struck them from
the twilight even to the evening of
the next day and he put them to
death.[b] Not a man of them escaped
from there, except four hundred
young men, who rode on camels
and fled. 18He[c] recovered all that
the Amalekites had taken; and
David rescued his two wives.
19There was nothing lacking to
them, neither small nor great,
neither sons nor daughters, neither
spoil, nor anything that they had
taken to them. David brought back
all. 20He[d] took all the flocks and the
herds, which they drove before
those other livestock, and said,
"This is David's spoil."

21David came to the two
hundred men, who were so faint
that they could not follow David,
whom he[e] also had made to stay at
the Wadi Besor; and they went
forth to meet David, and to meet the
people who were with him. And
when David came near to the
people, he greeted them. 22Then
every wicked and worthless one of
the men who had gone with David
answered, and they said, "Because
they did not go with us,[f] we will not
give them anything of the spoil that
we have recovered, except to each
man his wife and his children. And
let them take them, and depart."

23Then David said, "You shall
not do so after[g] what YHWH has
given to us, who has preserved us,
and delivered into our hand the
raiding party that came against us.
24And who will listen to you in this
matter? For they are not inferior to
you.[h] For as his share is who goes
down to the battle, so will his share
be who remains with the supplies;
they will share alike."

25It was so from that day forward,
that he made it a statute and an
ordinance for Israel to this day.
26When David came to Ziklag, he
sent of the spoil to the elders of
Judah and[i] to his friends, saying,
"Look, a present for you of the
spoil of the enemies of YHWH."
27He sent it to those who were in
Bethel, and to those who were in
Ramath[j] Negev, and to those who
were in Jattir, 28and to those who
were in Aroer, and to those who
were in Siphmoth, and to those who
were in Eshtemoa, 29and to those

[a]30:16 LXX, reading outoi = hmh. MT lacks "they" from homoioteleuton: h-h
[b]30:17 LXX(L). MT lacks "and he put them to death" from haplography by homoioteleuton: tm-tm
[c]30:18 LXX(B). MT reads "David"
[d]30:20 LXX(B). MT reads "David"
[e]30:21 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Mss Vg. MT reads "they"
[f]30:22 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "me"
[g]30:23 LXX. MT reads "so, my brothers"
[h]30:24 LXX. MT lacks "For they are…you" from haplography: -h ki to – h ki
[i]30:26 LXX. MT lacks the conjunction
[j]30:27 Cf. LXX (Rama) OL (Ramma) and Joshua 19:8. MT reads "Ramoth"

who were in Racal,[a] and to those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of the Kenizzites,[b] 30and to those who were in Hormah, and to those who were in Bor Ashan, and to those who were in Athach, 31and to those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men used to stay.

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. 2The Philistines followed hard on Saul and on his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malkishua, the sons of Saul. 3The battle was fierce against Saul, and the archers[c] found him, and he was wounded by the archers. 4Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and torture me." But his armor bearer would not; for he was terrified. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell on it. 5When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died with him. 6So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor bearer, and all his men, that same day together. 7When the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their[d] cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them. 8It happened on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. 9They cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to[e] their idols, and to the people. 10They put his armor in the house of the Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth Shan. 11But when the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, 12all the valiant men arose and traveled all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan, and brought them to Jabesh and burnt them there. 13They took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

[a]30:29 LXX reads "Carmel," a sight confusion of "in Racal" in an early square script
[b]30:29 DSS LXX and 27:10 LXX. MT reads "Kenites"
[c]31:3 Lit. "the archers with the bow." 1Chronicles 10:3. MT reads "the archers, men with the bow"
[d]31:7 LXX and 1Chronicles 10:7. MT reads "the cities"
[e]31:9 LXX and 1Chronicles 10:9. MT adds "the house [of]"

The Second Book of Samuel

1 It happened after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had stayed two days in Ziklag; 2it happened on the third day, that look, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. And it came about when he came to David that he fell to the ground and paid homage. 3David said to him, "Where do you come from?"

He said to him, "I have escaped out of the camp of Israel." 4David said to him, "How did it go? Please tell me."

He answered, "The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

5David said to the young man who had told him this, "How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"

6The young man who told him said, "I happened to be on Mount Gilboa and saw Saul leaning on his spear. And look, the chariots and the horsemen were closing in on him. 7When he turned around he saw me, and called to me. I answered, 'Here I am.' 8He said to me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' 9He said to me, 'Please stand beside me, and kill me; for anguish has taken hold of me, yet[a] there is life in me still.' 10So I stood beside him, and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. Then I took the crown that was on his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord."

11Then David grabbed his clothes and tore them, and all the men with him did the same. 12They mourned, and wept, and fasted until evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of YHWH, and for the house of Israel; because they had fallen by the sword. 13David said to the young man who had told him, "Where are you from?"

He answered, "I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite."

14David said to him, "How is it that you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy YHWH's anointed?" 15David called one of the young men, and said, "Go near, and fall on him." He struck him, so that he died. 16David said to him, "Your blood is on your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed YHWH's anointed.'"

[a]1:9 LXX Mss. MT has a conflation of variants, which adds "all"

17And David lamented with
this lamentation over Saul and over
Jonathan his son, 18and said it
should be taught to the people of
Judah.[a] Look, it is written in the
book of Jashar.

19"Your glory, Israel, is slain
on your high places.
How the mighty have fallen.
20Do not tell it in Gath.
Do not publish it in the
streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines
rejoice,
lest the daughters of the
uncircumcised
celebrate.
21You mountains of Gilboa,
let there be no dew nor rain
on you, nor fields of
offerings.
For there the shield of the
mighty was
dishonored.
The shield of Saul, no longer
anointed with oil.
22From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,
Jonathan's bow did not
retreat.
Saul's sword did not return
empty.
23Saul and Jonathan,
beloved and lovely,
not separated.
Lovely[b] in their life,
and in their death
they were not separated.
They were swifter than eagles.
They were stronger than
lions.
24You daughters of Israel, weep
over Saul,
who clothed you luxuriously
in scarlet,
who put ornaments of gold
on your clothing.
25How are the mighty fallen in the
midst of the battle.
Jonathan is slain on your
high places.
26I grieve for you, my brother
Jonathan.
You have been very pleasant
to me.
Your love for me was a
wonder,
more than the love of
women.
27How are the mighty fallen,
and the weapons of war
perished."

2 It happened after this,
that David inquired of
YHWH, saying, "Shall I
go up into any of the cities of
Judah?" YHWH said to him, "Go
up." David said, "Where shall I go
up?" He said, "To Hebron."

2So David went up there, and
his two wives also, Ahinoam the
Jezreelite and Abigail the wife of
Nabal the Carmelite, 3and the men
who were with him,[c] everyone with
his household. And they lived in[d]

[a]1:18 LXX(BMN). MT adds "bow"
[b]1:23 LXX. MT lacks "not separated. Lovely" from haplography by homoioteleuton: n'ymm-n'ymm. McCarter (p.72) retroverts as wn'ymym…n'ymym.
[c]2:3 LXX. MT adds "David brought up"
[d]2:3 Syr. MT adds "in the cities"

Hebron. [4]The men of Judah came,
and there they anointed David king
over the house of Judah. They told
David, saying, "It was the people of
Jabesh Gilead who buried Saul."
[5]David sent messengers to the men
of Jabesh Gilead, and said to them,
"Blessed are you by YHWH,
because you have shown this
kindness to your lord,[a] Saul, and
have buried him. [6]Now may YHWH
show loving kindness and truth to
you. I also will reward you for this
kindness, because you have done
this thing. [7]Now therefore let your
hands be strong, and be valiant; for
Saul your lord is dead, and also the
house of Judah has anointed me
king over them."

[8]Now Abner the son of Ner,
commander of Saul's army, had
taken Ishbaal[b] the son of Saul, and
brought him over to Mahanaim;
[9]and he made him king over Gilead,
and over the Geshurites,[c] and over
Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and
over Benjamin, and over all Israel.
[10]Ishbaal,[d] Saul's son, was forty
years old when he began to reign
over Israel, and he reigned two
years. But the house of Judah
followed David. [11]The time that
David was king in Hebron over the
house of Judah was seven years and
six months. [12]Abner the son of Ner,
and the servants of Ishbaal[e] the son
of Saul, went out from Mahanaim
to Gibeon. [13]Joab the son of
Zeruiah, and the servants of David,
went out, and met them by the pool
of Gibeon; and they sat down, the
one on the one side of the pool, and
the other on the other side of the
pool. [14]Abner said to Joab, "Let the
young men now arise and compete
before us." Joab said, "Let them
arise."

[15]Then they arose and went
over by number: twelve of the sons[f]
of Benjamin of Ishbaal[g] the son of
Saul, and twelve of the servants of
David. [16]They each caught his
opponent by the head, and thrust
his sword in his fellow's side; so
they fell down together. Therefore
that place was called Field of

[a]2:5 LXX(A 38 426) Mss. MT adds "with." LXX(L) adds "to." LXX(MN) add "to the anointed of YHWH"
[b]2:8 LXX(e2) Ms Aquila Symmachus Theodotion. MT reads "Ishbosheth," a scribal substitution of boshet, "shame," for baal, "lord," but also understood as the name of the false Canaanite god "Baal." substitution of boshet, "shame," for baal, "lord," but also understood as the name of the false Canaanite god "Baal." Cf. 1Chronicles 8:33 LXX. The scribal substitution of baal with boshet has occurred in a few other places. E.g., Mippibaal to Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 4:4-21:8. In 2Samual 11:21 Jerubbaal (cf. Judges 7:1) in the Greek has become Jerubbesheth in MT. In 1Chronicles 3:8 Baaliada (cf. 1Chr 14:7) has been changed to Eliada
[c]2:9 Vg cf. Syr. MT reads "Ashurites," a gimel-aleph confusion in a square script
[d]2:10 LXX(e2). MT reads "Ishbosheth." Cf. 2:8 fn
[e]2:12 LXX(e2). MT reads "Ishbosheth"
[f]2:15 DSS LXX(L) read lbny bnymn. MT lacks bny "sons" possibly by haplography: bny-bnymn
[g]2:15 LXX(e2). MT reads "Ishbosheth"

Blades, which is in Gibeon. 17The
battle was very severe that day, and
Abner and the men of Israel were
defeated before the servants of
David. 18The three sons of Zeruiah
were there, Joab, and Abishai, and
Asahel. And Asahel was as quick
on his feet as a wild gazelle.
19Asahel pursued after Abner, and
as he went he did not turn to the
right hand nor to the left from
following Abner. 20Then Abner
looked behind him, and said, "Is it
you, Asahel?" He answered, "It is
I."

21Abner said to him, "Turn
aside to your right hand or to your
left, and grab one of the young
men, and take his armor." But
Asahel would not stop from
pursuing him. 22Abner said again to
Asahel, "Stop pursuing me. Why
should I strike you to the ground?
How then should I hold up my face
to Joab your brother?" 23But he
refused to stop. Therefore Abner
with the back end of the spear
struck him in the body, so that the
spear came out behind him; and he
fell down there, and died in the
same place. And it came about that
all who came to the place where
Asahel had fallen and died, stopped
there. 24But Joab and Abishai
pursued after Abner: and the sun
went down when they had come to
the hill of Ammah, that lies before
Giah by the way of the wilderness
of Gibeon. 25The sons of Benjamin
gathered themselves together after
Abner, and formed a single group,
and stood on the top of a hill.
26Then Abner called to Joab, and
said, "Shall the sword devour
forever? Do you not know that it
will be bitterness in the latter end?
How long shall it be then, before
you ask the people to stop pursuing
their brothers?"

27Joab said, "As YHWH[a]
lives, if you had not spoken, surely
the people would not have given up
the pursuit of their brothers until
the morning." 28So Joab blew the
trumpet; and all the people stopped,
and no longer chased after Israel,
and they no longer fought. 29Abner
and his men went all that night
through the Arabah; and they
passed over the Jordan, and
marched the whole morning, and
came to Mahanaim. 30Joab returned
from pursuing Abner. And when he
had gathered all the people
together, there were missing from
David's servants nineteen men and
Asahel. 31But the servants of David
had struck of the people of[b]
Benjamin, from[c] the men of Abner,
three hundred and sixty men who
died. 32They took up Asahel, and
buried him in the tomb of his father,
which was in Bethlehem. Joab and
his men went all night, and the day
broke on them at Hebron.

3 Now there was long war
between the house of
Saul and the house of
David. But David grew stronger
and stronger, while the house of

[a]2:27 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "God"
[b]2:31 LXX. MT lacks "people of" from haplography: mbny-bnymn
[c]2:31 DSS LXX. MT reads "and among"

Saul grew weaker and weaker.
2Now sons were born to David in
Hebron. And his firstborn was
Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel;
3and his second, Daluiah,[a] of
Abigail[b] the Carmelite; and the
third, Absalom[c] the son of Maacah
the daughter of Talmai king of
Geshur; 4and the fourth, Adonijah
the son of Haggith; and the fifth,
Shephatiah, of Abital; 5and the
sixth, Ithream, of Eglah, David's
wife. These were born to David in
Hebron. 6And it came about while
there was war between the house of
Saul and the house of David, that
Abner was gaining power in the
house of Saul. 7Now Saul had a
secondary wife, named[d] Rizpah,
the daughter of Aiah. And Ishbaal[e]
son of Saul[f] said to Abner, "Why
have you gone in to my father's
secondary wife?" 8Then Abner was
very angry over the words of
Ishbaal, and said, "Am I a dog's
head that belongs to Judah[g]? Until
today, is it for myself that I have
been doing all these things,
showing[h] loyalty to the house of
Saul your father, to his brothers,
and to his friends, and have not
delivered you into the hand of
David? And yet you charge me this
day with a fault concerning[i] this
woman. 9God do so to Abner, and
more also, if, as YHWH has sworn
to David, I do not do even so to
him;[j] 10to transfer the kingdom
from the house of Saul, and to set
up the throne of David over Israel
and over Judah, from Dan even to
Beersheba."

11And Ishbaal could not
answer Abner another word,
because he feared him. 12Abner
sent messengers to David on his
behalf,[k] saying, "Whose is the
land?" and saying, "Make your
alliance with me, and look, my
hand shall be with you, to bring all
Israel around to you."

13He said, "Good. I will make
a covenant with you, but one thing
I require of you. That is, you shall
not see my face unless you first
bring Mikal, Saul's daughter, when
you come to see my face."

14David sent messengers to
Ishbaal, Saul's son, saying, "Give
me my wife Mikal, whom I
betrothed to myself for one
hundred foreskins of the

[a]3:3 LXX. MT reads "Kileab," a dittography of letters in the next word
[b]3:3 DSS LXX OL. MT adds "the wife of Nabal"
[c]3:3 LXX reads abessalom "Abishalom"
[d]3:7 MT LXX(L). DSS LXX(BAM) lack "named," possibly from homoioteleuton: h-h
[e]3:7 [DSS] LXX read incorrectly "Mephibosheth" = Ishbaal. MT lacks a name
[f]3:7 (DSS) LXX, reading "son of Saul." MT lacks the words
[g]3:8 LXX lacks "that belongs to Judah"
[h]3:8 LXX(L) cf. OL. MT lacks "is it for myself" and "all these things, showing," the latter due to haplography
[i]3:8 LXX. MT lacks 'l "concerning/over" from homoioarcton: ayin-ayin
[j]3:9 LXX(BL) adds "this day"
[k]3:12 LXX reads "David in Thailam." LXX(L) reads "David in Hebron"

Philistines." [15]Ishbaal sent and took her from her husband[a] Paltiel the son of Laish. [16]Her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bahurim.[b] Then Abner said to him, "Go. Return." So he returned. [17]Abner advised the elders of Israel, saying, "For some time you have wanted David to be king over you. [18]Now then do it, for YHWH has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of my servant David, I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.'"[c]

[19]And Abner also spoke privately to the sons[d] of Benjamin. And Abner also spoke privately to David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and to the whole house of Benjamin. [20]So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. David made Abner and the men who were with him a feast. [21]Abner said to David, "I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your soul desires." David sent Abner away, and he left in peace.

[22]Look, the servants of David and Joab were returning[e] from a raid, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he left in peace. [23]When Joab and all the army who was with him had come, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to David,[f] and he has sent him away, and he left in peace." [24]Then Joab came to the king, and said, "What have you done? Look, Abner came to you. Why is it that you have sent him away? Now he has gone. [25]You know the evil ways[g] of Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do."

[26]When Joab had left David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; but David did not know it. [27]When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him quietly, and struck him there in[h] the abdomen, so that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.[i] [28]Afterward, when David heard it, he said, "I and my kingdom are

[a]3:15 LXX(L). MT reads "from man, from"
[b]3:16 LXX Mss read "Barakei"
[c]3:18 1Samuel 9:16, 15:28
[d]3:19 LXX(L) Syr. MT lacks "sons of" from haplography: bny-bnymyn
[e]3:22 LXX Tg Syr Mss Vg cf. Hebrew Mss pl. MT sg
[f]3:23 DSS LXX. MT reads "to the king"
[g]3:25 LXX, which reads, prb: 't r't MT lacks "the evil ways" from haplography: yd't-'t r't
[h]3:27 Hebrew Mss LXX(MN). MT lacks "in" (lit. "upon")
[i]3:28 LXX reads "Asahel the brother of Joab"

guiltless before YHWH now[a] and forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. [29]May it whirl[b] over the head of Joab, and on all his father's[c] house. Let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has an issue, or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread."

[30]So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. [31]David said to Joab, and to all the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes, and clothe yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner." And King David followed the coffin. [32]They buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. [33]The king lamented for Abner, and said, "Should Abner die as a fool dies? [34]Your hands were not bound in chains,[d] your feet were not put into fetters. As a man falls before the ruthless, so you fell." All the people wept again over him.

[35]Then all the people came to persuade David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David swore, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or anything else, until the sun goes down." [36]All the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatever the king did pleased all the people. [37]So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. [38]The king said to his servants, "Do you not realize that a leader and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? [39]I am this day weak, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too brutal for me. May YHWH reward the evildoer according to his wickedness."

4 Now when Ishbaal,[e] Saul's son, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, he lost courage,[f] and all Israel was troubled. [2]And Ishbaal,[g] Saul's son,[h] had two men who were captains of bands; the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the people of Benjamin (for Beeroth was regarded as belonging to the people of Benjamin; [3]and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have lived as foreigners there until this day).

[4]Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son whose feet were crippled.

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[a]3:28 LXX(LMN). MT lacks "now" from haplography: h-h
[b]3:29 DSS LXX(f) katantesatw
[c]3:29 DSS reads yw'b "of Joab" instead of MT 'byw "of his father." The latter could be a transposition of letters
[d]3:34 DSS. MT lacks "in chains"
[e]4:1 LXX(MN) Mss, reading Iebosthe for Ishbosheth (=Ishbaal), cf. v.5, 8 LXX Mss. MT lacks a name here. DSS LXX(BAL) incorrectly read Mephibosheth
[f]4:1 Lit. "his hands dropped"
[g]4:2 Cf. 4:1 fn
[h]4:2 See n. 1a

He was five years old when the news came of Saul and Jonathan from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened as she was hurrying to get away that he fell and was injured. And his name was Mippibaal.[a]

[5]The sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbaal, as he took his rest at noon. [6]And look,[b] the doorkeeper of the house had been sifting wheat, and she became drowsy and fell asleep.[c] And Rechab and his brother Baanah slipped by. [7]And they went into the house where he was lying on his bed in his bedchamber. And they struck him and killed him, and beheaded him. And they took his head and went by the way of the Arabah all night. [8]They brought the head of Ishbaal to David at Hebron, and said to the king, "Look, the head of Ishbaal, the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life. YHWH has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and his descendants."

[9]David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As YHWH lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, [10]when someone told me, 'Look, Saul is dead,' thinking to have brought good news, I took hold of him, and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news. [11]How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?" [12]David commanded his young men, and they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbaal, and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron,[d] saying, "Look, we are your bone and your flesh. [2]In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. YHWH said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be ruler over Israel.'" [3]So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before YHWH; and they anointed David king over

[a]4:4 LXX Mss, reading memphibaal, which reflects "Mippibaal" = מפיבעל. MT reads מפיבשת, vocalized as "Mephibosheth," a scribal substitution of boshet, "shame," for baal, "lord," but also understood as the name of the false Canaanite god "Baal." Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 124-25

[b]4:6 LXX Tg Syr read "and look." MT "there" can be repointed to "look"

[c]4:6 LXX. MT reads "they entered into the midst of the house as if to get wheat, and they struck him in the stomach." A possibly damaged Ms led to graphic confusion of a few words

[d]5:1 DSS LXX(MN) OL. MT adds "and said"

Israel. 4David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and[a] he reigned forty years. 5In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.[b] 6The king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will repel you"; thinking, "David can't come in here." 7Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion,[c] that is, the City of David. 8David said on that day, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse, and strike the lame and the blind, those who hate the soul of David.[d]" Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame can't come into the palace." 9David lived in the stronghold, and called it the City of David. And he built a city[e] all around from the Millo and inward. 10David grew greater and greater; for YHWH[f] of hosts was with him. 11Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and craftsmen of wood, and craftsmen of a wall[g]; and they built David a palace. 12And David knew that YHWH had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. 13David took more secondary wives and wives out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron; and there were born to David more[h] sons and daughters. 14These are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, 15and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Eliphelet, and Nogah,[i] and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16and Elishama, and Baaliada,[j] and Eliphelet. 17When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed[k] king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David;

[a]5:4 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Mss Vg. MT lacks "and"
[b]5:4-5 MT LXX Tg Syr Vg. DSS and OL (cf. 1 Chronicles 11:3-4) lack these verses
[c]5:7 "Zion" (Tziyyon, BDB 8136) may be related to the word tziyyun, meaning "signpost, landmark, monument." Cf. BDB 8063; Ezekiel 31:21, 39:15. Alternatively, the Arabic root s-w-n means "defend, protect"
[d]5:8 DSS LXX Tg Syr. Qere "who are hated by David's soul"
[e]5:9 DSS LXX. The Hebrew reads w[y]bnh 'yr "And he built a city." MT reads wybn dwd "And built David"
[f]5:10 DSS LXX. MT adds "the God"
[g]5:11 DSS LXX(L) OL cf. 1Chronicles 14:1, reading "craftsmen of a wall." LXX(BMN) reads "craftsmen of stone." MT has a conflation of these variants, viz. "craftsmen of stone, a wall"
[h]5:13 DSS LXX Vg. MT has a different word order
[i]5:15 LXX(44 52 53 59 72 106 120 130 134 314 85(txt)) Mss and 1Chronicles 3:6-7. MT lacks "and Eliphelet and Nogah" from haplography: Elishua-Eliphelet, and Nogah-Nepheg. DSS spacing suggests it had Eliphelet, but apparently lost Nogah from homoioarcton: wn-wn
[j]5:16 LXX(e2) Ms, reading Baaleidath, cf. 1 Chronicles 14:7 LXX Mss, meaning, "the lord knows." MT reads "Eliada," meaning "God knows," having substituted baal with el
[k]5:17 LXX and 1Chronicles 14:8. MT reads "they had anointed David"

and David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold. 18Now the Philistines came and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim. 19David inquired of YHWH, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?" YHWH said to David, "Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Philistines[a] into your hand."
20David came to Baal Perazim, and David[b] struck them there; and he said, "YHWH has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.[c] 21And they abandoned their idols[d] there; and David and his men took them away.
22The Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 23And David inquired of YHWH, and YHWH said to him,[e] "You shall not go up. Circle around behind them, and attack them opposite the balsam trees. 24And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees,[f] that then you are to act decisively; for then YHWH has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."
25David did so, as YHWH commanded him, and struck the Philistines from Geba[g] as far as the approach to[h] Gezer.

6 And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2And David arose, and went with all the people who were with him to Baalah, that is, Kiriath Jearim of[i] Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called there[j] by

[a]5:19 LXX(L) Syr read "deliver them"
[b]5:20 OL Syr lack "David"
[c]5:20 The verb peratz means "to make a breach, burst out, breakthrough." LXX translates this into Greek as diakopon "breaches." Baal Perazim means "Lord of breaking through" or "Lord of the breakthrough"
[d]5:21 LXX reads "gods"
[e]5:23 LXX(L). MT lacks "YHWH (said) to him" from homoioarcton: l-l. Cf. Klein, 1Chronicles, 338 n 21
[f]5:24 LXX suggests "sound of the wind in the asherahs of Bachaim," involving a tzadi-samekh and dalet-resh confusion ("wind"), and a metathesis ("Bachaim")
[g]5:25 MT Tg Syr. LXX 1 Chronicles 14:16 re ad "Gibeon," but in Samuel Geba may be the earlier name
[h]5:25 LXX(L) lacks "approach," possibly from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: d-k(f)
[i]6:2 DSS, cf. 1 Chronicles 13:6 parallel. MT reads "Baali Judah" or "lords (baali) of Judah" from homoioarcton, from the lamed in Baalah to the lamed in l'Yehudah. Unaware of the homoioarcton, the copyist continued and wrote the next letter, a yod, but after seeing the next letters he realized the yod belonged to Yehudah, so he made a space and began writing Yehudah. This copyist accident resulted in the loss of text and the strange place name Baali, as opposed to Baalah in the parallel. The m_'sr before both Baalah and l'Yehudah in the Urtext may have been involved in the homoioarcton. See also Anderson, 2 Samuel, 97
[j]6:2 Hebrew Mss, reading "there" cf. Syr and LXX. MT vocalizes as "the name," reading "the name, the name"

the name of YHWH of hosts[a] who sits above the cherubim. 3And they set the ark of God[b] on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was on the hill. And Uzza and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the cart[c] 4with the ark[d]; and Ahio was walking in front of the ark.[e] 5And David and all the children[f] of Israel played before YHWH with all their strength and with songs,[g] and with harps, and with stringed instruments, and with tambourines, and with castanets, and with cymbals.

6And when they came to the threshing floor of Nodan,[h] Uzza reached out his hand[i] to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the cattle stumbled. 7And the anger of YHWH was kindled against[j] Uzza[k]; and God struck him there for his error;[l] and there he died before[m] God. 8And David was displeased, because YHWH had broken forth on Uzza[n]; and he called that place Perez Uzza,[o] to this day. 9And David was afraid of YHWH that day; and he said, "How can the ark of God come to me?" Now the ark

[a]6:2 MT LXX(L). LXX reads "of power," which is often used for "of hosts" (cf. 2 Samuel 6:18 LXX) or "mighty." DSS(vid) lacks "of hosts"

[b]6:3 MT LXX(L) Syr Vg. LXX(BAMN) reads "ark of YHWH"

[c]6:3 MT adds "they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill." This text is missing in DSS and LXX, and is thought to be an accidental repetition of the previous text

[d]6:4 LXX. MT adds "(of) God"

[e]6:4 LXX(L) reads "with the ark of God; and Uzza and Ahio were walking in front of and by the side of the ark"

[f]6:5 DSS LXX, reading bny "sons/children." MT reads byt "house"

[g]6:5 DSS LXX cf. 1 Chronicles 13:8. MT reads "with all kinds of cypress wood"

[h]6:6 DSS, reading nwdn "Nodan." Possibly from nadan: "gift" or "sheath," cf. 1Chronicles 21:27; Ezekiel 16:33. MT LXX Mss read nkwn, which means "certain" or "established." LXX Mss: nwdb "Nodab." 1 Chronicles 13:9: kydn "Kidon," a possible nw-ky confusion of original Nodan. Cf. P. K. McCarter, II Samuel (AB), 164; A. A. Anderson, 2 Samuel (WBC), 98

[i]6:6 DSS LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT lacks 't ydw "his hand"

[j]6:7 DSS LXX(LMN) MT. LXX(BA) reads "YHWH became angry with"

[k]6:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Uzzah"

[l]6:7 DSS reads "there for reaching out his hand to the ark." Cf. 1 Chronicles 13:10

[m]6:7 (DSS) and 1Chronicles 13:10. MT reads "died by the ark of," in reminiscence of v.4. Cf. Ulrich, BQS, 298

[n]6:8 DSS Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Uzzah"

[o]6:8 DSS Hebrew Mss and 1Chronicles 13:11 MT. MT reads "Uzzah"

of YHWH arrived,[a] 10but David[b] was not willing to move the ark of YHWH[c] with him to the City of David; so David[d] diverted it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 11And the ark of YHWH remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months, and YHWH blessed Obed-Edom and all his house. 12And it was told king David, saying, "YHWH has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God." And David said, "I will bring back the blessing to my house."[e] And David went and brought up the ark of YHWH[f] from the house of Obed-Edom into the City of David with joy.
13And it was so, that, when those who bore the ark of YHWH had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.[g] 14And David danced before YHWH with all his might; and David was clothed in a linen ephod. 15So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of YHWH with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. 16Now, as the ark of YHWH was[h] entering into[i] the City of David, Mikal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before YHWH; and she despised him in her heart. 17And they brought in the ark of YHWH, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had set up for it; and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before YHWH. 18And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of YHWH of hosts.

19And he gave to all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to everyone a portion of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. So all the people departed everyone to his house. 20Then David returned to bless his household. And Mikal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David.

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[a] 6:9 LXX(L), which reads pos eiseleusetai pros me he [kibotos tou theou kai elthen he] kibotos kyriou. In the manuscript word order: "How come to me the [ark of God? Now arrived the] ark YHWH." The text in brackets was lost in other Mss from haplography in the Hebrew when the scribe's eye skipped from the first 'rwn "ark" to its next occurrence. The quote of David is also found in 1 Chronicles 13:12, where it reads 'rwn h'lhym "ark of God." Cf. McCarter, 165
[b] 6:10 Vg reads "but he"
[c] 6:9 LXX reads "ark of the covenant of YHWH." Syr reads "ark of God"
[d] 6:10 Vg reads "so he"
[e] 6:12 LXX(L) OL. MT lacks "And David said…house" from haplography: wy'mr dwd-wylk dwd
[f] 6:12 LXX Tg Syr. MT LXX(ab'v) Vg read "God"
[g] 6:13 DSS reads "sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams." Cf. 1 Chronicles 15:26. The DSS book of 2 Samuel appears to side with the book of Chronicles in a few other places, against all other Mss, e.g., 6:7; 24:16, 17, 20
[h] 6:16 DSS LXX and 1 Chronicles 15:29, reading wyhy. MT reads whyh
[i] 6:16 LXX and 1Chronicles 15:29. MT lacks "into" from homoioarcton: ayin-ayin

And she greeted him,[a] and said, "How glorious the king of Israel was today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself."

21And David said to Mikal, "I was dancing before YHWH. Blessed be YHWH,[b] who chose me above your father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of YHWH, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before YHWH. 22And I will be yet more vile than this, and will be lowly in your[c] eyes. But of the handmaids of whom you have spoken, they shall honor me." 23And Mikal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

7 It happened, when the king lived in his house, and YHWH had given him rest from all his enemies all around, 2that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains."

3Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart; for YHWH is with you."
4It happened the same night, that the word of YHWH came to Nathan, saying, 5"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says YHWH, "Shall you[d] build me a house for me to dwell in? 6For I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have moved around in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7In all places in which I have walked throughout[e] Israel, did I say a word to any of the judges[f] of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"' 8Now therefore you shall tell my servant David this, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people[g] Israel. 9I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a great name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. 10I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they

[a]6:20 LXX. MT lacks "And she greeted him" from homoioarcton: wt-wt
[b]6:21 LXX(B). MT lacks "I was dancing…Blessed be YHWH" from haplography: yhwh a-yhwh a. LXX(L) reads "I was dancing…As YHWH lives." Cf. H. M. Orlinsky, (JBL) 65:1, 27 n.5; McCarter, 185-86 n.21. Contrast A. A. Anderson, 2 Samuel (WBC), 98 n.21b
[c]6:22 LXX OL. MT reads "my eyes." MT Ms: "in his eyes"
[d]7:5 LXX Syr and 1Chronicles 17:4 read "You must not," a correct interpretation of the idiom. Cf. Anderson, 2Samuel, 111 5c
[e]7:7 LXX and 1Chronicles 17:6. MT adds "sons"
[f]7:7 1Chronicles 17:6. MT reads "tribes," a beth-pey confusion
[g]7:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Tg Syr Ms Vg. MT adds "over"

may dwell in their own place, and
be moved no more; neither shall the
children of wickedness afflict them
any more, as at the first, 11and from
the time[a] that I commanded judges
to be over my people Israel. I will
cause you to rest from all your
enemies. Moreover YHWH tells
you that he will[b] build[c] you a house.
12And it will come about[d] when
your days are fulfilled, and you
sleep with your fathers, that I will
raise up your descendant after you,
who will come from your body, and
I will establish his kingdom. 13He
shall build a house for my name,
and I will establish his throne[e]
forever. 14I will be his father, and
he shall be my son. If he commits
iniquity, I will chasten him with a
human rod, and with the stripes
from human beings; 15but my
loving kindness I will not take[f]
from him, as I took it from Saul,
whom I put away before you. 16And
your house and your kingdom shall
be made sure forever before me,[g]
and your[h] throne shall be
established forever.”””[i]
17According to all these words, and
according to all this vision, so
Nathan spoke to David.
18Then king David went in and sat
before YHWH and said, “Who am I,
Lord YHWH, and what is my house,
that you have brought me thus far?
19This was[j] a small thing in your
eyes, Lord YHWH, and you have
spoken[k] of your servant’s house for
a great while to come, and you have
let me look upon[l] the generation[m]
of humankind to come[n], Lord
YHWH. 20And what more can
David add[o] to you concerning the
honor which is done to your
servant?[p] For you know your
servant, YHWH[q]. 21For your
servant’s[r] sake, and according to
your own heart, you have worked
all this greatness, to make your
servant know it. 22Therefore you
are great, Lord YHWH. For there is

[a]7:11 LXX, reading “days.” MT reads “day”
[b]7:11 LXX. MT reads “YHWH”
[c]7:11 LXX(L) and 1Chronicles 17:10. MT reads “make”
[d]7:12 LXX. MT reads “YHWH,” construed as the last word of v.11
[e]7:13 LXX(BLMN) cf. 1Chronicles 17:12, reading “his throne.” LXX(A) reads “his kingdom.” MT reads a conflation: “the throne of his kingdom.”
[f]7:15 LXX Syr Vg cf. 1Chronicles 17:13. MT reads “kindness will not depart”
[g]7:16 Hebrew Mss cf. LXX Syr. MT reads “you”
[h]7:16 LXX. MT reads “before you”
[i]7:16 Psalm 89:36, 37; Luke 1:33
[j]7:19 LXX OL Syr and 1Chronicles 17:17. MT adds “still”
[k]7:19 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT adds “also”
[l]7:19 1Chronicles 17:17 LXX (Hiphil). MT reads “and this is”
[m]7:19 Lit. “the turn.” 1Chronicles 17:17 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “the law”
[n]7:19 1Chronicles 17:17. MT lacks “to come”
[o]7:20 1Chronicles 17:18. MT reads “say”
[p]7:20 1Chronicles 17:18. MT lacks “concerning the honor which is done to your servant” from homoioteleuton: k-k
[q]7:20 LXX(BAN). MT adds”Lord”
[r]7:21 LXX(B) and 1Chronicles 17:18. MT reads “word’s”

none like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23And who is like your people Israel[a], the one nation on earth whom God went out to redeem to be a people for himself, and to make a name for yourself[b], and to do[c] great and awesome deeds by driving out[d] before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation[e] and its gods?

24And you established[f] your people Israel for yourself to be your people forever; and you, YHWH, became their God. 25Now, Lord YHWH[g], the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, confirm it forever, and do as you have spoken. 26Let your name be magnified forever, saying, 'YHWH of hosts is the God of[h] Israel,' and the house of your servant David shall be established before you. 27For you[i] have revealed to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore your servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer to you.

28"Now, Lord YHWH, you are God, and your words are truth, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. 29Now therefore let it please you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, Lord YHWH, have spoken it. Let the house of your servant be blessed forever with your blessing."

8 After this it happened that David struck the Philistines, and subdued them, and David took The bridle of Ammah[j] out of the hand of the Philistines. 2He struck Moab, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. The Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute. 3David struck also Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the River.[k]

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[a]7:23 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr. MT adds "like," reading "like your people like Israel"
[b]7:23 LXX(L) and 1Chronicles 17:21. MT reads "for himself"
[c]7:23 DSS. MT adds "for them"
[d]7:23 1Chronicles 17:21. MT reads "in your land"
[e]7:23 LXX. MT reads "nations"
[f]7:24 1Chronicles 17:22. MT adds "for yourself"
[g]7:25 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss. MT reads "YHWH God"
[h]7:26 1Chronicles 17:24 LXX. MT reads "over"
[i]7:27 LXX(d) and 1Chronicles 17:25 LXX(SBc2). MT adds "YHWH of hosts the God of Israel" by dittography from the previous verse
[j]8:1 DSS MT: מתג האמה ; LXX Josephus: aphorismenen = המגרש ?; Tg: תקון אמתא ; Syr: רמת נמא ; Vg: frenum tributi; OL: dilectionem; 1Chronicles 18:1 גת ובנתיה
[k]8:3 I.e. the Perath. Later known by its Greek name, the Euphrates

4And David took from him a thousand of his chariots, and seven thousand[a] horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for one hundred chariots. 5When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck of the Arameans two and twenty thousand men. 6Then David put garrisons[b] in Aram of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David, and brought tribute. YHWH gave victory to David wherever he went. 7And David took the shields of gold that were on[c] the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem, which, later on, were also taken by Shishak king of Egypt in the days of Rehoboam son of Solomon when he went up to Jerusalem.[d] 8From Tebah[e] and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took a very great amount of bronze.[f] 9When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer, 10then Toi sent Hadoram[g] his son to king David, to greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And he brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of bronze.

11King David also dedicated these to YHWH, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued; 12of Edom,[h] and of Moab, and of the people of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13And David made a name for himself when he returned from defeating the Arameans. And Abishai son of Zeruiah defeated the Edomites[i] in the Valley of Salt--eighteen thousand. 14And he put a

[a]8:4 LXX cf. OL 1 Chronicles 18:4 and Josephus (*Ant.* 7.99), which read "a thousand of his chariots, and seven thousand." MT lost the original "chariots and seven thousand" from haplography: 'lp-'lp, with an imperfect repair of "and seven hundred." Cf. McCarter, 244

[b]8:6 Or, "prefects." MT LXX(MN). LXX(BAL) reads "garrison"

[c]8:7 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr, reading ayin lamed. MT reads aleph lamed

[d]8:7 OL cf. DSS LXX and Josephus (*Ant.* 7.105). MT lacks "which, later on,…Jerusalem" from haplography: yrwshlm-yrwshlm, or, if arranged at the end according to DSS and LXX: yrwshlm-shlmh

[e]8:8 Syr LXX(LM). MT reads bth "Betah," an apparent metathesis. Cf. Genesis 22:24; 1 Chronicles 18:8; Anderson, 130; McCarter, 245

[f]8:8 LXX OL add "With that Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the basin, and all the utensils"

[g]8:10 Cf. LXX "Ieddouran" LXX Ms "(H)eddouran" and 1Chronicles 18:10 MT "Hadoram" (LXX: "Idouram"). MT reads "Joram"

[h]8:12 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "Aram," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion: 'dm-'rm. Cf. 1 Chronicles 18:12

[i]18:13 Cf. LXX and 1Chronicles 18:12. MT lacks "And Abishai…Edomites" from homoioteleuton: et 'rm-et 'dm. LXX skipped from "defeating" to "defeated"

garrison in Edom,[a] and all the Edomites became servants to David. YHWH gave victory to David wherever he went. 15David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness to all his people. 16Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 17and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shisha[b] was scribe; 18and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

9 David said, "Is there yet any who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2There was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?"

He said, "Your servant is he."

3The king said, "Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?"

Ziba said to the king, "Jonathan has yet a son, who is lame of his feet."

4The king said to him, "Where is he?"

Ziba said to the king, "Look, he is in the house of Makir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

5Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Makir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 6Mippibaal,[c] the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, and fell on his face, and showed respect. David said, "Mippibaal." He answered, "Look, your servant."
7And David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather.[d] You shall eat bread at my table continually." 8He bowed down, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look on such a dead dog as I am?" 9Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given to your master's son. 10You shall till the land for him, you, and your sons, and your servants, and you shall

[a]8:14 LXX(N) Syr. MT is conflate, adding "throughout all Edom put he garrisons."
[b]8:17 LXX(MN) and 1Kings 4:3; 2Samuel 20:25 Tg Ms. MT reads "Seraiah" from 1) the loss of a shin, 2) a yod-waw confusion, followed by 3) a confusion of waw-aleph as resh-hey in an early square script
[c]9:6 LXX(L). MT reads "Mephibosheth." Cf. 4:4 fn
[d]9:7 LXX(BMN), which reads, prb: 'by 'byk "the father of your father." MT reads 'byk "your father," where 'by was lost from haplography

bring food into your master's house[a] that they may eat.[b] But Mippibaal your master's son shall eat bread always at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant shall do." So Mippibaal ate[c] at David's[d] table like one of the king's sons. 12Mippibaal had a young son, whose name was Micah.[e] All that lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mippibaal. 13So Mippibaal lived in Jerusalem; for he ate continually at the king's table. He was lame in both his feet.

10 It happened after this, that the king of the people of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his place. 2David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent by his servants to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon.

3But the leaders of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Hasn't David sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?" 4So Hanun took David's servants and shaved off[f] their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5When David was told,[g] he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. The king said, "Wait at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

6When the people of Ammon saw that they were become odious to David, the people of Ammon sent and hired the Arameans of Beth Rehob, and the Arameans of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with one thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men.[h] 7When David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men. 8The people of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate: and the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. 9Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice

[a]9:10 LXX(L). MT reads "You shall bring, and it shall be food for your master's son"
[b]9:10 LXX(LMN), as pl. MT reads sg
[c]9:11 Vocalization according to LXX as 3rd masc perfect. MT vocalizes as imperfect
[d]9:11 LXX(BAMN). MT reads "at my table"
[e]9:12 Hebrew Mss cf. Tg. MT reads "Mica." Cf. 1 Chronicles 8:34-35, 9:40-41
[f]10:4 LXX cf. DSS spacing. MT adds "half"
[g]10:5 LXX Mss. MT reads "When they told David." DSS LXX add "about the men"
[h]10:6 DSS adds text from 1Chronicles 19:6-7

men of Israel, and put them in array against the Arameans: [10]The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and he put them in array against the people of Ammon. [11]He said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. [12]Be courageous, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our God; and YHWH do that which seems good to him." [13]So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Arameans: and they fled before him. [14]When the people of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned from the people of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem. [15]When the Arameans saw that they were defeated by the people[a] of Israel, they gathered themselves together. [16]Hadadezer sent, and brought out the Arameans who were beyond the River: and they came to Helam, with Shobach the captain of the army of Hadadezer at their head. [17]It was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. The Arameans set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. [18]The Arameans fled before Israel; and David killed of the Arameans seven hundred charioteers, and forty thousand foot soldiers,[b] and struck Shobach the captain of their army, so that he died there. [19]When all the kings who were servants to Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Arameans feared to help the people of Ammon any more.

11 It happened, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. [2]It happened at evening, that David arose from off his bed, and walked on the roof of the king's house; and he saw[c] a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful in appearance. [3]David sent and inquired after the woman. One said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hethite?"

[4]David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness);[d] and she returned to her house. [5]The woman conceived; and she sent and

[a]10:15 Lit. "the sons of Israel." LXX(L) Syr Mss. MT lacks "sons" from homoioteleuton: ny-ny

[b]10:18 LXX(L) OL and 1Chronicles 19:18. MT reads "horsemen." Cf. A. A. Anderson, 2Samuel (WBC), 145, 148

[c]11:2 LXX(107) Ms Syr. MT adds "from the roof"

[d]11:4 DSS lacks "from her uncleanness"

told David, and said, "I am with child."

6Then David sent to Joab and said,[a] "Send me Uriah the Hethite." So Joab sent Uriah to him.[b] 7And Uriah came to him, and David asked about the prosperity of Joab, and of the prosperity of the people, and of the prosperity of the war. And he said, "Its well."[c] 8And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." So Uriah went out from the presence[d] of the king, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 9But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10And it was reported[e] to David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house." So David said to Uriah, "Haven't you come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11Uriah said to David, "The ark, Israel, and Judah, are staying in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are camped in the open field. Shall I then go into my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As YHWH lives,[f] and as you live, I will not do this thing."

12David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day. 13And the next day David summoned[g] him, and he ate and drank in his presence, and he made him drunk. But in the evening he went out and lay on a bed[h] with the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 14It happened in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15He wrote in the letter, saying, "Send[i] Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck, and die."
16It happened, when Joab kept watch on[j] the city, that he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew that valiant men were. 17The men of the city went out, and fought with Joab. Some of the people fell, even of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hethite died also. 18Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; 19and he commanded the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all

[a]11:6 LXX Mss, reading kai eipen. MT lacks "and said"
[b]11:6 LXX(L) OL. MT reads "to David"
[c]11:7 LXX(L) cf. OL Josephus (*Ant.* 7.132), reading, prb: wy'mr lslwn 8 wy'mr. MT lacks "And he said, Its well" from haplography: wy'mr-wy'mr
[d]11:8 LXX(L). MT reads "house"
[e]11:10 DSS. MT reads plural
[f]11:11 LXX(cx). MT reads "As you live"
[g]11:13 LXX(L) Syr. MT reads "And David summoned," associating "And the next day" with the previous sentence
[h]11:13 LXX(L) OL Ms. MT reads "to lie on his bed"
[i]11:15 LXX. MT reads "give," having lost an aleph from haplography
[j]11:16 LXX, reading 'al. MT reads 'el

the things concerning the war to the king, [20]it shall be that, if his anger[a] rises and he asks you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall. [21]Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal?[b] Did a woman not cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' Then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead also.'"

[22]And the messenger of Joab went to the king in Jerusalem[c] and came and reported to David all that Joab had told him. [23]The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field, and we were on them even to the entrance of the gate. [24]And the archers shot at your servants from off the wall, and some eighteen men[d] of the king's servants are dead.[e] And your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead also."

[25]Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall tell Joab, 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it.' Encourage him."

[26]When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. [27]When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased YHWH.

12 YHWH sent Nathan[f] to David. He came to him, and said to

[a]11:20 LXX(L) Mss. MT reads "if the king's anger"
[b]11:21 Another name for Gideon, cf. Judges 7:1. LXX(LMN c2dgijmpwzb2) Mss, reading ierobaal. MT reads "Jerubbesheth," a scribal substitution of boshet, "shame," for baal, "lord," but also understood as the name of the false Canaanite god "Baal"
[c]11:22 LXX, which reads, prb: wylk ml'k yw'b 'l hmlk byrwslm wyb'. MT lacks "Joab (went) to the king in Jerusalem" from haplography: yw'b-wyb'
[d]11:24 LXX(L). MT lacks "some eighteen men"
[e]11:24 The text which should be here at this point (cf. vv.20-21) was lost by haplography when the scribes eye skipped from the first hmlk in v.24 to its fourth instance. The text was mostly recovered in LXX but misplaced after v.22: "[After] all the news of the fighting, David was angry with Joab, and said to the messenger, "Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know you would be struck from the wall? Who struck Abimelech son of Jerubbaal? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, and he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?" [And the messenger of Joab said to the king,]." Cf. P. K. McCarter, Jr., II Samuel (AB), 283
[f]12:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr add "the prophet"

him,[a] "There were two men in one
city; the one rich, and the other
poor. 2The rich man had very many
flocks and herds, 3but the poor man
had nothing, except one little ewe
lamb, which he had bought and
raised. It grew up together with
him, and with his children. It ate of
his own food, drank of his own cup,
and lay in his bosom, and was to
him like a daughter. 4A traveler
came to the rich man, and he spared
to take of his own flock and of his
own herd, to dress for the
wayfaring man who had come to
him, but took the poor man's lamb,
and dressed it for the man who had
come to him."

5David's anger was greatly
kindled against the man, and he
said to Nathan, "As YHWH lives,
the man who has done this is
worthy to die. 6He shall restore the
lamb fourfold, because he did this
thing, and because he had no pity."
7Nathan said to David, "You are the
man. This is what YHWH, the God
of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king
over Israel, and I delivered you out
of the hand of Saul. 8I gave you
your master's house, and your
master's wives into your bosom,
and gave you the house of Israel
and of Judah; and if that would
have been too little, I would have
added to you many more such
things. 9Why have you despised[b]
YHWH, to do that which is evil in
his sight? You have struck Uriah
the Hethite with the sword, and
have taken his wife to be your wife,
and have slain him with the sword
of the people of Ammon. 10Now
therefore the sword will never
depart from your house, because
you have despised me, and have
taken the wife of Uriah the Hethite
to be your wife.'

11"This is what YHWH says:
'Look, I will raise up evil against
you out of your own house; and I
will take your wives before your
eyes, and give them to your
neighbor, and he will lie with your
wives in the sight of this sun. 12For
you did it secretly, but I will do this
thing before all Israel, and before
the sun.'"

13David said to Nathan, "I
have sinned against YHWH."
Nathan said to David, "YHWH also
has put away your sin. You will not
die. 14However, because by this
deed you have shown utter
contempt for[c] YHWH, the child also
who is born to you shall surely die."
15Then Nathan went to his home.
And God[d] struck the child that
Uriah's wife bore to David, and it
was very sick. 16Then David sought
from[e] God on behalf of the child.
And David fasted, and went in and
lay all night on the ground. 17And
the elders of his house approached

[a]12:1 LXX(L) cf. OL add "Pass judgment for me"
[b]12:9 LXX(L) Theodotion, cf. OL. MT adds "the word of"
[c]12:14 LXX(376), reading tw kuriw. MT adds "the enemies"
[d]12:15 DSS LXX(L). MT reads "YHWH"
[e]12:16 DSS Tg Syr. MT reads "sought"

him[a] to lift him up from the ground, but he was unwilling, and he would not eat food with them. 18It happened on the seventh day, that the child died. The servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said, "Look, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to our voice. How will he then harm himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?"

19But when David noticed[b] that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead."

20Then David arose from the ground, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his clothing; and he came into the house of YHWH, and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and he asked for bread to eat.[c] And they set bread before him, and he ate. 21Then his servants said to him, "What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept and kept vigil[d] for the child while he was alive; but when the child was dead, you rose up and ate bread."

22He said, "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows whether YHWH will not be gracious to me, that the child may live?' 23But now he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back[e]? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."
24David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her, and lay with her. She bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. YHWH loved him; 25and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he named him Jedidiah,[f] for YHWH's sake.[g] 26Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and took the royal city. 27Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and have also taken the water supply of the city. 28Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and besiege the city and capture it yourself,[h] or I will capture the city, and it will be named after me."

29David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30He took the crown of their king from off his head; and its weight was a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was

[a]12:17 LXX(L). MT reads "stood over him"
[b]12:19 LXX(BAMN). MT reads "saw"
[c]12:20 LXX. MT lacks "bread to eat" from haplography when the scribe skipped from the final lamed in wys'l to the final lamed in l'kl
[d]12:21 LXX OL, reading, prb: wtsqd. MT lacks "kept vigil" from haplography, from a graphic confusion between wtbk and wtsqd
[e]12:23 LXX(LN) cf. Syr. MT adds "again"
[f]12:25 Jedidiah means "loved by Yah"
[g]12:25 MT. Hebrew Mss cf. LXX(LMN) OL read "Jedidiah, by the word of YHWH"
[h]12:28 LXX Mss. MT lacks "yourself" from homoioteleuton: h-h

set on David's head. He brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount. 31He brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws, and iron picks, and iron axes, and to labor at the brick kiln. And he did the same to all the cities of the people of Ammon. David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

13 It happened after this, that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2Amnon was so troubled that he fell sick because of his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything to her. 3But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab,[a] the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now Jonadab was very crafty.[b] 4He said to him, "Why, son of the king, are you so sad from day to day? Won't you tell me?"

Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."

5Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed, and pretend to be sick. When your father comes to see you, tell him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and dress the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it from her hand.'"

6So Amnon lay down and faked being sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand." 7Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon[c] and prepare food for him." 8So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was lying down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes while he watched, and baked the cakes. 9She took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. Amnon said, "Have all men leave me." Every man went out from him. 10Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the room, that I may eat from your hand." Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the room to Amnon her brother. 11When she had brought them near to him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

12She answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me. For no such thing ought to be done in Israel. Do not do this folly. 13I, where would I carry my shame? And as for you, you will be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you."

[a]13:3 MT LXX(BAMN). DSS LXX(L) read "Jonathan," another son of Shimeah. Cf. 2 Samuel 21:21

[b]13:3 LXX(L), cf. DSS spacing. MT adds "man"

[c]13:7 LXX(L) Syr. MT adds "house"

14However he would not
listen to her voice; but being
stronger than she, he forced her,
and lay with her. 15Then Amnon
hated her with exceeding great
hatred; for the hatred with which he
hated her was greater than the love
with which he had loved her.[a]
Amnon said to her, "Arise, be
gone."

16And Tamar said to him,
"Don't, my brother, for this latter
evil in sending me away is greater
than the former thing that you did
to me."[b] But he would not listen to
her.
17Then he called the young man
who served him, and said, "Send[c]
this one away from me, and bolt the
door after her." 18Now she was
wearing an ornamented robe, for
this was what the king's virgin
daughters used to wear. Then his
servant brought her out, and bolted
the door after her. 19Tamar put
ashes on her head, and tore her
ornamented robe that she wore.
And she put her hand on her head
and went away, crying aloud as she
went. 20Absalom her brother said to
her, "Has Amnon your brother been
with you? But now hold your
peace, my sister. He is your
brother. Do not take this thing to
heart." So Tamar remained
desolate[d] in her brother Absalom's
house. 21But when king David
heard of all these things, he was
very angry. But he did not inflict
pain on the spirit of his son Amnon,
because he loved him, for he was
his firstborn.[e] 22Absalom spoke to
Amnon neither good nor bad; for
Absalom hated Amnon, because he
had violated his sister Tamar. 23It
happened after two full years, that
Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal
Hazor, which is beside Ephraim:
and Absalom invited all the king's
sons. 24Absalom came to the king,
and said, "See now, your servant
has sheepshearers. Please let the
king and his servants go with your
servant."
25The king said to Absalom, "No,
my son, let us not all go, lest we be
burdensome to you." But he
pleaded[f] with him; however he
would not go, but blessed him.
26Then Absalom said, "If not,
please let my brother Amnon go
with us." The king said to him,
"Why should he go with you?"
27But Absalom pleaded[g] with him,
and he let Amnon and all the king's
sons go with him. And Absalom
prepared a feast like a king's feast.[h]
28And Absalom commanded his
servants, saying, "Mark now, when

[a]13:15 LXX(B) adds "for the last wickedness was greater than the first"
[b]13:16 DSS. MT is corrupt
[c]13:17 LXX Mss. MT reads plural
[d]13:20 Hebrew Mss LXX OL Vg. MT reads "and desolate"
[e]13:21 DSS LXX. MT lacks "But he did…firstborn" from haplography: wl' 'sb-wl' dbr
[f]13:25 DSS, cf. LXX Syr OL. MT reads "But he broke through"
[g]13:27 LXX. MT reads "broke through"
[h]13:27 (DSS) LXX. MT lacks "And Absalom…king's feast" from haplography: hmlk-hmlk

Amnon's heart is merry with wine; and when I tell you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Haven't I commanded you? Be courageous, and be valiant."

29The servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man got up on his mule, and fled. 30It happened, while they were in the way, that the news came to David, saying, "Absalom has slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left."

31Then the king arose, and tore his garments, and lay on the ground; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.[a] 32Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered, "Do not let my lord the king[b] suppose that they have killed all the young men, the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead; for by the appointment of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33Now therefore do not let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead." 34But Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and he saw many men coming on the road behind him[c] from the side of the mountain in the descent. And the watchman came and told the king, and said, "I have seen many men coming from the Horonan[d] road by the side of the mountain.[e]" 35Jonadab said to the king, "Look, the king's sons are coming. It is as your servant said." 36It happened, as soon as he had finished speaking, that look, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice, and wept. The king also and all his servants wept bitterly. 37But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud,[f] king of Geshur.[g] And David mourned for his son every day. 38So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. 39And the spirit of[h] the king longed to go forth to Absalom: for he was

[a]13:31 LXX(BAMN) reads "servants who were standing by tore their clothes"
[b]13:32 LXX Syr, reading 'dny hmlk ky 't. MT lacks "the king" from haplography: 'dny-ky
[c]13:34 LXX reads hopistheon for Hebrew 'hryw "behind." LXX(L) reads Soraim, which some have translated as hrnym "Horonaim," i.e. "on the Horonaim road"
[d]13:34 LXX, reading Oronen. Possibly the city of Horonan mentioned in the Mesha Stele. Others argue for "Horonaim." P. K. McCarter II Samuel (AB), 332; A. A. Anderson, 2 Samuel (WBC), 179 fn 34.b-b, 181. Cf. Isaiah 15:5; Jeremiah 48:5
[e]13:34 LXX. MT lacks "in the descent …mountain" from haplography: bdrk 'hryw msd hhr-mdrk hrnym msd hhr
[f]13:37 MT Qere Tg Syr LXX. MT Kethib reads "Ammihur," a possible dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[g]13:37 (DSS) LXX add "to the land of Maacah"
[h]13:39 DSS LXX. MT reads "And David"

comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. 2Joab[a] sent to Tekoa, and fetched there a wise woman, and said to her, "Please act like a mourner, and put on mourning clothing, please, and do not anoint yourself with oil, but be as a woman who has mourned a long time for the dead. 3Go in to the king, and speak like this to him." So Joab put the words in her mouth. 4And the woman of Tekoa went[b] to the king, and she bowed down with her face to the ground, and showed respect, and said, "Help, O king."

5The king said to her, "What ails you?"

She answered, "Truly I am a widow, and my husband is dead. 6Your handmaid had two sons, and they both fought together in the field, and there was no one to part them, but the one struck the other, and killed him. 7Look, the whole family has risen against your handmaid, and they say, 'Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he killed, and so destroy the heir also.' Thus they would quench my coal which is left, and would leave to my husband neither name nor remainder on the surface of the earth."

8The king said to the woman, "Go to your house,[c] and I will give a command concerning you."

9The woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house; and the king and his throne be guiltless."

10The king said, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more."

11Then she said, "Please let the king remember YHWH your God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest they destroy my son." He said, "As YHWH lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

12Then the woman said, "Please let your handmaid speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Say on."
13The woman said, "Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring home again his banished one. 14For we must die, and are as water split on the ground, which can't be gathered up again; neither does God take away life, but devises means, that he who is banished not

[a]14:2 LXX(MN) reads "He"
[b]14:4 LXX Tg Syr. MT reads "said"
[c]14:8 (DSS) LXX add "in peace"

be an outcast from him.[a] 15Now
therefore seeing that I have come to
speak this word to the king, my
lord, it is because the people have
made me afraid: and your
handmaid said, 'I will now speak to
the king; it may be that the king will
perform the request of his servant.'
16For the king will hear and[b] deliver
his servant out of the hand of the
man who is seeking[c] to destroy me
and my sontogether out of the
inheritance of God. 17Then your
handmaid said, 'Please let the word
of my lord the king bring rest; for
as an angel of God,[d] so is my lord
the king to discern good and bad.
May YHWH, your God, be with
you.'"

18Then the king answered the
woman, "Please do not hide
anything from me that I ask you."
The woman said, "Let my lord the
king now speak."

19The king said, "Is the hand
of Joab with you in all this?" The
woman answered, "As your soul
lives, my lord the king, no one can
turn to the right hand or to the left
from anything that my lord the king
has spoken; for your servant Joab,
he urged me, and he put all these
words in the mouth of your
handmaid; 20to change the face of
the matter has your servant Joab
done this thing. My lord is wise,
according to the wisdom of an
angel of God, to know that which
is[e] on earth."

21The king said to Joab,
"Look now, I have done this thing.
Go therefore, bring the young man
Absalom back."

22Joab fell to the ground on
his face, showed respect, and
blessed the king. Joab said, "Today
your servant knows that I have
found favor in your sight, my lord,
king, in that the king has performed
the request of his servant." 23So
Joab arose and went to Geshur, and
brought Absalom to Jerusalem.
24The king said, "Let him return to
his own house, but let him not see
my face." So Absalom returned to
his own house, and did not see the
king's face. 25Now in all Israel
there was none to be so much
praised as Absalom for his beauty:
from the sole of his foot even to the
crown of his head there was no
blemish in him. 26When he cut the
hair of his head (now it was at every
year's end that he cut it; because it
was heavy on him, therefore he cut
it); he weighed the hair of his head
at two hundred[f] shekels, after the
king's weight. 27To Absalom there
were born three sons, and one
daughter, whose name was Tamar.

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[a]14:14 For the reading of this verse in LXX(L), see McCarter, 340-41. Contrast A. A. Anderson, 2 Samuel (WBC), 184

[b]14:16 LXX. MT reads "to"

[c]14:16 (DSS) LXX. MT lacks hmbqs "is seeking"

[d]14:17 LXX(L) OL read "YHWH"

[e]14:20 DSS(4QSam(c)) LXX(L), reading ld't 'sr b'rs "to know that which is." MT reads ld't 't kl 'sr "to know all that is"

[f]14:26 DSS LXX MT SyrVg. LXX(L) OL read "one hundred"

She was a beautiful woman.[a]
28 Absalom lived two full years in
Jerusalem; and he did not see the
king's face. 29 Then Absalom sent
for Joab, to send him to the king;
but he would not come to him: and
he sent again a second time, but he
would not come. 30 Therefore he
said to his servants, "Look, Joab's
field is near mine, and he has barley
there. Go and set it on fire."
Absalom's servants set the field on
fire. And the servants of Joab came
to him with their clothes rent, and
they said to him, "The servants of
Absalom have set the field on fire.
[b]"`

31 Then Joab arose, and came
to Absalom to his house, and said
to him, "Why have your servants
set my field on fire?"

32 Absalom answered Joab,
"Look, I sent to you, saying, 'Come
here, that I may send you to the
king, to say, "Why have I come
from Geshur? It would be better for
me to be there still. Now therefore
let me see the king's face; and if
there is iniquity in me, let him kill
me."'"

33 So Joab came to the king,
and told him; and when he had
called for Absalom, he came to the
king, and bowed himself on his
face to the ground before the king:
and the king kissed Absalom.

15 And after this
Absalom began to
furnish[c] himself
with a chariot and
horses, and fifty men to run before
him. 2 And Absalom rose up early,
and stood beside the road of the
gate. Then when[d] anyone had a
dispute which should come to the
king for judgment, then Absalom
would call[e] to him and say, "What
city are you from?" When he said,
"Your servant is of one of the tribes
of Israel," 3 then Absalom would
say to him, "Look, your matters are
good and right; but there is no one
from the king to hear you." 4 And
Absalom would say, "Oh that I
were made judge in the land, then
anyone who had a dispute and a
judgment could come to me, and I
would give him justice."

5 It was so, that when any man came
near to do him obeisance, he would
extend his hand and embrace him,
and kiss him. 6 Absalom did this
sort of thing to all Israel who came
to the king for judgment. So
Absalom stole the hearts of the men
of Israel. 7 It happened at the end of

[a]14:27 LXX cf. OL adds "and she became the wife of Rehoboam son of Solomon, and she bore to him Abijah." 1 Kings 15:2
[b]14:30 DSS LXX OL. MT lacks "And the servants…fire" from haplography: 't hhlqh b's-'t hhlqh b's
[c]15:1 DSS(c) LXX(L). MT reads "this Absalom furnished"
[d]15:2 DSS LXX Mss. MT reads "And it was so"
[e]15:2 DSS LXX Mss, cf. Josephus, Ant. 7.195. MT reads "and he called"

four[a] years, that Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to YHWH, in Hebron. 8For your servant vowed a vow while I stayed at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If YHWH will bring me back[b] to Jerusalem, then I will serve YHWH in Hebron.[c]'"

9The king said to him, "Go in peace."

So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.'" 11Two hundred men went with Absalom out of Jerusalem, who were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they did not know anything. 12And he sent and invited[d] Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. The conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13A messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom."

14David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee; for else none of us shall escape from Absalom. Make speed to depart, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil on us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

15The king's servants said to the king,[e] "Look, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord[f] the king chooses." 16And the king went out with all his household following him. But the king left ten women, who were secondary wives, to take care of the palace. 17So the king went out with all his servants[g] following him, and they stopped at the last house.
18And all the people[h] passed on before him. And all those with him, all the officers and warriors, were six hundred men, and they passed on before him. And when all[i] the Cherethites and all the Pelethites and all the Gittites who followed him from Gath passed on before the king, 19then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Return, and stay with the king; for you are a foreigner, and also an exile. Return to your own place. 20You came only yesterday. Should

[a]15:7 LXX(L) Syr Theodoret and Josephus (*Ant.* 7.9.1). MT LXX Mss read "forty"
[b]15:8 LXX Tg Syr. MT reads "will bring back, bring me back"
[c]15:8 LXX(L). MT lacks "in Hebron"
[d]15:12 DSS. MT reads "And Absalom sent for"
[e]15:15 LXX(L) reads "said to him,"
[f]15:15 LXX(L) lacks "my lord"
[g]15:17 LXX. MT reads "people"
[h]15:18 LXX. MT reads "servants"
[i]15:18 Cf. LXX Syr. MT lacks "the men…when all" from homoioteleuton: 'l ydy wkl to its next occurrence, with restoration of "six hundred men" after "Gittites"

I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back, and take your brothers with you, and may YHWH show[a] you kindness and truth."

[21]Ittai answered the king, and said, "As YHWH lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will your servant be."
[22]David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones who were with him. [23]And all the land wept aloud as all the people crossed over. And the king crossed the Wadi Kidron, and all the people passed before him on[b] the Olive road[c] into the wilderness.
[24]Look, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God[d]; and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people finished passing out of the city. [25]The king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the eyes of YHWH, he will bring me back and show me both it and his dwelling place; [26]but if he should say, 'I have no delight in you;' look, here I am. Let him do to me as seems good to him." [27]The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Aren't you a seer? Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. [28]Look, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." [29]Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem; and they stayed there. [30]David went up by the Ascent of the Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the people who were with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. [31]And it had been told to David, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." David said, "YHWH,[e] please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."
[32]It happened that when David had come to the top, where God was worshiped, look, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn, and earth on his head. [33]David said to him, "If you pass on with me, then you will be a burden to me; [34]but if you return to the city, and tell Absalom, 'Your brothers have left, O king, after your father left, and now[f] I am your servant, O king. Allow me to live.[g] As I have

[a]15:20 LXX. MT lacks "may YHWH show" from haplography: 'mk-'mk
[b]15:23 LXX Mss. MT reads "passed in front of"
[c]15:23 Or, "the Olive Way," or "the Olive Tree Road." LXX(L) OL, reading hodon tes elaias tes en te eremo = drk hzyt bmdbr. MT lacks hzyt "Olive/Olive Tree"
[d]15:24 MT LXX(L) Syr Vg. LXX(BAMN) reads "YHWH"
[e]15:31 LXX reads "Lord my God"
[f]15:34 LXX. MT lacks "Your brothers…and now" from haplography, from homoioarcton: 'brw-'bdk
[g]15:34 LXX. MT reads "I am"

been your father's servant in the past, so now I am your servant,' then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel. 35Do you not have Zadok and Abiathar the priests there with you? Therefore it shall be, that whatever thing you shall hear out of the king's house, you shall tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36Look, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them you shall send to me everything that you shall hear."

37So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city; and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

16 When David was a little past the top, look, Ziba the servant of Mippibaal[a] met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, and one hundred clusters of raisins, and one hundred summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2The king said to Ziba, "What do you mean by these?" Ziba said, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as are faint in the wilderness may drink." 3The king said, "Where is your master's son?" Ziba said to the king, "Look, he is staying in Jerusalem; for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore me the kingdom of my father.'"

4Then the king said to Ziba, "Look, all that pertains to Mippibaal is yours." Ziba said, "I do obeisance. Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, O king."

5When king David came to Bahurim, look, a man of the family of the house of Saul came out, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera. He came out, and cursed still as he came. 6He cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7Shimei said when he cursed, "Be gone, be gone, you man of blood, and base fellow. 8YHWH has returned on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. YHWH has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. Look, you are caught by your own mischief, because you are a man of blood."

9Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please let me go over and take off his head." 10The king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? Because he curses, and because YHWH has said to him, 'Curse David;' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

[a]16:1 LXX(L). MT reads "Mephibosheth." Cf. 4:4 fn

[11]David said to Abishai, and to all
his servants, “Look, my son, who
came forth from my bowels, seeks
my life. How much more this
Benjamite, now? Leave him alone,
and let him curse; for YHWH has
invited him. [12]It may be that YHWH
will look on my affliction[a] and
return[b] good to me for his cursing
today.” [13]So David and his men
went by the way; and Shimei went
along on the hillside opposite him,
and cursed as he went, threw stones
at his flank,[c] and threw dirt. [14]The
king, and all the people who were
with him, arrived weary at the
Jordan,[d] and he refreshed himself
there. [15]Absalom, and all the
people, the men of Israel, came to
Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with
him. [16]It happened, when Hushai
the Archite, David’s friend, had
come to Absalom, that Hushai said
to Absalom, “Long live the king.
Long live the king.”

[17]Absalom said to Hushai, “Is
this your kindness to your friend?
Why did you not go with your
friend?”

[18]Hushai said to Absalom,
“No; but whomever YHWH, and
this people, and all the men of
Israel have chosen, his will I be,
and with him I will stay. [19]Again,
whom should I serve? Shouldn’t I
serve in the presence of his son? As
I have served in your father’s
presence, so will I be in your
presence.”

[20]Then Absalom said to
Ahithophel, “Give your counsel
what we shall do.”

[21]Ahithophel said to
Absalom, “Go in to your father’s
secondary wives, that he has left to
keep the house. Then all Israel will
hear that you are abhorred by your
father. Then the hands of all who
are with you will be strong.”

[22]So they spread Absalom a
tent on the top of the house; and
Absalom went in to his father’s
secondary wives in the sight of all
Israel. [23]The counsel of
Ahithophel, which he gave in those
days, was as if a man inquired at the
oracle of God: so was all the
counsel of Ahithophel both with
David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover
Ahithophel said to
Absalom, “Let me
now choose twelve
thousand men, and I will arise and
pursue after David tonight. [2]I will
come on him while he is weary and
exhausted, and will make him
afraid. All the people who are with
him shall flee. I will strike the king

[a]16:12 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads “my wrongdoing”
[b]16:12 LXX Syr Vg. MT adds “YHWH”
[c]16:13 LXX, reading מצדו. MT repeats “opposite him.” Hebrew Mss add previous מזה, which could represent a misreading of מצדו where דו was misread as ה
[d]16:14 LXX Ms. MT lacks “at the Jordan”

only, [3]and I will bring back all the people to you, as a bride returns to her husband.[a] You seek the life of only one man; then[b] all the people will be in peace."

[4]The saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel. [5]Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he says."

[6]When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken like this. Shall we do what he says? And if not, speak up."

[7]Hushai said to Absalom, "The counsel that Ahithophel has given this time is not good." [8]Hushai said moreover, "You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are fierce in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field.[c] Your father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

[9]Look, he is now hidden in some pit, or in some other place. It will happen, when some of them have fallen at the first, that whoever hears it will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.' [10]Even he who is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men. [11]But, I strongly advise as follows,[d] that all Israel be gathered together to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that you personally go into battle.
[12]So shall we come on[e] him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light on him as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him we will not leave so much as one. [13]Moreover, if he be gone into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there isn't one small stone found there."

[14]Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For YHWH had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that YHWH might bring evil on Absalom. [15]Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel that way; and I have counseled this way. [16]Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, 'Do not lodge this night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass

[a]17:3 LXX cf. DSS. MT lacks "as a bride returns to her husband"
[b]17:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "then"
[c]17:8 MT LXX(A). LXX(B) adds "and as a sow snared in the field"
[d]17:11 LXX(B). MT lacks "I strongly" "as follows" from haplography: ky-'nky
[e]17:12 LXX(ALMN) Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "to"

over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who are with him.'"
17Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying by En Rogel; and a female servant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David. For they might not be seen to come into the city. 18But a boy saw them, and told Absalom. Then they both went away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down there. 19The woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth[a], and spread out bruised grain on it; and nothing was known. 20Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house; and they said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?"

The woman said to them, "They have gone over the brook of water."
When they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. 21It happened, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said to him,[b] "Arise and pass quickly over the water; for thus has Ahithophel counseled against you."
22Then David arose, and all the people who were with him, and they passed over the Jordan. By the morning light there lacked not one of them who had not gone over the Jordan. 23When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey, and arose, and went home, to his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the tomb of his father. 24Then David came to Mahanaim. Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25Absalom set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man, whose name was Jether[c] the Ishmaelite,[d] who went in to Abigail[e] the daughter of Jesse,[f] sister to Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 26Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead. 27It happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and Makir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28brought beds, and basins, and pottery utensils, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched grain, and beans,

[a]17:19 Hebrew Mss LXX(L) OL Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "surface"
[b]17:21 LXX(LMN) OL Syr cf. Vg. MT reads "to David"
[c]17:25 LXX(LMN), reading iether, cf. 1 Kings 2:5, 32; 1 Chronicles 2:17. LXX(BAa2) reads iothor. MT reads "Ithra"
[d]17:25 LXX(Ah*r) cf. Syr(j). MT LXX(BAboe2) OL "the Israelite." LXX(Mmnqstw) read "the Jezreelite"
[e]17:25 OL Vg Tg and 1Chronicles 2:17. MT reads "Abigal"
[f]17:25 DSS LXX(LMNrell) OL and 1Chronicles 2:13-16 cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 7.232). MT LXX(BA) Tg Syr Vg read "Nahash," an accidental copyist skip following בת in בת ישי אחות to v.27 בן נחש מרבת, which has some graphic similarity

and lentils,[a] 29and honey, and curd of the flock,[b] and cheese of the herd. And they presented[c] them to David and to the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and tired and thirsty in the wilderness."

18 David numbered the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2David divided the army into three,[d] a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. The king said to the people, "I will surely go forth with you myself also."

3But the people said, "You must not go out, for if we retreat, no one[e] will care about us. If half of us die, no one[f] will care about us. But you[g] are worth ten thousand of us. Therefore it is better now if you support us in[h] the city." 4The king said to them, "I will do what seems best to you." The king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5The king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom." And all the people were listening[i] when the king commanded all the captains concerning Absalom.

6So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. 7The people of Israel were struck there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men.[j] 8For the battle there spread over the entire region,[k] and the forest devoured more people[l] that day than the sword devoured. 9And Absalom happened to meet[m] the servants of David. And he[n] was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and he was left hanging[o] in the oak[p] between the sky and the

[a]17:28 LXX Syr OL Ms. MT adds again "parched (grain)"
[b]17:29 Syr (codex Leningradensis Bibl. Publ. N. S. no. 2). MT reads "curd and flocks," a taw-hey confusion
[c]17:29 LXX. MT reads "herd they brought"
[d]18:2 LXX(L) cf. OL, reading wysls "divided into three." MT reads wyslh "sent forth"
[e]18:3 LXX Mss OL. MT reads plural
[f]18:3 DSS. MT reads plural
[g]18:3 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT reads "For now"
[h]18:3 LXX OL Ms Vg. MT reads "from," a possible b-m confusion
[i]18:5 DSS. MT reads "listened"
[j]18:7 DSS LXX. MT lacks "men"
[k]18:8 LXX(LMN) OL reads "forest"
[l]18:8 Lit. "of the people." DSS LXX Syr Vg OL. MT reads "among the people"
[m]18:9 LXX(L) reads "was greatly ahead of"
[n]18:9 DSS LXX(L). MT reads "Absalom"
[o]18:9 DSS LXX cf. Tg Syr, reading wytl "hanging." MT reads wytn "was put/stuck"
[p]18:9 DSS LXX(L). MT lacks "in the oak" from homoioarcton: b-b

ground; and the mule that was under him went on. 10And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, "Look, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak."

11Joab said to the man who told him, "Look, you saw it, and why did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten pieces of silver, and a belt."
12The man said to Joab, "Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, I still wouldn't put forth my hand against the king's son; for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Protect the young man Absalom for my[a] sake.'
13Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against his life (and there is no matter hidden from the king), then you yourself would have set yourself against me."

14Then Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this with you." He took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15Ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded and struck Absalom, and killed him. 16Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people. 17They took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones. Then all Israel fled everyone to his tent. 18Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the King's Valley; for he said, "I have no son to keep my name in memory." He called the pillar after his own name; and it is called Absalom's monument, to this day. 19Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me now run, and bear the king news, how that YHWH has avenged him of his enemies."

20Joab said to him, "You shall not be the bearer of news this day, but you shall bear news another day. But today you shall bear no news, because the king's son is dead."

21Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed himself to Joab, and ran.

22Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said yet again to Joab, "But come what may, please let me also run after the Cushite."

Joab said, "Why do you want to run, my son, since that you will have no reward for the news?"

23And he said,[b] "But come what may, I will run." He said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by

[a]18:12 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Mss Tg Vg. MT reads "who"
[b]18:23 LXX(BA) Syr Vg. MT lacks "And he said" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy. LXX(LMN) read "And Ahimaaz said"

the way of the Plain, and outran the Cushite.
24Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate to the wall and lifted up his eyes and looked and saw a man was running alone towards him.[a] 25And the watchman called out, and told the king. And the king said, "If he is alone, there is good news in his mouth." And he came closer and closer. 26And the watchman saw another man running. And the watchman above the gate[b] called out, and said, "Look, another[c] man running alone." And the king said, "He also brings good news."

27The watchman said, "I think the running of the first one is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." The king said, "He is a good man, and comes with good news."
28And Ahimaaz came near[d] and said to the king, "All is well." He bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, "Blessed is YHWH your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king." 29The king said, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab, the king's servant, sent your servant off,[e] I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was."
30The king said, "Turn aside, and stand here." He turned aside, and stood still.

31Look, the Cushite came. And he[f] said, "News for my lord the king; for YHWH has avenged you this day of all those who rose up against you."

32The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you to do you harm, be as that young man is."

33The king was much moved, and went up to the room over the gate, and wept. As he went, he said, "My son Absalom. My son, my son Absalom. I wish I had died for you, Absalom, my son, my son."

19 It was told Joab, "Look, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom." 2The victory that day was turned into mourning to all the people; for the people heard it said that day, "The king grieves for his son."

[a]18:24 LXX. MT lacks "towards him"
[b]18:26 LXX Mss. MT reads "watchman to the gatekeeper"
[c]18:26 Cf. LXX Syr Vg Tg Ms. MT lacks "another"
[d]18:28 LXX(LM). MT reads "called out"
[e]18:29 LXX(LN) cf. Vg. MT has a different word order: "When sending the servant of the king, Joab, and your servant"
[f]18:31 Syr Vg. MT adds "the Cushite"

3So the people went quietly into the city that day, the way that people who are humiliated creep away when fleeing in battle. 4The king covered his face, and he[a] cried with a loud voice, "My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son."
5Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "You have shamed this day the faces of all your servants, who this day have saved your life, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your secondary wives; 6in that you love those who hate you, and hate those who love you. For you have declared this day, that leaders and servants are nothing to you. For today I perceive that if Absalom had lived, and all of us had died[b], then you would be pleased. 7Now therefore arise, go out, and speak to comfort your servants; for I swear by YHWH, if you do not go out, not a man will stay with you this night. That would be worse to you than all the evil that has happened to you from your youth until now."
8Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. They told to all the people, saying, "Look, the king is sitting in the gate." All the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his tent. 9And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines, but now he has fled from the land and from being over his kingdom.[c] 10And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you not speak a word of bringing the king back?" And the talk of all Israel came to the king.[d]

11So king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house? 12You are my brothers, you are my bone and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?' 13And say to Amasa, 'Aren't you my bone and my flesh? Now then,[e] God do so to me, and more also, if you aren't commander of the army before me continually in place of Joab.'" 14Thus he won over the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man, so that they sent to the king, saying, "Return, you and all your servants."

15So the king returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to

[a]19:5 LXX(L) Syr Vg. MT adds "the king"
[b]19:6 LXX(L) Syr cf. DSS. MT adds "today"
[c]19:10 LXX(MN). MT reads "from the land from over Absalom," which as McCarter noted has an awkward construction of m'l with a proper noun. The two letters extant in DSS agree with LXX (kai apo) in reading wm[n] "and from" rather than m'[l] "from over" expected from MT
[d]19:10 LXX OL. MT lost "And the talk…king" from haplography and restored incorrectly in v.11
[e]19:13 LXX. MT lacks "Now then" from homoioteleuton: th-th

Gilgal, having come down[a] to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan. 16And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite who was from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17And there were a thousand men from Benjamin with him. But Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him, waded through the Jordan ahead of the king, 18and they crossed the ford to bring over the king's household, and to do what was good in his sight. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, when he had crossed over the Jordan. 19He said to the king, "Do not let my lord impute iniquity to me, nor remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore look, I have come this day the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

21But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, "Shall Shimei not be put to death for this, because he cursed YHWH's anointed?" 22David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be adversaries to me? Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? For do you[b] not realize that I am this day king over Israel?" 23The king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." The king swore to him.

24Now Mippibaal[c] son of Jonathan son[d] of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither cared for his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home safely.[e] 25It happened, when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mippibaal?" 26He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said to him, 'Saddle[f] a donkey for me so that I may ride on it and go with the king,' for your servant is lame. 27He has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is as an angel of God. Do therefore what is good in your eyes.[g] 28For all my father's

[a]19:15 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss. MT reads "having gone"
[b]19:22 LXX(L). MT reads "I"
[c]19:24 LXX(L). MT reads "Mephibosheth." Cf. 4:4 fn
[d]19:24 LXX(LMN) Syr Arm Sah: "son of Jonathan son (of Saul)." LXX(Bha2) read huios huiou "son son (of Saul)" = grandson. DSS spacing suggests it read as MT. MT lacks "Jonathan son" from haplography: bn-bn
[e]19:24 Lit. "in peace.' LXX(boc2e2z) adds "in Jerusalem"
[f]19:26 LXX cf. Vg. MT reads said, "I will saddle"
[g]19:27 MT, reading "is like an angel of God. Do therefore what is good in your eyes." LXX(B) reads epoiesen to kalon enwpion hos angelos tou theou "did what was good in my eyes, like an angel of God." This may reflect the result of a homoioarcton: k_kml'k_h to

house were but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should cry any more to the king?"
29The king said to him, "Why do you speak any more of your matters? I say, you and Ziba divide the land." 30Mippibaal said to the king, "Yes, let him take all, because my lord the king has come in peace to his own house." 31Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him from[a] the Jordan. 32Now Barzillai was a very old man, eighty years old; and he had provided for the king while he was staying[b] at Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.
33The king said to Barzillai, "Come over with me, and I will sustain you with me in Jerusalem." 34Barzillai said to the king, "How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? 35I am this day eighty years old. Can I discern between good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be yet a burden to my lord the king? 36Your servant would but just go over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward? 37Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But look, your servant Kimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good to you."

38The king answered, "Kimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to you. Whatever you require of me, that I will do for you."
39All the people crossed over the Jordan, but the king remained.[c] Then the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned to his own place. 40So the king went over to Gilgal, and Kimham went over with him. All the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half the people of Israel. 41Look, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, "Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king, and his household, over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?"

42All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is a close relative to us. Why then are you angry about this matter? Have we eaten at

k_ky l'_h, with restoration in a different word order
[a]19:31 LXX(L), reading ek tou iardanou "from the Jordan." MT reads "in the Jordan," a possible mem-beth confusion
[b]19:32 LXX, cf. BDB 4202. MT form שיבח appears problematic
[c]19:32 LXX(LMN). MT reads "crossed over"

all at the king's cost? Or has he
given us any gifts?[a]"

43 The men of Israel answered
the men of Judah, and said, "We
have ten parts in the king, and we
are the firstborn[b] rather than you.
Why then did you despise us, that
our advice should not be first had in
bringing back our king?" The
words of the men of Judah were
fiercer than the words of the men of
Israel.

20 There happened to
be there a base
fellow, whose name
was Sheba, the son of Bikri, a
Benjamite: and he blew the
trumpet, and said, "We have no
portion in David, neither have we
inheritance in the son of Jesse.
Every man to his tents, Israel."

2 So all the men of Israel went
up from following David, and
followed Sheba the son of Bikri;
but the men of Judah joined with
their king, from the Jordan even to
Jerusalem. 3 David came to his
house at Jerusalem; and the king
took the ten women his secondary
wives, whom he had left to keep the
house, and put them in custody, and
provided them with sustenance, but
did not go in to them. So they were
shut up to the day of their death,
living in widowhood.

4 Then the king said to
Amasa, "Call me the men of Judah
together within three days, and be
here present."
5 So Amasa went to call the men of
Judah together; but he stayed
longer than the set time which he
had appointed him. 6 David said to
Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of
Bikri will do us more harm than
Absalom did. Now then,[c] take your
lord's servants, and pursue after
him, lest he get himself fortified
cities, and escape out of our sight."

7 There went out after him
Joab's men, and the Cherethites
and the Pelethites, and all the
mighty men; and they went out of
Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba
the son of Bikri. 8 When they were
at the great stone which is in
Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them.
Joab was clothed in his apparel of
war that he had put on, and on it
was a sash with a sword fastened on
his waist in its sheath; and as he
went forth it fell out. 9 Joab said to
Amasa, "Is it well with you, my
brother?" Joab took Amasa by the
beard with his right hand to kiss
him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to
the sword that was in Joab's hand.
So he struck him with it in the
body, and shed out his bowels to
the ground, and did not strike him
again; and he died. Joab and
Abishai his brother pursued after
Sheba the son of Bikri. 11 There
stood by him one of Joab's young

[a] 19:42 LXX, reading arsin = mas'et "gifts." MT reads nisse't "carry away." LXX(L) adds "Has he brought us a present?"

[b] 19:43 LXX OL. MT reads "are in David"

[c] 20:6 LXX(AL). MT reads "You"

men, and said, “He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab.”
12Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. When the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still. 13When he was taken out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bikri. 14He went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of[a] Beth Maacah, and all the Bikrites[b]; and they assembled and followed him. 15They came and besieged him in Abel of Beth Maacah, and they built a siege ramp against the city, and it stood against the outer wall; and all the people who were with Joab battered the wall, to bring it down.

16Then a wise woman cried out of the city, “Hear, hear. Please say to Joab, ‘Come near here, that I may speak with you.’” 17He came near to her; and the woman said, “Are you Joab?” He answered, “I am.” Then she said to him, “Hear the words of your handmaid.” He answered, “I do hear.”

18Then she spoke, saying, "They used to say a saying, 'Let them inquire in Abel and in Dan whether 19that which the faithful of Israel established has been carried out.’[c] You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why do you want to swallow up the inheritance of YHWH[d]?”
20Joab answered, “Far be it[e] from me that I should swallow up or destroy. 21The matter is not so. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bikri by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, even against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city.” The woman said to Joab, “Look, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall.”

22Then the woman went to all the people[f] in her wisdom. They cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bikri, and threw it out to Joab. He blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king. 23Now Joab was over all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites; 24and Adoniram[g] was over the men subject to forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of

[a]20:14 v.15, cf. 1Kings 15:20, 29. MT reads “and”
[b]20:14 Cf. LXX Vg and v.13. MT reads “Berites,” which has lost a kaph
[c]20:18-19 LXX(MNaginvy) OL. MT reads “…Abel, and so they finished. 19 I am the peaceable faithful of Israel.” LXX(BAL) also adds a translation of the text of MT (conflation)
[d]20:19 DSS apparently reads “(inheritance of) God”
[e]20:20 LXX(LMN) OL Syr. MT adds “far be it” from dittography
[f]20:22 LXX cf. DSS spacing adds “and she spoke to all the city”
[g]20:24 Hebrew Ms LXX(BAMN) 1 Kings 4:6, 5:14. MT reads “Adoram”

Ahilud was recorder[a]; [25]and Shisha[b] was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; [26]and also Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.

21 There was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of YHWH. YHWH said, "It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put to death the Gibeonites." [2]The king called the Gibeonites, and spoke to them. (Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn to them[c]: and Saul sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.) [3]And David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless[d] the inheritance of YHWH?"

[4]The Gibeonites said to him, "It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house; neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel."

He said, "Whatever you say, that will I do for you."

[5]They said to the king, "The man who consumed us, and who devised against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, [6]let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to YHWH in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen[e] of YHWH." The king said, "I will give them."

[7]But the king spared Mippibaal,[f] the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of YHWH's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. [8]But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul, Armoni and Mippibaal;[g] and the five sons of Merob[h] the daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

[9]He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before YHWH, and all seven of them fell together. They were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of

[a]20:24 LXX. MT reads "the recorder"
[b]20:25 Tg Ms and 2Samuel 8:17 LXX; 1Kings 4:3. MT Kethib reads "Shiya," while MT Qere reads "Sheva." A shin has dropped out, followed by a yod-waw confusion
[c]21:2 LXX Mss add "not to destroy them," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: m-m
[d]21:3 LXX(BAL). MT reads "atonement, and bless"
[e]21:6 MT, which reads behur "chosen one." LXX(BA) read, prb: behar "mountain"
[f]21:7 LXX(L). MT reads "Mephibosheth." Cf. 4:4 fn
[g]21:8 This Mippibaal, son of Saul and Rizpah, is not the Mippibaal named elsewhere, who is the grandson of Saul through Jonathan
[h]21:8 Hebrew Mss (m(y)rb) LXX Mss (merob). MT reads "Mikal"

barley harvest. 10Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was poured on them from the sky. She allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day, nor the animals of the field by night. 11It was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the secondary wife of Saul, had done. 12David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines killed Saul in Gilboa; 13and he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son: and they gathered the bones of those who were hanged.
14They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. After that God was entreated for the land.
15The Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines, and David became exhausted. 16And Dodo son of Joash,[a] one of the descendants of the Raphah, captured him. His spear weighed three hundred bronze shekels,[b] and he was girded with a new sword, and he thought he could kill David.
17But Abishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore,[c] saying, "You shall go no more out with us to battle, that you do not quench the lamp of Israel."
18It came to pass after this, that there was again war with the Philistines at Gezer.[d] Then Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Saph,[e] a descendant of the Raphah.
19There was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jair[f] the Bethlehemite killed the brother of[g] Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature,[h] who had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in

[a]21:16 LXX(L) Syr Ms, reading dadou o huios iwas. MT reads "And Ishbi Benob"
[b]21:16 LXX(L). MT reads "weight"
[c]21:17 DSS LXX Vg. MT adds "to him"
[d]21:18 LXX(LMN) cf. OL Mss and 1 Chronicles 20:4. MT reads "Gob"
[e]22:18 LXX(A) reads sephe "Sippai." Cf. 1Chronicles 20:4
[f]21:19 LXX(LMN). In MT the Hebrew word 'rgym "weavers" was accidently inserted here from the end of v. 19, possibly due to the graphic similarity of bn y'ry and kmnwr
[g]21:19 1 Chronicles 20:5 parallel, which has the word אחי "brother," while here in v.19 it has been misread as the accusative sign את, a taw-chet confusion
[h]21:20 1Chronicles 20:6, reading middah "stature." MT Kethib has madian "measure, garment, stife, contention, Midian." MT Qere reads madon "quarrel." Cf. Anderson, 2 Samuel, 253; McCarter, II Samuel, 449

number; and he also was born to the giant. 21When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah,[a] David's brother, killed him. 22These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

22 David spoke to YHWH the words of this song in the day that YHWH delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: 2and he said,

"YHWH is my Rock,
and my fortress,
and my deliverer.
3My God,[b] my Rock, in him I will take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my high tower, and my refuge,
my savior; from violent people he saves me.[c]
4I call on YHWH, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.
5For the waves of death surrounded me,
and the currents of ungodliness overwhelmed me.
6The cords of Sheol were around me.
The snares of death caught me.
7In my distress I called upon YHWH,
and cried out[d] to my God.
He heard my voice out of his temple,
and my cry came into his ears.
8Then the earth shook and trembled.
The foundations of the mountains[e] quaked and were shaken,
because he was angry.
9Smoke went up out of his nostrils.
Fire out of his mouth devoured.
Coals were kindled by it.
10He bowed the heavens also, and came down.
Thick darkness was under his feet.
11He rode on a cherub, and flew;
and he glided[f] on the wings of the wind.
12He made darkness his hiding place,[g]
his canopy[h] around him
thick clouds dark[i] with water.
13From the brightness before him

[a]21:21 Hebrew Mss and MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "Shimea"
[b]22:3 LXX Vg and Psalm 18:3. MT reads "God"
[c]22:3 LXX(L). MT reads "from violence you save me"
[d]22:7 Psalm 18:6 parallel, cf. LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "called"
[e]22:8 2 Hebrew Mss LXX(56) Syr Vg and Psalm 18:7, cf. Deuteronomy 32:22. MT reads "the heavens." Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 456
[f]22:11 Hebrew Mss Tg Syr Vg, cf. Psalm 18:11. MT reads "appeared," a dalet-resh confusion
[g]22:12 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr , and Psalm 18:11. MT lacks "his hiding place" from homoioarcton: s-s
[h]22:12 LXX Syr, and Psalm 18:11. MT reads "booths," a taw-waw metathesis
[i]22:12 LXX, and Psalm 18:11. MT reads "a gathering," a kaph-resh confusion

his thick clouds[a] passed on,
with hailstones and[b] coals of fire.
14 YHWH thundered from heaven.
The Most High uttered his voice.
15 And he sent out arrows and scattered them,
and he shot lightning bolts[c] and routed them.
16 Then the channels of the sea appeared.
The foundations of the world were laid bare by the rebuke of YHWH,
at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.
17 He sent from on high and he took me.
He drew me out of many waters.
18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
19 They came on me in the day of my calamity,
but YHWH was my support.
20 He also brought me out into a large place.
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
21 YHWH rewarded me according to my righteousness.
He rewarded me according to the cleanness of my hands.
22 For I have kept the ways of YHWH,
and have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all his ordinances were before me,
and his statutes I did not put away from me.[d]
24 I was also perfect toward him.
I kept myself from my iniquity.
25 Therefore YHWH has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands[e] in his sight.
26 With the faithful you show yourself faithful.
With the innocent you show yourself innocent.[f]
27 With the pure you show yourself pure.

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[a] 22:13 Syr. MT lacks "his thick clouds" from homoioarcton: עב-עב

[b] 22:13 LXX(L), reading עברו "passed on (with) hailstones and." MT has misread as בערו "were kindled" from a metathesis of ayin-beth, and lost ברד ו "hail and" from homoioteleuton with sight confusion: רו-ד ו

[c] 22:15 Syr cf. LXX(MN rell) and Psalm 18:14. MT reads "them, lightning"

[d] 22:23 LXX(L), cf. Psalm 18:22. MT reads "statutes I had not departed from it"

[e] 22:25 Or, "according to my innocence." LXX Syr Vg and Psalm 18:25, reading "the cleaness of my hands." MT reads "my cleaness," which has lost yd "hand" when the copyist skipped from the r in kbr to the d in ydy, a homoioteleuton with resh-dalet confusion in a square script

[f] 22:26 LXX(L). MT reads "With the blameless man you show yourself blameless"

And with the crooked you show
yourself tortuous.[a]
[28]You save a humble people,
but the eyes of[b] the proud you will
bring low.
[29]For you light[c] my lamp. YHWH
my God[d] lights up my darkness.
[30]For by you, I run against a troop.
By my God, I leap over a wall.
[31]As for God, his way is perfect.
The word of YHWH is pure.
He is a shield to all those
who take refuge in
him.
[32]For who is God, besides YHWH?
Who is a rock, besides our
God,
[33]the God who girds me
with strength,[e]
and makes my way blameless?[f]
[34]He makes my[g] feet like those of
a deer,
and sets me on my high
places.
[35]He teaches my hands to war,
so that my arms bend a bow
of bronze.
[36]You have also given me the
shield of your
salvation,
and your right hand holds
me up,[h]
and your help[i] has made me great.
[37]You have enlarged my steps
under me.
My feet have not slipped.
[38]I pursued my enemies and
overtook[j] them,
and I did not turn back until they
were destroyed.
[39]And I consumed them,
and struck them through,
so that they did not rise.
And they fell beneath my
feet.
[40]For you have equipped[k] me with
strength for the battle.
You have subdued under me
those who rose up
against me.
[41]You have also made my enemies
turn their backs to me,
that I might cut off those
who hate me.
[42]They cry out,[l] but there was none
to save;
even to YHWH, but he did
not answer them.
[43]Then I ground them as fine as
the dust on the surface
of a path.[m]

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[a]22:27 2 Hebrew Mss, cf. Psalm 18:26. MT reads "tasteless, silly"
[b]22:28 LXX(L) and Psalm 18:28. MT reads "But your eyes are on"
[c]22:29 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr, and Psalm 18:28. MT lacks "light"
[d]22:29 Syr Eth and Psalm 18:28. MT reads "lamp YHWH. YHWH"
[e]22:32 DSS LXX Syr. MT reads "God my strong fortress"
[f]22:32 LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "he has blamelessly set my way free"
[g]22:34 MT Qere Hebrew Mss Versions Psalm 18:33. MT reads "his"
[h]22:36 LXX Mss Syr and Psalm 18:35. MT lacks "and your right…up" from homoioarcton: w-w, involving: -k_t- to -k_t
[i]22:36 DSS and Psalm 18:35. MT reads "your gentleness"
[j]22:38 Syr and Psalm 18:37. MT reads "and destroyed"
[k]22:40 DSS and Psalm 18:39. MT misspells
[l]22:42 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr. MT reads "They looked"
[m]22:43 DSS. MT "dust of the ground"

Like the mud in the streets,[a] I
trampled them.
[44]You also have delivered me from
the strivings of my
people.
You have kept me to be the
head of the nations.
A people whom I have not
known will serve me;
[45]as soon as they hear of me they
obey me. Foreigners
come cringing[b] to me[c];
[46]they are not bound in chains.[d]
[47]YHWH lives.
Blessed be my rock.
Exalted be God, the rock of my
salvation,
[48]even the God who executes
vengeance for me,
and subdues peoples under
me,
[49]who brings me away from
my enemies.
Yes, you lift me up above those
who rise up against
me.
You protect[e] me from the
violent man.
[50]Therefore I will praise you,
YHWH, among the
nations,
and will sing praises to your
name.
[51]He gives great deliverance to his
king,
and shows loving kindness
to his anointed,
to David and to his
descendants, until
forever."

23 Now these are the
last words of David.
David the son of
Jesse says,
the man whom God raised
up,[f]
the anointed of the God of
Jacob,
the sweet psalmist of Israel:
[2]"The Spirit of YHWH spoke by
me.
His word was on my tongue.
[3]The God of Jacob[g] said,
the Rock of Israel spoke to
me,

[a]22:43 DSS. MT adds "I crushed them"
[b]22:45 Psalm 18:45, cf. DSS spacing, reading piel: yekachashu. MT reads hith: yitkachashu
[c]22:45 Psalm 18:45 cf. DSS word order. In MT, following a dittography of bny nkr yk from v.45 which was copied onto the beginning of v.46, a homoioarcton occurred: bny nkr-bny nkr, which removed the last four words of v.45. The words were restored to the beginning of v.45, resulting in a different word order
[d]22:46 DSS LXX Mss. MT reads "Foreigners will fade away, and gird themselves from their strongholds," which is the result of 1) a dittography of bny nkr yk from v.45 in the original word order, cf. v.45 fn, 2) the production of the word yblw "will fade away" from yk + l' following the initial dittography, and 3) the misreading of the last word by one letter, resulting in the word for "from their strongholds." Cf. E. Ulrich, The Biblical Qumran Scrolls (2010), 319-20
[e]22:49 DSS LXX(L). MT reads "rescue"
[f]23:1 DSS LXX(L). MT reads "man who was raised on high"
[g]23:3 LXX(L) OL. MT reads "Israel"

‘One who rules over men
righteously,
who rules in the fear of God,
4shall be as the light of the
morning, when the sun
rises,
a morning without clouds,
when the tender grass
springs out of the
earth,
through clear shining after
rain.’
5For is not my house like this with
God?
For he has made with me an
everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things, and
sure.
Will he not bring about my
whole salvation and
every desire?
6But all of the ungodly shall be as
thorns to be thrust
away,
because they can’t be taken
with the hand,
7But the man who touches them
must be armed with
iron and the staff of a
spear.
They shall be utterly burned with
fire in their place.”
8These are the names of the warriors whom David had: Jeshbaal[a] the son of Hachmoni,[b] leader of the Three.[c] He wielded his spear[d] against eight hundred whom he killed at one time. 9After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo,[e] the[f] Ahohite,[g] one of the Three warriors. He was with David in Pas Dammim[h] when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. 10He arose, and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand froze to the sword; and YHWH worked a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take spoil. 11After him was Shamma the son of Agee the[i] Hararite. The Philistines were gathered together

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[a]23:8 Jeshbaal means “the Lord exists.” Cf. BDB 4199 Genesis 18:24. LXX(boc2e2) OL and 1Chronicles 11:11 LXX, reading Iesbaal = “Jeshbaal” ישבעל. MT reads ישב בשבת “Josheb Basshebeth,” a corruption of ישבשת “Jeshbosheth,” which is a scribal substitution of boshet, “shame,” for baal, “lord,” but also understood as the name of the false Canaanite god “Baal.”

[b]23:8 1Chronicles 11:11 cf. 27:32, reading “son of Hachmoni.” MT reads “Tachemonite,” a confusion of beth nun as a taw

[c]23:8 LXX(L: boc2e2) (triwn) OL (tribus) Vg (tres) and 1Chronicles 11:11 LXX(L) = sheloshah “three.” MT reads shalishi “the officers” or shelishi “third.” Anderson, 2Samuel, 273; McCarter, II Samuel, 489

[d]23:8 1Chronicles 11:11. MT reads “Adino the Eznite.” 2 Hebrew Mss and LXX(246) have a conflation of both readings

[e]23:9 Hebrew Mss MT Qere and 1Chronicles 11:12 parallel. MT Kethib reads “Dodai”

[f]23:9 Vg (ahoi) and 1Chronicles 11:12 parallel. MT adds “son of”

[g]23:9 LXX(L) adds “He was”

[h]23:9 1Chronicles 11:13. MT lacks “He was” and “Pas Dammim”

[i]23:11 LXX(BAL) OL. MT lacks “the”

at Lehi,[a] where there was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines. [12]But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and YHWH worked a great victory. [13]And three of the Thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines was camped in the Valley of Rephaim. [14]David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. [15]And David had a craving and said, "Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate."

[16]The Three warriors broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but he would not drink of it, but poured it out to YHWH. [17]He said, "Far be it from me, YHWH, that I should do this. Shall I drink[b] the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. The Three warriors did these things. [18]And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was leader of the Thirty.[c] And he wielded his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name beside the Three. [19]He was[d] the most illustrious of the Thirty,[e] and he became their leader. However he did not attain to the Three. [20]Benaiah the son of Jehoiada[f] was a valiant man of Kabzeel, who performed great deeds. He killed the two sons[g] of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. [21]He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature.[h] And the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and grabbed the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. [22]Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among the Three warriors. [23]He was more honored than the Thirty, but he did not attain to the Three. David set him over his guard. [24]Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the Thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo from[i] Bethlehem, [25]Shammah the Harodite,[j] Elika the Harodite, [26]Helez the Paltite,[k] Ira

[a]23:11 LXX Mss OL. MT reads lachayyah "animal/living" or "troop"
[b]23:17 LXX and 1Chronicles 11:19 parallel. MT lacks "Shall I drink"
[c]23:18 Hebrew Mss Syr. MT reads "Three"
[d]23:19 LXX Syr and 1Chronicles 11:21 parallel. MT reads "Was he not"
[e]23:19 Hebrew Ms Syr. MT reads "Three"
[f]23:20 LXX and 1Chronicles 11:22 Syr parallel. MT adds "son of"
[g]23:20 LXX(BALN). MT lacks "sons of" from haplography by homoioarcton: sny-bny
[h]23:21 1Chronicles 11:23 parallel, reading middah. MT has misread as mar'eh "appearance," a dalet-resh confusion
[i]23:24 LXX(AMNrell), reading ek "from." LXX(Bha2) OL read en "in." MT lacks the preposition
[j]23:25 From the town or clan of Harod
[k]23:26 From the town of Pelet

the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,[a] 27Abiezer the Anathothite,[b] Sibbekai[c] the Hushathite,[d] 28Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29Heled[e] the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the people of Benjamin, 30Benaiah a Pirathonite,[f] Hiddai of Nahale Gaash. 31Abiel son[g] of the Arbathite,[h] Azmaveth the Bahurimite,[i] 32Eliahba the Shaalbinite,[j] Jashen the Gizonite,[k] 33Jonathan son of[l] Shamma[m] the Hararite,[n] Ahiam the son of Sakar[o] the Hararite,[p] 34Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai[q] the Maacathite,[r] Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 35Hezrai[s] the Carmelite,[t] Paarai the Arbite, 36Igal the son of Nathan, from the army[u] of the Hagrites,[v] 37Zelek the Ammonite,[w] Naharai the Beerothite,[x] armor bearer[y] to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38Ira the

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[a]23:26 From the town of Tekoa
[b]23:27 From the town of Anathoth
[c]23:27 LXX(LMN) and 1 Chronicles 11:29. MT reads “Mebunnai,” a samek-mem and kaph-nun confusion
[d]23:27 From the town or clan of Hushah
[e]23:29 Hebrew Mss Tg Ms Vg and 1Chronicles 11:30. MT reads “Heleb,” from sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew
[f]23:30 From the town of Pirathon
[g]23:31 LXX cf. 1 Chronicles 11:32. MT reads “Abialbon”
[h]23:31 From the town of Arbah
[i]23:31 From the town of Bahurim. Cf. 2Samuel 19:16. MT reads “Barhumite,” a misreading involving a metathesis of chet and resh. Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 492; Anderson, 2Samuel, 273; Klein, 1Chronicles, 294 fn 63
[j]23:32 From the town of Shaalbin. Cf. Joshua 19:42. LXX Mss. MT vocalizes as Shaalbon, and adds “sons,” from dittography of the preceding three letters
[k]23:32 From the town of Gizo. 1Chronicles 11:34. LXX(L) reads “the Gunite.” MT lacks “the Gizonite”
[l]23:33 LXX(LMNadjlntb2). MT lacks “son of” from homoioteleuton: n(f)-n(f)
[m]23:33 MT Mss. MT reads “Shammah”
[n]11:34 From the town or clan of Harar
[o]23:33 LXX(L). MT reads “Sharar,” a kaph-resh confusion. For an example of a kaph-resh confusion in a square script, cf. Brug, TCOT, 33
[p]23:33 Hebrew Mss and 1Chronicles 11:35. MT reads “Araraite,” a hey-aleph interchange
[q]23:34 LXX(L) Syr. MT adds “the son of”
[r]23:34 From the town of Maacah
[s]23:35 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX. MT Kethib reads “Hezro”
[t]23:35 From the town of Carmel, south of Hebron, cf. 1Samuel 25:2-42, rather than the Carmel in Northern Israel
[u]23:36 LXX, reading apo dunamews = mizzeba “from the army” (cf. Numbers 31:14). MT has misread as mizzobah “from Zobah”
[v]23:36 1Chronicles 11:37 “Hagri,” with revocalization of MT Bani as benei “sons,” thus בני הגרי benei hagri “sons of Hagri” or “Hagrites.” MT reads בני הגדי bani hagadi “Bani the Gadite,” a misvocalization of benei as Bani, and a resh-dalet confusion. Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 493-94, 499
[w]23:37 From the people group of Ammon
[x]23:37 From the town of Beeroth
[y]23:37 MT Qere Hebrew Mss. MT Kethib reads “armor bearers”

Jattirite,[a] Gareb the Jattirite,
39Uriah the Hethite:[b] thirty-seven
in all.

24 Again the anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah." 2The king said to Joab and the captains[c] of the army, who were with him, "Now go back and forth through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the sum of the people."

3Joab said to the king, "Now may YHWH your God add to the people, however many they may be, one hundred times; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing?"
4Notwithstanding, the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king, to number the children of Israel. 5They crossed over the Jordan and began[d] at Aroer, and from[e] the city that is in the middle of the valley of Gad; then on to Jazer. 6Then they came to Gilead, and to the region of the Hethites, to Kedesh;[f] and they came to Dan,[g] and around to Sidon, 7and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beersheba. 8So when they had gone back and forth through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men who drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. 10David's heart struck him after that he had numbered the people. David said to YHWH, "I have sinned greatly in that which I have done. But now, YHWH, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly."

11When David rose up in the morning, the word of YHWH came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, 12"Go and speak to David, 'Thus says YHWH, "I offer you

[a]23:38 From the town of Jattir. Vocalization according to 1Chronicles 11:40 LXX (bis). MT vocalizes as "Ithrite"
[b]23:39 From the people group in Canaan descended from Heth. Cf. Genesis 10:15. For the Hittite people group from Anatolia, see, e.g., 1Kings 10:29
[c]24:2 LXX Mss. MT "Joab the captain"
[d]24:5 LXX Mss. MT reads "and camped"
[e]24:5 LXX Mss. MT reads "right side/south"
[f]24:6 LXX(L), reading chettieim kades "Hethites Kedesh." MT reads "region of Tahtim Hodshi," a reading which may involve hey-taw and qoph-chet confusions
[g]24:6 LXX Mss, reading "to/as far as Dan." MT reads "Dan Jaan." LXX reads "Danidan kai Oudan"

three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.”””

13So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, “Shall three[a] years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ pestilence in your land? Now answer, and consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.”
14David said to Gad, “I am in distress. Let me[b] fall now into the hand of YHWH; for his mercies are great. Let me not fall into the hand of man.”

15So[c] YHWH sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning even to the appointed time; and the destruction began among the people.[d] And there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men. 16When the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, YHWH relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, “It is enough. Now stay your hand.” The angel of YHWH was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of YHWH standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell down on their faces.[e]

17David spoke to YHWH when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said,[f] “Look, I have sinned, and I, the shepherd,[g] have done great evil.[h] But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me, and against my father’s house.”

18Gad came that day to David, and said to him, “Go up, build an altar to YHWH on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”

19David went up according to the saying of Gad, as YHWH commanded. 20And Arauna looked

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[a]24:13 LXX 1 Chronicles 21:12. MT reads “seven”
[b]24:14 LXX 1 Chronicles 21:13. MT reads “us”
[c]24:15 LXX adds “So David chose for himself death. And the time was the days of the wheat harvest”
[d]24:15 LXX, reading, prb: wyhl hmkh b’m. MT lacks “and the destruction…people” from haplography by homoioarcton: wyhl-wymt
[e]24:16 DSS. MT lacks “And David lifted…faces” from haplography: wys’ dwd-wy’mr dwd. Cf. 1 Chronicles 21:16; E. Ulrich, The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Developmental Composition of the Bible, 105-6
[f]24:17 DSS reads “David spoke to YHWH, “Isn't it I who commanded the people to be numbered?” Cf. 1 Chronicles 21:17
[g]24:17 DSS LXX(LO) cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 7.328). MT lacks “the shepherd,” from haplography by homoioarcton: hr’-hr’
[h]24:17 DSS LXX(LO). MT reads “perverse,” from a resh-waw confusion and metathesis

out and saw the king[a] and his servants coming on toward him, so Araunah went out and bowed himself before the king[b] with his face to the ground. 21And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy your threshing floor, to build an altar to YHWH, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people."

22Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Look, the cattle for the burnt offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for the wood." 23All these[c] Araunah gave to the king. And Araunah said to the king, "May YHWH your God accept you."

24The king said to Araunah, "No; but I will most certainly buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to YHWH my God which cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25David built an altar to YHWH there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So YHWH responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.[d]

The First Book of Kings

1 Now king David was old and advanced in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he couldn't keep warm. 2Therefore his servants said to him, "Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin. And let her attend the king, and care for him; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm." 3So they sought for a beautiful young woman throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4The young woman was very beautiful; and she became the king's attendant and served him;but the king did not know her intimately. 5Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." So he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6His father had never scolded him at any time by saying, "Why have you done so?" And he was also a very handsome man; and he was born

[a]24:20 DSS adds "[David and his four sons with him clothed] in sackcloth. Now Arauna was threshing wheat, [so when David reached him Arauna] saw [the king]," possibly lost in MT from haplography: wyr' 't hmlk- wyr' 't hmlk. Cf. Ulrich, 105-6

[b]24:20 DSS reads "David." cf. 1 Chronicles 21:21

[c]24:23 LXX OL Tg Syr Vg Mss. MT adds "king"

[d]24:25 LXX adds "And Solomon made an addition to the altar later, for it was little at first"

after Absalom. 7And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they followed Adonijah and helped him. 8But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. 9And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings[a] by the stone of Zoheleth, which is near En Rogel; and he called all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants: 10but he did not invite Nathan the prophet, or Benaiah, or the mighty men, or his brother Solomon. 11Then Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Haven't you heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and David our lord doesn't know it? 12Now therefore come, please let me give you advice, that you may save your own life, and the life of your son Solomon. 13Go in to king David, and tell him, 'Did you not, my lord, king, swear to your handmaid, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then does Adonijah reign?' 14And[b] look, while you are still there speaking with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words."

15Bathsheba went in to the king into the room. The king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite was attending to the king. 16Bathsheba bowed, and showed respect to the king. The king said, "What would you like?" 17And she said to him,[c] "My lord, you swore by YHWH your God to your handmaid, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne.' 18Now, look, Adonijah reigns; and you,[d] my lord the king, do not know it. 19And he has sacrificed many oxen and fatlings[e] and sheep, and has invited all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the commander of the army; but he hasn't invited Solomon your servant. 20And now, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you to announce to them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21Otherwise it will happen, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered criminals."

22And look, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23And they told the king, saying, "Look, Nathan the prophet."

And when he came in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24And Nathan said, "My lord, king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall be

[a]1:9 LXX(L) lacks "and fatlings"
[b]1:14 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks "And" from haplography: w-w
[c]1:17 LXX(BL) lacks "to him"
[d]1:18 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "and now"
[e]1:19 LXX(L) lacks "and fatlings"

king after me, and he shall sit on my throne?' [25]For he has gone down today and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons, and the commanders[a] of the army, and Abiathar the priest. Look, they are eating and drinking before him, and say, 'Long live king Adonijah.' [26]But me, me your servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon, he has not invited. [27]Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king, and you haven't told your servants[b] who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

[28]Then king David answered, "Summon Bathsheba to me." So she came into the king's presence, and stood before him.[c] [29]And the king vowed, saying, "As YHWH lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, [30]most certainly as I vowed to you by YHWH, the God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place;' so I certainly will do this day."

[31]Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, paying homage to the king, and said, "Let my lord king David live forever."

[32]And King David said, "Summon to me Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." They came before the king. [33]The king said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. [34]And have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel. Blow the trumpet, and say, 'Long live king Solomon.' [35]Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne; for he shall be king in my place. I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah."

[36]Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, "Amen. May YHWH, the God of my lord the king, say so. [37]As YHWH has been with my lord the king, even so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David."

[38]So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride

[a]1:25 LXX(L) reads "Joab the commander"
[b]1:27 MT Kethib. MT Qere LXX(BL) read "servant"
[c]1:28 LXX Vg Mss cf. BHS. MT reads "before the king." LXX(L) has a different word order and lacks "before him": "So she came and stood in the king's presence." Cf. S. J. DeVries, 1 Kings (WBC), 5; C. F. Burney, Notes on the Hebrew Text of the Book of Kings (1903), 8

on king David's mule, and brought
him to Gihon. 39Zadok the priest
took the horn of oil out of the Tent,
and anointed Solomon. They blew
the trumpet; and all the people said,
"Long live king Solomon."

40All the people came up
after him, and the people piped
with pipes, and rejoiced with great
joy, so that the earth split open at
their sound. 41Adonijah and all the
guests who were with him heard it
as they had made an end of eating.
When Joab heard the sound of the
trumpet, he said, "Why is this noise
of the city being in an uproar?"

42While he yet spoke, look,
Jonathan the son of Abiathar the
priest came: and Adonijah said,
"Come in; for you are a worthy
man, and bring good news."

43Jonathan answered
Adonijah, "No. Our lord king
David has made Solomon king.
44The king has sent with him Zadok
the priest, Nathan the prophet,
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and
the Cherethites and the Pelethites;
and they have caused him to ride on
the king's mule. 45Zadok the priest
and Nathan the prophet have
anointed him king in Gihon. They
have come up from there rejoicing,
so that the city rang again. This is
the noise that you have heard.
46Also, Solomon sits on the throne
of the kingdom. 47Moreover the
king's servants came to bless our
lord king David, saying, 'May your
God[a] make the name of Solomon
better than your name, and make
his throne greater than your
throne;' and the king bowed
himself on the bed. 48Also thus said
the king, 'Blessed be YHWH, the
God of Israel, who has given one[b]
to sit on my throne this day, my
eyes even seeing it.'"

49All the guests of Adonijah
were afraid, and rose up, and each
man went his way. 50Adonijah
feared because of Solomon; and he
arose, and went, and caught hold on
the horns of the altar. 51It was told
Solomon, saying, "Look, Adonijah
fears king Solomon; for, look, he
has laid hold on the horns of the
altar, saying, 'Let king Solomon
swear to me first that he will not kill
his servant with the sword.'"

52Solomon said, "If he shows
himself a worthy man, not a hair of
him shall fall to the earth; but if
wickedness be found in him, he
shall die."

53So king Solomon sent, and
they brought him down from the
altar. He came and bowed down to
king Solomon; and Solomon said to
him, "Go to your house."

2 Now the days of David
drew near that he
should die; and he
commanded Solomon his son,
saying, 2"I am going the way of all
the earth. You be strong therefore,
and show yourself a man; 3and keep

[a]1:47 LXX(L) Tg read "YHWH"

[b]1:48 Hebrew Ms Vg Ms read "sons"

the instruction of YHWH your God,
to walk in his ways, to keep his
statutes, his commandments, his
ordinances, and his testimonies,
according to that which is written in
the law of Moses, that you may
prosper in all that you do, and
wherever you turn yourself. 4That
YHWH may establish his word
which he spoke concerning me,
saying, 'If your children take heed
to their way, to walk before me in
truth with all their heart and with all
their soul, there shall not fail you,'
he said, 'a man on the throne of
Israel.'

5"Moreover you know also
what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to
me, even what he did to the two
commanders of the armies of Israel,
to Abner the son of Ner, and to
Amasa the son of Jether, whom he
killed, avenging[a] the blood of war
in peacetime, and put the blood of
war on my[b] belt that was about my
waist, and on my sandal that was on
my foot. 6Do therefore according to
your wisdom, and do not let his
gray head go down to Sheol in
peace. 7But show kindness to the
sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and
let them be of those who eat at your
table; for so they came to me when
I fled from Absalom your brother.
8"Look, there is with you Shimei
the son of Gera, the Benjamite, of
Bahurim, who cursed me with a
grievous curse in the day when I
went to Mahanaim; but he came
down to meet me at the Jordan, and
I swore to him by YHWH, saying, 'I
will not put you to death with the
sword.' 9Now therefore do not hold
him guiltless, for you are a wise
man; and you will know what you
ought to do to him, and you shall
bring his gray head down to Sheol
with blood." 10David slept with his
fathers, and was buried in the City
of David. 11The days that David
reigned over Israel were forty
years; he reigned seven years in
Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three
years in Jerusalem.[c] 12Solomon sat
on the throne of David his father;
and his kingdom was firmly
established. 13Then Adonijah the
son of Haggith came to Bathsheba
the mother of Solomon, and did
homage to her.[d] And she said, "Do
you come peaceably?" And he said,
"Peaceably." 14He said moreover,
"I have something to tell you." She
said, "Say on."

15He said, "You know that
the kingdom was mine, and that all
Israel set their faces on me, that I
should reign. However the
kingdom is turned around, and has
become my brother's; for it was his
from YHWH. 16Now I ask one
petition of you. Do not deny me."

She said to him, "Say on."
17He said, "Please speak to
Solomon the king (for he will not

[a]2:5a LXX(L) OL. MT reads "and put," a kaph-shin interhange
[b]2:5b LXX(L) OL read "my" throughout the rest of the verse. MT reads instead "his"
[c]2:11 Cf. Joshua 10:4 fn
[d]2:13 LXX(BL). MT lacks "and did homage to her" from haplography: h w-h w

tell you 'no'), that he give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife."

18 Bathsheba said, "Alright. I will speak for you to the king."

19 Bathsheba therefore went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Adonijah. The king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. 20 Then she said, "I ask one small petition of you; do not deny me."

The king said to her, "Ask on, my mother; for I will not deny you."

21 She said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as wife."

22 King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him the kingdom also. For he is my elder brother. For him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.[a]" 23 Then king Solomon swore by YHWH, saying, "God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore as YHWH lives, who has established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death this day."
25 King Solomon sent by Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell on him, so that he died. 26 To Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth, to your own fields; for you are worthy of death. But I will not at this time put you to death, because you bore the ark of[b] YHWH before David my father, and because you were afflicted in all in which my father was afflicted." 27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest to YHWH, that he might fulfill the word of YHWH, which he spoke concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 The news came to Joab; for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he did not turn after Absalom.[c] Joab fled to the Tent of YHWH, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 It was told king Solomon, "Joab has fled to the Tent of YHWH, and look, he is by the altar." And Solomon sent to Joab, saying, "What happened to you, that you have fled to the altar?" And Joab said, "Because I was afraid of you, so I fled to YHWH." And Solomon sent to[d] Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, fall on him."

30 Benaiah came to the Tent of YHWH, and said to him, "Thus says

[a] 2:22 LXX adds "the commander-in-chief"
[b] 2:26 LXX Mss. MT adds "Lord." DeVries, 1Kings, 27
[c] 2:28 LXX Syr read "Solomon"
[d] 2:29 LXX(BL). MT lacks "to Joab… YHWH" from haplography: wyslh slmh 't- wyslh slmh 't

the king, 'Come forth.'" He said, "No; but I will die here." Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me."
31The king said to him, "Do as he has said, and fall on him, and bury him; that you may take away this day[a] the innocent blood which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. 32YHWH will return his blood on his own head, because he fell on two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, and my father David did not know it: Abner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the army of Judah. 33So shall their blood return on the head of Joab, and on the head of his descendants forever. But to David, and to his descendants, and to his house, and to his throne, there shall be peace forever from YHWH."

34Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell on him, and killed him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. 35The king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his place over the army; and the king put Zadok the priest in the place of Abiathar.[b] 36The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. 37For on the day you go out, and pass over the wadi of the Kidron, know for certain that you shall surely die: your blood shall be on your own head.[c]"

38Shimei said to the king, "The saying is good. As my lord the king has said, so will your servant do." Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

39It happened at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. They told Shimei, saying, "Look, your servants are in Gath."

40Shimei arose, and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish, to seek his servants; and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. 41It was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had come again.

42The king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not adjure you by YHWH, and warn you, saying, 'Know for certain, that on the day you go out, and walk abroad any where, you shall surely die?' You said to me, 'The saying that I have heard is good.' 43Why then have you not kept the oath of YHWH, and the commandment that I have instructed you with?" 44The king said moreover to Shimei, "You know all the wickedness which your heart is privy to, that

[a]2:31 LXX. MT lacks "this day"
[b]2:35 LXX adds fourteen verses lacking in MT
[c]2:37 LXX adds "And the king made him take an oath that day"

you did to David my father. Therefore YHWH shall return your wickedness on your own head. 45But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before YHWH forever." 46So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell on him, so that he died. The kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

3 And Solomon became the son-in-law of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the City of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of YHWH, and the wall of Jerusalem all around. 2Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of YHWH until those days. 3Solomon loved YHWH, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 4The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5In Gibeon YHWH appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."

6Solomon said, "You have shown to your servant David my father great loving kindness, according as he walked before you in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with you. You have kept for him this great loving kindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7Now, YHWH my God, you have made your servant king instead of David my father. I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8Your servant is in the midst of your people which you have chosen, a great people, that can't be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this your great people?"

10The speech pleased YHWH,[a] that Solomon had asked this thing. 11God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice; 12look, I have done according to your word.[b] Look, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart; so that there has been none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like you. 13I have also given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like you, all your days. 14If you will walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my

[a]3:10 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[b]3:12 LXX Tg Syr. MT reads "words"

commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

15Solomon awoke; and look, it was a dream. Then he arose[a] and came to Jerusalem, and stood before the[b] ark of the covenant of YHWH, and offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast[c] for all his servants.

16Then two women who were prostitutes came to the king, and stood before him. 17The one woman said, "Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house. I delivered a child with her in the house. 18It happened the third day after I delivered, that this woman delivered also. We were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, just us two in the house. 19This woman's child died in the night, because she lay on it. 20She arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while your handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21When I rose in the morning to nurse my child, look, it was dead; but when I had looked at it in the morning, look, it was not my son, whom I bore."

22The other woman said, "No; but the living is my son, and the dead is your son."

This said, "No; but the dead is your son, and the living is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

23Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead;' and the other says, 'No; but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'" 24The king said, "Get me a sword." They brought a sword before the king. 25The king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.[d]"

26Then the woman whose the living child was spoke to the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no way kill it." But the other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours. Divide it."

27Then the king answered, "Give her the living child, and in no way kill it. She is its mother."

28All Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

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[a]3:15 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "arose" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

[b]3:15 LXX adds "the altar that was in front of"

[c]3:15 LXX reads "made a great feast for himself and"

[d]3:25 LXX(L) adds "and the same way divide the dead and give to both"

4 King Solomon was king over all Israel. 2These were the officials whom he had: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; 3Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; 4and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army;[a] and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 5and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister, the king's friend; 6and Ahishar was over the palace; and Eliab son of Joab was over the army;[b] and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor.

7Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 8These are their names: Ben Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim; 9Ben Deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth Shemesh, and Elon[c] Beth Hanan; 10Ben Hesed, in Arubboth (to him belonged Socoh, and all the land of Hepher[d]);

11Ben Abinadab, in all the height of Dor (he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon as wife); 12Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth Shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as beyond Jokmeam; 13Ben Geber, in Ramoth Gilead (to him belonged the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him belonged the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars); 14Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim; 15Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon as wife); 16Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and in Aloth;

17Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin; 19Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only prefect in the land of Judah.[e] 20Judah and Israel were many as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry.

21And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River, and to[f] the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life. 22Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and sixty

[a]4:4 MT LXX(ALMN) OL. LXX(B) lacks "and Benaiah…army"
[b]4:6 LXX(L). MT lacks "and Eliab son of Joab was over the army," from homoioarcton: 'l h -'l h
[c]4:9 LXX adds "as far as"
[d]4:10 MT. LXX reads "Opher" probably for Hebrew "Hopher"
[e]4:19 LXX(BL). MT lacks "Judah" from haplography: yhwdh-yhwdh
[f]4:21 LXX (10:30), reading kai ews = w'd. MT lacks "and to." LXX(L): "and to the"

measures of meal, [23]ten head of fat cattle, and twenty head of cattle out of the pastures, and one hundred sheep, besides deer, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fattened fowl. [24]For he had dominion over all on this side the River, from Tiphsah even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River: and he had peace on all sides around him.
[25]Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. [26]And Solomon had four[a] thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. [27]Those officers provided food for king Solomon, and for all who came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking. [28]And they also brought barley and straw for the horses and the steeds to the place where the officers were, every man according to his duty.

[29]God gave Solomon wisdom and exceptional insight, and very great understanding, even as the sand that is on the seashore. [30]Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the people of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. [31]For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all the nations all around. [32]He spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were one thousand five.

[33]He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, and of birds, and of crawling creatures, and of fish. [34]There came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

5 Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the place of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. [2]Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, [3]"You know how that David my father could not build a house for the name of YHWH his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until YHWH put them under the soles of his feet. [4]But now YHWH my God has given me rest on every side. There is neither adversary, nor evil occurrence.

[5]Look, I purpose to build a house for the name of YHWH my God, as YHWH spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he shall build the house for my name.' [6]Now therefore command that they cut me cedar trees out of Lebanon. My servants shall be with your servants; and I

[a]4:26(5:6) LXX Mss and 2 Chronicles 9:25. MT reads "forty (thousand)"

will give you wages for your servants according to all that you shall say. For you know that there is not among us any who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

7It happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, "Blessed is YHWH this day, who has given to David a wise son over this great people." 8Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message which you have sent to me. I will satisfy all your desire concerning cedar wood and concerning the wood of evergreens. 9My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon to the sea. I will make them into rafts to go by sea to the place that you shall appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and you shall receive them. You shall accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household."
10So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. 11Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand cors of wheat for food to his household, and twenty thousand baths[a] of pure oil. Solomon gave this to Hiram year by year. 12YHWH gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and the two of them made a covenant. 13King Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14He sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses; a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the men subject to forced labor. 15Solomon had seventy thousand who bore burdens, and eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains; 16besides Solomon's chief officers who were over the work, three thousand and six hundred,[b] who bore rule over the people who labored in the work. 17The king commanded, and they cut out great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with worked stone. 18Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites cut them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

6 It happened in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of YHWH. 2The house which king Solomon built for YHWH, its length was one hundred three feet

[a]5:11 LXX Syr, reading eikosi chiliadas beth. MT reads "twenty cors," which may have lost 'lp btym from haplography: ym-ym, with dittography of kr. Cf. 2 Chronicles 2:10

[b]5:16(30) LXX, reading exakosioi = shesh me'ot "six hundred" and 2 Chronicles 2:2, 18. MT reads shelosh me'ot "three hundred"

and four inches,[a] and its breadth thirty-four feet and five inches,[b] and its height fifty-one feet and eight inches.[c] 3The porch before the temple of the house, thirty-four feet and five inches[d] was its length, according to the breadth of the house. Seventeen feet and three inches[e] was its breadth before the house. 4For the house he made windows of fixed lattice work. 5Against the wall of the house he built stories all around, against the walls of the house all around, both of the temple and of the inner sanctuary; and he made side-rooms all around. 6The lowest story[f] was eight feet and seven inches[g] broad, and the middle was ten feet and four inches[h] broad, and the third was twelve feet and one inch[i] broad; for on the outside he made offsets in the wall of the house all around, that the beams should not have hold in the walls of the house. 7The house, when it was in building, was built of stone prepared at the quarry; and there was neither hammer nor axe nor[j] any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8And[k] the door for the lowest[l] side-rooms was in the right side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs into the middle story, and out of the middle into the third.[m] 9So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. 10He built the stories against all the house, each eight feet and seven inches[n] high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11The word of YHWH came to Solomon, saying, 12"Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, and execute my ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. 13I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel."

14So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 15He built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar: from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the house with boards of fir. 16He built thirty-four feet and five inches, on the back part of the house with boards of cedar from the

[a]6:2 Or, 31.5 meters, according to the Hebrew royal cubit of 525 mm, or 20.67 inches. Lit. sixty cubits
[b]6:2 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits. Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "cubits"
[c]6:2 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[d]6:2 Lit. twenty cubits
[e]6:2 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[f]6:6 LXX Tg. MT reads "structure"
[g]6:6 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[h]6:6 Or, 3.15 meters. Lit. six cubits
[i]6:6 Or, 3.68 meters. Lit. seven cubits
[j]6:7 Hebrew Mss Versions. MT lacks "and/nor"
[k]6:8 LXX Syr. MT lacks the waw conjunction from haplography
[l]6:8 LXX Mss Tg, reading "lowest." MT reads "middle"
[m]6:8 Hebrew Mss Syr Vg. MT reads "thirty"
[n]6:10 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits

floor to the beams,[a] and he built this
within as an inner sanctuary, the
most holy place. 17In front of the
temple sanctuary was sixty-eight
feet and eleven inches.[b] 18And the
inside of[c] the house was cedar,
carved with buds and open flowers:
all was cedar; there was no stone
seen. 19He prepared an inner
sanctuary in the midst of the house
within, to set there the ark of the
covenant of YHWH. 20And before
the sanctuary was thirty-four feet
and five inches[d] in length, and
thirty-four feet and five inches in
breadth, and thirty-four feet and
five inches in its height; and he
overlaid it with pure gold. And he
made[e] the altar of cedar. 21So
Solomon overlaid the house within
with pure gold, and he drew chains
of gold across, in front of the inner
sanctuary, and he overlaid it with
gold. 22The whole house he
overlaid with gold, until all the
house was finished: also the whole
altar that belonged to the inner
sanctuary he overlaid with gold.
23In the inner sanctuary he made
two cherubim of olive wood, each
seventeen feet and three inches[f]
high. 24Eight feet and seven inches[g]
was the one wing of the cherub, and
eight feet and seven inches the
other wing of the cherub: from the
uttermost part of the one wing to
the uttermost part of the other were
seventeen feet and three inches.[h]
25The other cherub was seventeen
feet and three inches[i]: both the
cherubim were of one measure and
one form. 26The height of the one
cherub was seventeen feet and
three inches,[j] and so was it of the
other cherub. 27He set the cherubim
within the inner house; and the
wings of the cherubim were
stretched forth, so that the wing of
the one touched the one wall, and
the wing of the other cherub
touched the other wall; and their
wings touched one another in the
midst of the house. 28He overlaid
the cherubim with gold. 29He
carved all the walls of the house
around with carved figures of
cherubim and palm trees and open
flowers, inside and outside. 30The
floor of the house he overlaid with
gold, inside and outside. 31For the
entrance of the inner sanctuary he
made doors of olive wood: the
lintel and door posts were a fifth
part of the wall. 32So he made two
doors of olive wood; and he carved
on them carvings of cherubim and
palm trees and open flowers, and
overlaid them with gold; and he
spread the gold on the cherubim,
and on the palm trees. 33So also he
made for the entrance of the temple
door posts of olive wood, out of a
fourth part of the wall; 34and two
doors of fir wood: the two leaves of

[a]6:16 LXX, reading, prb: hqwrwt "beams." MT reads hqyrwt "walls"
[b]6:17 Or, 21 meters. Lit. forty cubits
[c]6:18 Vg cf. BHS reads omnis = kl "all" rather than ʻl "of"
[d]6:20 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[e]6:20 LXX. MT reads "overlaid"
[f]6:23 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[g]6:24 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[h]6:24 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[i]6:25 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[j]6:26 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits

the one door were folding, and the two leaves[a] of the other door were folding. 35He carved cherubim and palm trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted on the engraved work. 36He built the inner court with three courses of cut stone, and a course of cedar beams. 37In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of YHWH laid, in the month Ziv. 38In the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all its parts, and according to all its fashion. So was he seven years in building it.

7 Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length was one hundred seventy-two feet and three inches,[b] and its breadth eighty-six feet and two inches,[c] and its height fifty-one feet and eight inches.[d] on four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams on the pillars. 3It was covered with cedar above atop the beams which were on the pillars, and the pillars numbered[e] forty-five; fifteen in a row. 4There were beams in three rows, and window was over against window in three ranks. 5All the doors and posts were made square with beams: and window was over against window in three ranks. 6He made the porch of pillars; its length was eighty-six feet and two inches,[f] and its breadth fifty-one feet and eight inches.[g]; and a porch before them; and pillars and a threshold before them. 7He made the porch of the throne where he was to judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor to rafters.[h] 8His house where he was to dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also a house for Pharaoh's daughter (whom Solomon had taken as wife), like this porch. 9All these were of costly stones, even of cut stone, according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside, even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court. 10The foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of seventeen feet and three inches,[i] and stones of thirteen feet and nine inches.[j] 11Above were costly stones, even cut stone, according to measure, and cedar wood. 12The great court around had three courses of cut stone, and a course of cedar beams; like as the inner court of the house of YHWH, and

[a]6:34 Hebrew Ms LXX. MT reads "curtains," a corruption from v.35
[b]7:2 Or 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[c]7:2 Or, meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[d]7:2 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[e]7:3 LXX. MT lacks "and the pillars numbered" from haplography: h'mwdym-h'mwdym
[f]7:6 Or, meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[g]7:6 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[h]7:7 Syr Vg cf. BHS. MT reads "the floor"
[i]7:10 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits
[j]7:10 Or, 4.2 meters. Lit. eight cubits

the porch of the house. 13King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. 14He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill, to work all works in bronze. He came to king Solomon, and performed all his work. 15For he cast[a] the two pillars of bronze, thirty-one feet[b] was the height of one pillar; and a line of twenty feet and eight inches[c] could encompass the one pillar, and its thickness hollowed out was almost three inches[d]; and so was[e] the second pillar. 16He made two capitals of molten bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital was eight feet and seven inches[f] and the height of the other capital was eight feet and seven inches. 17There were nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. 18So he made the pomegranates,[gh] two rows around on the one network, to cover the capitals that were on the top of the pillars[i]; and he did so for the other capital. 19The capitals that were on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily work, six feet and eleven inches.[j] 20And the capitals were on the two pillars, even above and close to the rounded projection which was beside the network. And there were two hundred pomegranates in rows all around on the capital, and the same around the other capital.[k] 21He set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called its name Jakin; and he set up the left pillar, and called its name Boaz. 22On the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.[l] 23He made the molten sea of seventeen feet and three inches,[m] from brim to brim, round in compass, and its height was eight feet and seven inches[n]; and a line of fifty-one feet and eight

[a]7:15 LXX reads "shaped," a possible qoph-resh confusion in Paleo-Hebrew
[b]7:15 Or, 9.45 meters. Lit. eighteen cubits
[c]7:15 Or, 6.3 meters. Lit. twelve cubits
[d]7:15 I.e., 2.91 inches, or 74.04 mm. Lit. four fingers, which was a handbreadth
[e]7:15 Tg Syr cf. LXX Mss and Jeremiah 52:21. MT lacks "the one pillar … was" from haplography: h'mwd-h'mwd. Cf. M. Cogan, I Kings (AB), 259, 262
[f]7:16 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[g]7:18 Hebrew Mss cf. LXX. MT reads "pillars"
[h]7:18 LXX Syr. MT adds "and"
[i]7:18 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "pomegranates"
[j]7:19 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits
[k]7:20 Syr cf. BHS. MT lacks "and the same on…capital" from haplography: 'l hktrt-'l hktrt
[l]7:22 The following may have been lost from haplography wy's-wy's, "Then he made an altar of bronze, twenty cubits its length, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten cubits its height" Cf. 2Chronicles 4:1
[m]7:23 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits
[n]7:23 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits

inches[a] encircled it. [24]Under its brim around there were buds which encircled it, for seventeen feet and three inches,[b] encircling the sea: the buds were in two rows, cast when it was cast. [25]It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set on them above, and all their backs were toward the center. [26]It was almost three inches[c] thick: and its brim was worked like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two thousand baths. [27]He made the ten bases of bronze; six feet and eleven inches[d] was the length of one base, and six feet and eleven inches its breadth, and five feet and two inches[e] its height. [28]The work of the bases was like this: they had panels; and there were panels between the ledges; [29]and on the panels that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and on the ledges there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. [30]Every base had four bronze wheels, and axles of bronze; and the four feet of it had supports: beneath the basin were the supports molten, with wreaths at the side of each. [31]The mouth of it within the capital and above was twenty-one inches[f]: and its mouth was round after the work of a pedestal, two feet and seven inches[g]; and also on its mouth were engravings, and their panels were foursquare, not round. [32]The four wheels were underneath the panels; and the axles of the wheels were in the base: and the height of a wheel was two feet and seven inches. [33]The work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axles, and their rims, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. [34]There were four supports at the four corners of each base: its supports were of the base itself. [35]In the top of the base was there a round compass ten and a quarter inches[h] high; and on the top of the base its stays and its panels were of the same. [36]On the plates of its stays, and on its panels, he engraved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths all around. [37]In this way, he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. [38]He made ten basins of bronze: one basin contained forty baths; and every basin was six feet and eleven inches[i]; and on every one of the ten bases one basin. [39]He set the bases, five on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the

[a]7:23 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[b]7:24 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits
[c]7:26 I.e., 2.91 inches, or 74.04 mm. Lit. a handbreadth
[d]7:27 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits
[e]7:27 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits
[f]7:31 I.e., 20.67 inches, or 52.5 centimeters. Lit. a cubit
[g]7:31 Or, 78.75 centimeters. Lit. a cubit and a half
[h]7:35 Or, 26.25 cm. Lit. a half a cubit
[i]7:38 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits

right side of the house eastward, toward the south. 40Hiram made the pots,[a] and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he worked for king Solomon in the house of YHWH: 41the two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 42and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars; 43and the ten bases, and the ten basins on the bases; 44and one[b] sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; 45and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: even all these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon, in the house of YHWH,[c] were of burnished bronze. 46The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. 47Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: the weight of the bronze could not be found out. 48Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of YHWH: the golden altar, and the table whereupon the show bread was, of gold; 49and the lampstands, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire pans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, of the temple, of gold. 51Thus all the work that[d] Solomon performed in the house of YHWH was finished. Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of YHWH.

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the ancestral leaders of the children of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of YHWH out of the City of David, which is Zion. 2All the men of Israel assembled themselves to king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3All the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4They brought up the ark of YHWH, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; and the priests and the Levites brought them up. 5King Solomon and all the congregation

[a]7:40 DSS Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg and BHS. MT reads "posts," a samek-kaph interchange
[b]7:44 LXX. MT adds "the"
[c]7:45 LXX and LXX(L) add "and there were forty-eight pillars of the house of the king and of the house of YHWH." D. N. Freedman believed this to have been lost from haplography: lbyt yhwh-lbyt yhwh
[d]7:51 LXX and 2C hronicles 5:1. MT adds "king"

of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 6The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YHWH to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubim. 7For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its poles above. 8The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside. And there they are to this day. 9There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone[a] which Moses put there at Horeb, when YHWH made a covenant[b] with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10It came to pass, when the priests had come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of YHWH, 11so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of YHWH filled the house of YHWH. 12Then Solomon said,[c] "YHWH has said that he would dwell in the thick cloud. 13I have surely built you a house of habitation, a place for you to dwell in forever."

14The king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 15He said, "Blessed is YHWH, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David your father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying, 16'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, so that my name might be there; nor did I choose anyone to be a leader over my people Israel. But I have chosen Jerusalem, so that my name may be there,[d] and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.'

17"Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of YHWH, the God of Israel. 18But YHWH said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart. 19Nevertheless, you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.' 20YHWH has established his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as YHWH promised, and have built the house for the name of YHWH, the

[a]8:9 LXX adds "the tablets of the covenant"
[b]8:9 The Hebrew word for "made" is karath, meaning "to cut," e.g., a covenant. The word "covenant" is supplied, the object omitted. Cf. 1 Samuel 20:16, 22:8
[c]8:12 LXX adds "He placed the sun in the heaven"
[d]8:16 Cf. DSS LXX and 2 Chronicles 6:5. MT lacks "nor did I… there" from haplography: lhywt smy sm w-lhywt smy sm w. Cf. J. Trebolle Barrera, DJD 14, 171; Klein, 2 Chronicles, 81 fn 6; M. Abegg Jr., et al., (DSSB), 264; E. Ulrich, Genesis-Kings (BQS), 325; Brug, TCOT, 41

God of Israel. 21There I have set a
place for the ark, in which is the
covenant of YHWH, which he made
with our fathers, when he brought
them out of the land of Egypt."
22Solomon stood before the altar of
YHWH in the presence of all the
assembly of Israel, and spread forth
his hands toward heaven. Now
Solomon had made a bronze
scaffold, eight feet and seven
inches[a] long, and eight feet and
seven inches broad, and five feet
and two inches[b] high, and had set it
in the midst of the court; and on it
he stood, and kneeled down on his
knees before all the assembly of
Israel, and spread forth his hands
toward heaven.[c] 23And he said,
"YHWH, the God of Israel, there is
no God like you, in heaven above,
or on earth beneath; keeping
covenant and loving kindness with
your servants, who walk before you
with all their heart; 24who have kept
with your servant David my father
that which you promised him. Yes,
you spoke with your mouth, and
have fulfilled it with your hand, as
it is this day. 25Now therefore, may
YHWH, the God of Israel, keep with
your servant David my father that
which you have promised him,
saying, 'There shall not fail you a
man in my sight to sit on the throne
of Israel, if only your children take
heed to their way, to walk before
me as you have walked before me.'

26"Now therefore, YHWH,[d]
God of Israel, please let your word
be verified, which you spoke to
your servant David my father. 27But
will God in very deed dwell on the
earth? Look, heaven and the heaven
of heavens can't contain you; how
much less this house that I have
built. 28Yet have respect for the
prayer of your servant, and for his
petition, YHWH my God, to listen
to the cry and to the prayer which
your servant prays before you this
day; 29that your eyes may be open
toward this house night and day,
even toward the place of which you
have said, 'My name shall be
there;' to listen to the prayer which
your servant shall pray toward this
place. 30Listen to the petition of
your servant, and of your people
Israel, when they shall pray toward
this place. Yes, hear in heaven,
your dwelling place; and when you
hear, forgive.

31"If a man sins against his
neighbor, and an oath is laid on him
to cause him to swear, and he
comes and swear before your altar
in this house; 32then hear in heaven,
and do, and judge your servants,
condemning the wicked, to bring
his way on his own head, and
justifying the righteous, to give him
according to his righteousness.

33"When your people Israel
are struck down before the enemy,

[a]8:22 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[b]8:22 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits
[c]8:22 2 Chronicles 6:13. MT lacks "for Solomon had…heaven" from an eight-word haplography
[d]8:26 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Ms Vg Mss cf. 2 Chronicles 6:16. MT lacks "YHWH," possibly from homoioteleuton: h-h

because they have sinned against you; if they turn again to you, and confess your name, and pray and make petition to you in this house: 34then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to their fathers.

35"When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you punish them: 36then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.
37"If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight, mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in the land of their gates;[a] whatever plague, whatever sickness there is; 38whatever prayer and petition is made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall each know the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: 39then hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of all the children of humankind;) 40that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

41"Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for your name's sake 42(for they shall hear of your great name, and of your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm); when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43then[b] hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, to fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.

44"If your people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to YHWH toward the city which you have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for your name; 45then hear in heaven their prayer and their petition, and maintain their cause. 46If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn't sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near; 47yet if they shall repent in the land where they are carried captive, and repent and make petition to you in the land of those who carried them captive, saying, 'We have sinned,

[a]8:37 2 Chronicles 6:28

[b]8:43 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr cf. 2 Chronicles 6:33. MT lacks "then"

and have done perversely; we have dealt wickedly;' [48]if they return to you with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name: [49]then hear their prayer and their petition in heaven, your dwelling place, and maintain their cause; [50]and forgive your people who have sinned against you, and all their transgressions in which they have transgressed against you; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them [51](for they are your people, and your inheritance, which you brought out of Egypt, from the midst of the iron furnace); [52]that your eyes and your ears[a] may be open to the petition of your servant, and to the petition of your people Israel, to listen to them whenever they cry to you. [53]For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be your inheritance, as you spoke by Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, Lord YHWH."

[54]It was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and petition to YHWH, he arose from before the altar of YHWH, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward heaven. [55]He stood, and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, [56]"Blessed be YHWH, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. There has not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant. [57]May YHWH our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. Let him not leave us, nor forsake us; [58]that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. [59]Let these my words, with which I have made petition before YHWH, be near to YHWH our God day and night, that he may maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel, as every day shall require; [60]that all the peoples of the earth may know that YHWH, he is God. There is no other.

[61]"Let your heart therefore be perfect with YHWH our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day."

[62]The king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before YHWH. [63]Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to YHWH, two and twenty thousand head of cattle, and one hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of YHWH. [64]The same day

[a]8:52 LXX cf. 2 Chronicles 6:40. MT lacks "and your ears" from haplography by homoioteleuton: nyk-nyk

the king made the middle of the court holy that was before the house of YHWH; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar that was before YHWH was too little to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings. 65So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the Wadi of Egypt,[a] before YHWH our God, in the house which he built, eating and drinking and rejoicing before YHWH our God[b] seven days and seven days; fourteen days.[c] 66And[d] on the eighth day he sent the people away; and they blessed the king, and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that YHWH had shown to David his servant, and to Israel his people.

9 It happened, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of YHWH, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, 2that YHWH appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon. 3And YHWH said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your petition that you have made before me. I have done for you according to all your prayer.[e] I have consecrated this house which you have built, to place my name there forever, and my eyes and my heart will be there perpetually. 4As for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; 5then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, according as I promised to David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.' 6But if you turn away from following me, you or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 7then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8And

[a]8:65 Often identified with Wadi el-Arish

[b]8:65 LXX(BL). MT lacks "in the house…God" from haplography: lpny yhwh 'lhynw- lpny yhwh 'lhynw. Cf. S. J. DeVries, 1 Kings (WBC), 116, 119

[c]8:65 MT LXX(A) LXX(L) Mss. LXX(B) lacks "and seven days; fourteen days" from an inner Greek haplography: emeras kai-emeras kai. Cf. also 2 Chronicles 7:9. The final word "days" is sg in MT but pl in LXX(AL)

[d]8:66 LXX Syr Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "And"

[e]9:3 LXX(B) (LXX(L) begins with "Look," and lacks "you"). MT lacks "I have done…prayer" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ty-ty. Cf. DeVries, 119; C. F. Burney, Notes on the Hebrew Text of the Book of Kings (1903), 130

this house, which is exalted, will become a heap of ruins.[a] Everyone who passes by it will be astonished, and will whistle, and they will say, 'Why has YHWH done this to this land, and to this house?' 9And they shall answer, 'Because they forsook YHWH their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold of other gods, and worshiped them, and served them. Therefore YHWH[b] has brought all this disaster on them.'"

10It happened at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of YHWH and the king's house 11(now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire), that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. 12Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they did not please him. 13He said, "What cities are these which you have given me, my brother?" He called them the land of Cabul to this day. 14Hiram sent to the king one hundred twenty talents of gold.
15This is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised, to build the house of YHWH, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. 16Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites who lived in the city, and given it for a portion to his daughter, Solomon's wife. 17Solomon built Gezer, and Lower Beth Horon, 18and Baalath, and Tamar[c] in the wilderness, in the land, 19and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. 20As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hethites, the Perizzites,[d] the Hivites, and the Jebusites,[e] who were not of the children of Israel; 21their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them Solomon conscripted for slave labor to this day. 22But of the children of Israel Solomon made no bondservants; but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his commanders, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. 23These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred fifty, who bore rule over the people who labored in the work. 24But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her: then he built Millo. 25Solomon

[a]9:8 Tg cf. 2Chronicles 7:21 LXX(H) Mss Tg. MT lacks "will become a heap of ruins"
[b]9:9 LXX(BL) Theodotion read "Therefore he"
[c]9:18 MT Kethib LXX(B). MT Qere LXX(L) Tg Syr Vg read "Tadmor"
[d]9:20 LXX adds "and the Canaanites"
[e]9:20 LXX adds "and the Girgashites"

offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to YHWH three times a year, burning incense with them, on the altar that was before YHWH. So he finished the house. [26]King Solomon also had a fleet ships at Ezion Geber, which is near Eilat[a] on the shore of the Red Sea,[b] in the land of Edom. [27]Hiram sent in the navy his servants, sailors who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. [28]They came to Ophir, and fetched from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

10 When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of YHWH, she came to prove him with hard questions. [2]She came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart. [3]Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hidden from the king which he did not tell her. [4]When the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, [5]and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cup bearers, and his burnt offerings which he presented at the house of YHWH; it left her breathless. [6]She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom. [7]However I did not believe the words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it. Look, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame which I heard. [8]Happy are your wives,[c] happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, who hear your wisdom. [9]Blessed is YHWH your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel. Because of YHWH's everlasting love for Israel, therefore he made you king, to do justice and righteousness." [10]She gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones. There came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

[11]The navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees and precious stones. [12]The king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of YHWH, and for the king's house, harps also and stringed instruments for the singers: there came no such almug

[a]9:26 Or, Elat. Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT reads Elot

[b]9:26 LXX reads "Sea at the End," which is either Heb. yam soph "Sea at the End" or yam suph, which can mean either "Sea of Rushes/Reeds" or "Sea at the End." Rushes are a fresh water plant

[c]10:8 LXX(BL) Syr, reading nsyk "wives." MT reads 'nsyk "men." Cf. 11:1ff

trees, nor were seen, to this day.
13King Solomon gave to the queen
of Sheba all her desire, whatever
she asked, besides that which
Solomon gave her of his royal
bounty. So she turned, and went to
her own land, she and her servants.
14Now the weight of gold that came
to Solomon in one year was six
hundred sixty-six talents of gold,
15besides that which the traders
brought, and the traffic of the
merchants, and of all the kings of
Arabia,[a] and of the governors of the
country. 16King Solomon made two
hundred large shields of beaten
gold; six hundred shekels of gold
went to each shield. 17He made
three hundred shields of beaten
gold; three minas of gold went to
one shield: and the king put them in
the house of the forest of Lebanon.
18Moreover the king made a great
throne of ivory, and overlaid it with
the finest gold. 19There were six
steps to the throne, and the top of
the throne was round behind; and
there were stays on either side by
the place of the seat, and two lions
standing beside the stays. 20Twelve
lions stood there on the one side
and on the other on the six steps:
there was nothing like it made in
any kingdom. 21And all king
Solomon's drinking vessels were
of gold, and washing vessels were
of gold,[b] and all the vessels of the
house of the forest of Lebanon were
of pure gold. None were of silver;
it was not considered anything in
the days of Solomon. 22For the king
had at sea a navy of Tarshish with
the navy of Hiram: once every three
years came the navy of Tarshish,
bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and
apes, and peacocks. 23So king
Solomon exceeded all the kings of
the earth in riches and in wisdom.
24All the earth sought the presence
of Solomon, to hear his wisdom,
which God had put in his heart.
25They brought every man his
tribute, vessels of silver, and
vessels of gold, and clothing, and
armor, and spices, horses, and
mules, a rate year by year.
26Solomon gathered together
chariots and horsemen: and he had
a thousand and four hundred
chariots, and twelve thousand
horsemen, that he bestowed in the
chariot cities, and with the king at
Jerusalem. 27The king made[c] silver
to be in Jerusalem as stones, and
cedars made he to be as the
sycamore trees that are in the
lowland, for abundance. 28The
horses which Solomon had were
brought out of Egypt and Kue; and
the king's merchants received them
from Kue at a price. 29And came up

[a]10:15 Syr Vg and 2 Chronicles 9:14. MT has misvocalized as "evening"
[b]10:21 LXX. MT lacks "and washing vessels…gold" from homoioarcton: wk-wk, which involves a five-letter string to its next occurrence. While the words are not in the parallel at 2Chronicles 9:20, 2Chronicles does not always exactly parallel 1Kings. E.g., in 1Kings 10:26 we find the words "and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots," but they are missing in the parallel at 2 Chronicles 9:25.
[c]10:27 LXX adds "gold and"

and went out of Egypt a chariot[a] for six hundred[b] pieces of silver, and a horse for one hundred fifty[c]; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Aram, they brought them out by their means.

11 Now king Solomon loved women, and he took[d] many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the[e] Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites;[f] 2of the nations concerning which YHWH said to the children of Israel, "You shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. 3He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred secondary wives; and his wives turned away his heart. 4For it happened, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with YHWH his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites,[g] and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and did not completely follow after YHWH, as did David his father. 7Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the mountain that is before Jerusalem, and for Milcom[h] the abomination of the people of Ammon.[i] 8So he did for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods. 9YHWH was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from YHWH, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, 10and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not obey that which YHWH commanded. 11Therefore YHWH said to Solomon, "Because this is done by you, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. 12Notwithstanding I will not do it in your days, for David your father's sake; but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. 13However I will not tear away all

[a]10:29 LXX and 1 Chronicles 1:17 word order"from Egypt a chariot." MT has "a chariot from Egypt"
[b]10:29 LXX(BL) reads "for one hundred"
[c]10:29 LXX(BL) reads "for fifty"
[d]11:1 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "and he took…women" from haplography: nsym-nsym. Cf. Burney, 154
[e]11:1 LXX adds ":Arameans," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: ywt-ywt
[f]11:1 LXX adds "and Amorites," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: t-t
[g]11:5 Syr. MT lacks "and after Chemosh…Moabites" from a whole-word seven-letter haplography
[h]11:7 LXX(L) and vv. 5, 33. MT reads "Molech"
[i]11:7 LXX adds "and for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians"

the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to your son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen."
14YHWH raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad[a] the Edomite. He was of the royal line in Edom.[b]
15For it happened, when David had conquered[c] Edom, and Joab the commander of the army was gone up to bury the slain, and had struck every male in Edom 16(for Joab and all Israel remained there six months, until he had killed every male in Edom); 17that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt, Hadad being yet a little child. 18They arose out of Midian, and came to Paran; and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, and appointed him food, and gave him land. 19Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 20The sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes raised[d] in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. 21When Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me depart, that I may go to my own country."

22Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that look, you seek to go to your own country?" He answered, "Nothing, however only let me depart."[e]

23God raised up an adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer[f] king of Zobah. 24He gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band when David killed them.[g] And they went to Damascus, and lived there, and reigned in Damascus. 25He was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the evil Hadad did.[h] And he loathed Israel, and reigned over Aram.[i] 26Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of

[a]11:14 LXX cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 8:199ff) read "Hadar," a possible dalet-resh (-ד ד) confusion
[b]11:14 LXX(L) adds "and Rezon the son of Eliada, from Raamath, and Hadadezer king of Zobah his lord; and men gathered to him, and he was leader of the insurgency, and he seized Damascus. He resided in it and ruled over Damascus. They were adversaries against Israel all the days of Solomon"
[c]11:15 LXX Syr. MT reads "when was"
[d]11:20 LXX. MT reads "weaned," a dalet-mem interchange
[e]11:22 LXX adds, "And Hadad returned to his land"
[f]11:23 LXX reads "Hadarezer," a possible dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion confusion
[g]11:24 Cf. M. Cogan, I Kings (AB), 333; 2 Samuel 8:3; 10:8, 18
[h]11:25 Cf. LXX and BHS. MT lacks "did"
[i]11:25 Hebrew Mss LXX(BL) Syr read "Edom"

Zererah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, he also lifted up his hand against the king. 27This was the reason why he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breach of the City of David his father. 28The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he put him in charge of all the labor of the house of Joseph. 29And it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him[a] on the way and caused him to turn aside out of the way.[b] Now he[c] had dressed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the countryside. 30And Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and tore it in twelve pieces. 31He said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces; for thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Look, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to you 32(but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel); 33because he[d] has forsaken me, and has worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon. And he[e] has not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in my eyes, and to keep my statutes and my ordinances, as David his father did.

34"'However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes; 35but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, even ten tribes. 36To his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there. 37I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. 38It shall be, if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in my ways, and do that which is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with you, and will build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. 39I will for this afflict the offspring of David, but not forever.'" 40Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam; but Jeroboam[f] arose, and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of

[a]11::29 LXX(L) reads "Jerusalem and he saw the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite"
[b]11:29 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "and caused him…way" from haplography: hdrk-hdrk
[c]11:29 LXX reads "Ahijah"
[d]11:33 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "they"
[e]11:33 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "they"
[f]11:40 LXX(BL) Vg read "but he"

Solomon. [41]Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, aren't they written in the book of the acts of Solomon? [42]The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. [43]Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David his father.[a] And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

12 Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. [2]And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt), he came straight to his own city in the land of Zererah[b] in the hill country of Ephraim.[c] [3]And they sent and called for him. And Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, [4]"Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you."

[5]He said to them, "Depart for three days, then come back to me."

The people departed. [6]King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give me to return answer to this people?"

[7]They spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

[8]But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. [9]He said to them, "What counsel do you give, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter?'"

[10]The young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall tell this people who spoke to you, saying,

[a]11:43 LXX adds "And it happened, when Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (while he was in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of Solomon and was dwelling in Egypt), he came straight to his own city in the land of Zererah in the hill country of Ephraim. And king Solomon slept with his fathers." This was omitted in MT by haplography: 'byw-'btyw, and inserted in 12:2, where it is lacking in LXX

[b]12:2 LXX(BL), which reads: Sarira = "Zererah" here and in 1 Kings 11:26, while 1 Kings 11:26 MT LXX(A) read "Zeredah," a possible dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion. Cf. Judges 7:22

[c]12:2 LXX. MT lacks "he came straight… Ephraim" from haplography: msrym-'prym

‘Your father made our yoke heavy,
but make it lighter to us;’ you shall
say to them, ‘My little finger is
thicker than my father’s waist.
11Now whereas my father burdened
you with a heavy yoke, I will add to
your yoke: my father chastised you
with whips, but I will chastise you
with scorpions.’”

12So Jeroboam and all the
people came to Rehoboam the third
day, as the king asked, saying,
“Come to me again the third day.”
13The king answered the people
roughly, and forsook the counsel of
the old men which they had given
him, 14and spoke to them according
to the counsel of the young men,
saying, “My father made[a] your
yoke heavy, but I will add to your
yoke. My father chastised you with
whips, but I will chastise you with
scorpions.”
15So the king did not listen to the
people; for it was a thing brought
about of YHWH, that he might
establish his word, which YHWH
spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to
Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16When
all Israel saw that the king did not
listen to them, the people answered
the king, saying, “What portion do
we have in David? We[b] have no
inheritance in the son of Jesse. To
your tents, Israel. Now tend[c] your
own house, David.” So Israel
departed to their tents.
17But as for[d] the children of Israel
who lived in the cities of Judah,
Rehoboam reigned over them.
18Then king Rehoboam sent
Adoniram,[e] who was over the men
subject to forced labor; and all
Israel stoned him to death with
stones. King Rehoboam made
speed to get him up to his chariot,
to flee to Jerusalem. 19So Israel
rebelled against the house of David
to this day. 20It happened, when all
Israel heard that Jeroboam had
returned,[f] that they sent and called
him to the congregation, and made
him king over all Israel: there was
none who followed the house of
David, but the tribe of Judah only.
21When Rehoboam had come to
Jerusalem, he assembled all the
house of Judah, and the tribe of
Benjamin, a hundred and eighty[g]
thousand chosen men, who were
warriors, to fight against the house
of Israel, to bring the kingdom
again to Rehoboam the son of
Solomon. 22But the word of YHWH[h]
came to Shemaiah the man of God,
saying, 23“Speak to Rehoboam the
son of Solomon, king of Judah, and
to all the house of Judah and

[a]12:14 Codex Leningradensis: “I will make,” the copyist having skipped from beth to kaph: ‘by hkbyd > ‘kbyd
[b]12:16 Hebrew Ms LXX. MT lacks “We” from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: lnw-lh
[c]12:16 LXX Tg. MT reads “see.” Cf. BHS; S. J. DeVries, 1Kings, 154
[d]12:17 LXX(L) adds “the people of Judah and”
[e]12:18 LXX Syr cf. 1Kings 4:6. MT reads “Adoram”
[f]12:20 LXX adds “from Egypt,” possibly lost from homoioteleuton: m-m
[g]12:21 LXX(BL) reads “and twenty”
[h]12:22 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg 2 Chronicles 11:3. MT reads “God”

Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24‘Thus says YHWH, “You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers, the children of Israel. Everyone return to his house; for this thing is of me.”’” So they listened to the word of YHWH, and returned and went their way, according to the word of YHWH.
25Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived in it; and he went out from there, and built Penuel. 26Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. 27If this people goes up to offer sacrifices in the house of YHWH at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.” 28Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves[a] of gold; and he said to the people,[b] “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Look and see your gods, Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.” 29He set the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. 30Then this thing became a sin, for the people went before the one at Bethel and before the one[c] as far as Dan. 31And he made houses[d] on high places, and made priests from among all the people, who were not of the sons of Levi. 32Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; he did so in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. 33He went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.

13 Look, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of YHWH to Beth El: and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2He cried against the altar by the word of YHWH, and said, “Altar, altar, thus says YHWH: ‘Look, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name. On you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and they will burn men’s bones on you.’” 3He gave a sign the same day, saying, “This is the sign which YHWH has spoken: Look, the altar will be split apart, and the ashes that are on it will be poured out.”

4It happened, when the king heard the saying of the man of God,

[a]12:28 MT, reading ‘gly “calves.” LXX(BL) Josephus (*Ant.* 8:226) read ‘glwt “heifers”
[b]12:28 LXX and BHS. MT reads “them”
[c]12:30 LXX Mss cf. BHS. MT lacks “Bethel and before…one” from haplography:
[d]12:31 Or, “temples,” or “shrines.” LXX Vg read plural, cf. 1 Kings 13:32, while MT has singular

which he cried against the altar in Bethel, that Jeroboam put out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." His hand, which he put out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to himself. 5The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of YHWH. 6The king answered the man of God, "Now plead for the favor of YHWH your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again."

The man of God entreated YHWH, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

7The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

8The man of God said to the king, "Even if you gave me half of your house, I would not go in with you, neither would I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 9for so was it commanded me by the word of YHWH, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by the way that you came.'" 10So he went another way, and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.

11Now there lived an old prophet in Bethel; and one of his sons[a] came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. And[b] they also told their father the words which he had spoken to the king.

12Their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" Now his sons showed him[c] the way the man of God went, who came from Judah. 13He said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it. 14He went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. He said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?"

He said, "I am." 15Then he said to him, "Come home with me, and eat bread."

16He said, "I may not return with you, nor go in with you; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. 17For it was said to me by the word of YHWH, 'You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came.'"

18He said to him, "I also am a prophet as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of YHWH, saying, 'Bring him back with you into your house, that he may eat

[a]13:11 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg Mss. MT reads sg "son"
[b]13:11 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr Vg. MT lacks "And"
[c]13:12 LXX Tg Syr Vg, reading wyr'hw "and they showed him." MT reads wyr'w "and had seen"

bread and drink water.'" He lied to him.

19So he went back with him,
and ate bread in his house, and
drank water. 20It happened, as they
sat at the table, that the word of
YHWH came to the prophet who
brought him back; 21and he cried to
the man of God who came from
Judah, saying, "Thus says YHWH,
'Because you have been
disobedient to the mouth of YHWH,
and have not kept the
commandment which YHWH your
God commanded you, 22but came
back, and have eaten bread and
drunk water in the place of which
he said to you, "Eat no bread, and
drink no water"; your body shall
not come to the tomb of your
fathers.'"

23It happened, after he had
eaten bread, and after he had drunk,
that he saddled the donkey for the
prophet whom he had brought
back. 24When he had gone, a lion
met him by the way, and killed him.
His body was cast in the way, and
the donkey stood by it. The lion
also stood by the body. 25Look,
men passed by, and saw the body
cast in the way, and the lion
standing by the body; and they
came and told it in the city where
the old prophet lived. 26When the
prophet who brought him back
from the way heard of it, he said, "It
is the man of God who was
disobedient to the mouth of YHWH.
Therefore YHWH has delivered him
to the lion, which has mauled him
and slain him, according to the
word of YHWH, which he spoke to
him." 27He spoke to his sons,
saying, "Saddle the donkey for
me." They saddled it. 28He went
and found his body cast in the way,
and the donkey and the lion
standing by the body. The lion had
not eaten the body, nor mauled the
donkey. 29The prophet took up the
body of the man of God, and laid it
on the donkey, and brought it back.
And he came to the city of the old
prophet[a] to mourn and to bury him.
30He laid his body in his own grave;
and they mourned over him,
saying, "Alas, my brother."

31It happened, after he had
buried him, that he spoke to his
sons, saying, "When I am dead,
then bury me in the tomb in which
the man of God is buried. Lay my
bones beside his bones. 32For the
saying which he proclaimed by the
word of YHWH against the altar in
Bethel, and against all the houses of
the high places which are in the
cities of Samaria, will surely
happen."

33After this thing Jeroboam
did not return from his evil way, but
again made priests of the high
places from among all the people.
He consecrated anyone who
wanted to be a priest[b] at the high

[a]13:29 LXX reads "donkey, and brought it back to the city"

[b]13:33 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "priests"

places. 34This[a] thing became sin to
the house of Jeroboam, even to cut
it off, and to destroy it from off the
surface of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah
the son of Jeroboam
fell sick. 2Jeroboam
said to his wife, "Please get up and
disguise yourself, that you won't be
recognized as the wife of
Jeroboam. Go to Shiloh. Look,
there is Ahijah the prophet, who
spoke concerning me that I should
be king over this people. 3Take
with you ten loaves, and cakes, and
a jar of honey, and go to him. He
will tell you what will become of
the child."

4Jeroboam's wife did so, and
arose, and went to Shiloh, and came
to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah
could not see; for his eyes were set
by reason of his age. 5YHWH said
to Ahijah, "Look, the wife of
Jeroboam comes to inquire of you
concerning her son; for he is sick.
Thus and thus you shall tell her; for
it will be, when she comes in, that
she will pretend to be another
woman."

6It was so, when Ahijah
heard the sound of her feet, as she
came in at the door, that he said,
"Come in, you wife of Jeroboam.
Why do you pretend to be another?
For I am sent to you with heavy
news. 7Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus
says YHWH, the God of Israel:
"Because I exalted you from
among the people, and made you
prince over my people Israel, 8and
tore the kingdom away from the
house of David, and gave it you;
and yet you have not been as my
servant David, who kept my
commandments, and who followed
me with all his heart, to do that only
which was right in my eyes, 9but
have done evil above all who were
before you, and have gone and
made you other gods, and molten
images, to provoke me to anger,
and have cast me behind your back:
10therefore, look, I will bring
disaster on the house of Jeroboam,
and will cut off from Jeroboam
everyone who urinates on a wall,[b]
he who is shut up and he who is left
at large in Israel, and will utterly
sweep away the house of Jeroboam,
as a man sweeps away dung, until
it is all gone. 11He who dies of
Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs
eat; and he who dies in the field
shall the birds of the sky eat: for
YHWH has spoken it."' 12Arise
therefore, and go to your house.
When your feet enter into the city,
the child shall die. 13All Israel shall
mourn for him, and bury him; for
he only of Jeroboam shall come to
the grave, because in him there is
found some good thing toward
YHWH, the God of Israel, in the
house of Jeroboam. 14Moreover
YHWH will raise him up a king over
Israel, who shall cut off the house
of Jeroboam. This is day. What?
Even now. 15For YHWH will strike
Israel, as a reed is shaken in the

[a]13:34 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr. MT has beth instead of hey

[b]14:10 Or, male

water; and he will root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking YHWH to anger. [16]He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he has sinned, and with which he has made Israel to sin."

[17]Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah. As she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. [18]All Israel buried him, and mourned for him, according to the word of YHWH, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet. [19]The rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [20]The days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place. [21]Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which YHWH had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. [22]Judah did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. [23]For they also built them high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; [24]and there were also male shrine prostitutes in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which YHWH drove out before the children of Israel. [25]It happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem; [26]and he took away the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. [27]King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. [28]It was so, that as often as the king went into the house of YHWH, the guard bore them, and brought them back into the guard room. [29]Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [30]There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. [31]Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijam his son reigned in his place.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign over Judah. [2]He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. [3]He walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; and his heart was not perfect with YHWH his God, as the heart of David his father. [4]Nevertheless for

David's sake, YHWH his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem; 5because David did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hethite. 6Now there was war between Abijam[a] and Jeroboam all the days of his life. 7The rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? There was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. 8Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the City of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place. 9In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. 10He reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 11Asa did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, as did David his father. 12And he banished the male temple prostitutes out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13Also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it in the Kidron Valley. 14But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with YHWH all his days. 15He brought into the house of YHWH the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 16There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 17Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 18Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Aram, who lived at Damascus, saying, 19"Let there be[b] a treaty between me and you, between my father and your father. Look, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."

20Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, and all Kinnereth[c], with all the land of Naphtali. 21It happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and lived in Tirzah. 22Then king Asa made a proclamation to all Judah; none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Ramah,

[a]15:6 Hebrew Mss LXX(Niv 71) OL, reading Abia. MT reads "Rehoboam"
[b]15:19 Hebrew Mss Vrs and 2Chronicles 16:3. MT reads "There is"
[c]15:20 LXX(AN 127-93) Mss. MT reads "Kinneroth"

and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. 23Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place. 25Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two years. 26He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin. 27Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. 28Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha killed him, and reigned in his place. 29It happened that, as soon as he was king, he struck all the house of Jeroboam: he did not leave to Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him; according to the saying of YHWH, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; 30for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and with which he made Israel to sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked YHWH, the God of Israel, to anger. 31Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 32There was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel in Tirzah for twenty-four years. 34He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

16 The word of YHWH came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2"Because I exalted you out of the dust, and made you ruler over my people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3look, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4The dogs will eat Baasha's descendants who die in the city; and he who dies of his in the field the birds of the sky will eat."

5Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his

place.[a] 7Moreover by the prophet
Jehu the son of Hanani came the
word of YHWH against Baasha, and
against his house, both because of
all the evil that he did in the sight
of YHWH, to provoke him to anger
with the work of his hands, in being
like the house of Jeroboam, and
because he struck him.

8In the twenty-sixth year of
Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of
Baasha began to reign over Israel in
Tirzah for two years. 9His servant
Zimri, commander of half his
chariots, conspired against him.
Now he was in Tirzah, drinking
himself drunk in the house of Arza,
who was over the household in
Tirzah. 10And Zimri went in and
struck him, and killed him, in the
twenty-seventh year of Asa king of
Judah, and reigned in his place. 11It
happened, when he began to reign,
as soon as he sat on his throne, that
he struck all the house of Baasha:
he did not leave him a single one
who urinates on a wall,[b] neither of
his relatives, nor of his friends.
12Thus Zimri destroyed all the
house of Baasha, according to the
word of YHWH, which he spoke
against Baasha by Jehu the prophet,
13for all the sins of Baasha, and the
sins of Elah his son, which they
sinned, and with which they made
Israel to sin, to provoke YHWH, the
God of Israel, to anger with their
vanities. 14Now the rest of the acts
of Elah, and all that he did, aren't
they written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
15In the twenty-seventh year of Asa
king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven
days in Tirzah. Now the people
were camped against Gibbethon,
which belonged to the Philistines.
16The people who were camped
heard it said, "Zimri has conspired,
and has also struck the king."
Therefore all Israel made Omri, the
captain of the army, king over
Israel that day in the camp. 17Omri
went up from Gibbethon, and all
Israel with him, and they besieged
Tirzah. 18It happened, when Zimri
saw that the city was taken, that he
went into the citadel of the king's
house, and burnt the king's house
over him with fire, and died, 19for
his sins which he sinned in doing
that which was evil in the sight of
YHWH, in walking in the way of
Jeroboam, and in his sin which he
did, to make Israel to sin. 20Now the
rest of the acts of Zimri, and his
treason that he committed, aren't
they written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?
21Then were the people of Israel
divided into two parts: half of the
people followed Tibni the son of
Ginath, to make him king; and half
followed Omri. 22But the people
who followed Omri prevailed
against the people who followed
Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni
died and Joram his brother at that
time,[c] and Omri became king in the

[a]16:6 LXX adds "in the twentieth year of king Asa"
[b]16:11 Or, male
[c]16:22 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "and Joram his…time" from haplography by homoioarcton: wy-wy

place of Tibni.[a] 23In the thirty-first
year of Asa king of Judah, Omri
began to reign over Israel for
twelve years. He reigned six years
in Tirzah. 24He bought the hill
Samaria of Shemer for two talents
of silver; and he built on the hill,
and called the name of the city
which he built, after the name of
Shemer, the owner of the hill,
Samaria. 25Omri did that which was
evil in the sight of YHWH, and dealt
wickedly above all who were
before him. 26For he walked in all
the way of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, and in his sins with which he
made Israel to sin, to provoke
YHWH, the God of Israel, to anger
with their vanities. 27Now the rest
of the acts of Omri which he did,
and his might that he showed,
aren't they written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of
Israel? 28So Omri slept with his
fathers, and was buried in Samaria;
and Ahab his son reigned in his
place. 29In the thirty-eighth year of
Asa king of Judah began Ahab the
son of Omri to reign over Israel:
and Ahab the son of Omri reigned
over Israel in Samaria twenty-two
years. 30Ahab the son of Omri did
that which was evil in the sight of
YHWH[b] above all that were before
him. 31It happened, as if it had been
a light thing for him to walk in the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
that he took as wife Jezebel the
daughter of Ethbaal king of the
Sidonians, and went and served
Baal, and worshiped him. 32He
reared up an altar for Baal in the
house of Baal, which he had built in
Samaria. 33Ahab made the
Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to
provoke YHWH, the God of Israel,
to anger than all the kings of Israel
who were before him. 34In his days
Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho: he
laid its foundation with the loss of
Abiram his firstborn, and set up its
gates with the loss of his youngest
son Segub, according to the word
of YHWH, which he spoke by
Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And Elijah the
Tishbite, of the
inhabitants[c] of
Gilead, said to Ahab, "As YHWH,
the God of Israel, lives, before
whom I stand, there shall not be
dew nor rain these years, except by
my word." 2And the word of
YHWH came to him, saying, 3"Go
away from here, turn eastward, and
hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith,
that is near the Jordan. 4And it shall
be that you will drink from the
wadi. I have commanded the ravens
to feed you there." 5So he went and
did according to the word of
YHWH; for he went and lived by the
Wadi Cherith, that is near the
Jordan. 6And the ravens brought
him bread and meat in the morning,
and bread and meat in the evening.
And he drank from the wadi. 7And
it happened after a while that the
wadi dried up, because there was
no rain in the land. 8The word of
YHWH came to him, saying,

[a]16:22 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "in the place of Tibni" from haplography by homoioteleuton: y-y

[b]16:30 LXX adds "and did more wickedly"

[c]17:1 LXX reads "of Tishbe of"

9"Arise, go to Zarephath, which
belongs to Sidon, and stay there.
Look, I have commanded a widow
there to provide for you."

10So he got up and went to
Zarephath. And when he came to
the gate of the city, look, a widow
was there gathering wood. And he
called to her, and said, "Please
bring me a little water in a pitcher,
that I may drink."

11And as she was going to get
it, he called to her, and said, "Please
bring me a piece of bread in your
hand."

12She said, "As YHWH your
God lives, I do not have anything
baked, except a handful of flour in
a jar, and a little oil in a jug. Look,
I am gathering a couple of sticks,
that I may go in and bake it for me
and my son, that we may eat it, and
die."

13And Elijah said to her, "Do
not be afraid. Go and do as you
have said. But make me of it a little
cake first, and bring it out to me,
and afterward make some for
yourself and for your son. 14For
thus says YHWH, the God of Israel,
'The jar of flour shall not empty,
neither shall the jug of oil be empty,
until the day that YHWH sends rain
on the surface of the land.'"

15And she went and did
according to the saying of Elijah.
And she, and he, and her
household, ate for a long time.
16The jar of flour did not empty,
neither did the jug of oil become
empty, according to the word of
YHWH, which he spoke by Elijah.
17It happened after these things,
that the son of the woman, the
mistress of the house, fell sick. And
his illness was so severe that there
was no breath left in him. 18And she
said to Elijah, "What do we have in
common, O man of God? You have
come to me to bring my sin to
memory, and to kill my son."

19And he said to her, "Give
me your son." And he took him out
of her lap and carried him up into
the room where he stayed, and laid
him on his own bed. 20He cried to
YHWH, and said, "YHWH my God,
have you also brought disaster on
the widow with whom I sojourn, by
killing her son?"

21And he stretched himself
upon the child three times, and
called out to YHWH, and said,
"YHWH my God, please let this
child's soul come into him again."

22YHWH listened to the voice
of Elijah; and the soul of the child
came into him again, and he
revived. 23And Elijah[a] took the
child and brought him down out of
the room into the house and gave
him to his mother. And Elijah said,
"See, your son lives."

[a]17:23 LXX reads "And it was so. The lad cried out, and he"

[24]And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of YHWH in your mouth is the truth."

18 And it happened after many days that the word of YHWH came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land."
[2]So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. And the famine was severe in Samaria. [3]And Ahab summoned Obadiah, the steward of the house. (Now Obadiah feared YHWH greatly. [4]And it came about, when Jezebel was killing the prophets of YHWH, that Obadiah took one hundred prophets and hid them, fifty by fifty[a] in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) [5]And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land, to all the springs of water, and to all the wadis. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, that we not lose all the animals."

[6]So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way alone, and Obadiah went another way alone. [7]And as Obadiah was on the way, look, Elijah met him; and he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is it you, my lord Elijah?"

[8]He answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your lord, 'Look, Elijah is here.'"

[9]And he said, "How have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? [10]As YHWH your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you. When they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they did not find you. [11]Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Look, Elijah is here."' [12]It will happen, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of YHWH will carry you I do not know where; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he can't find you, he will kill me. But I, your servant, have feared YHWH from my youth. [13]Wasn't it told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of YHWH, how I hid one hundred men of YHWH's prophets, fifty by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? [14]Now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Look, Elijah is here";' and he will kill me."

[15]Elijah said, "As YHWH of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today." [16]So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. [17]It happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

[a]18:4 Hebrew Mss Tg. MT lacks "fifty" from whole-word haplography

18He answered, “I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father’s house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of YHWH, and you have followed the Baals. 19Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and four hundred fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

20So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. 21Elijah came near to all the people, and said, “How long will you keep limping between two positions? If YHWH is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.”

But the people did not answer him a word.

22Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of YHWH; but the prophets of Baal are four hundred and fifty men, and the prophets of Asherah four hundred.[a] 23Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under. And I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under it. 24You call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of YHWH, and the god who answers by fire, he is God.”

All the people answered, “It is well said.”

25Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare it first, for you are the majority, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it.”

26And they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, “Baal, answer us.” But there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they limped about the altar they[b] had made. 27And it came about, at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Maybe he is thinking about it, or he is busy,[c] or he is on a trip, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.”

28And they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with swords and spears, until the blood gushed out on them. 29And when midday was past, they prophesied until the offering up of the offering; but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. 30Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me”; and all the people came near to him. He

[a]18:22 LXX. MT lacks “and the prophets…hundred” from haplography: w-w. Cf. Freedman and Overton, 113

[b]18:26 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads “he”

[c]18:27 LXX(BL) lack “or he is busy”

repaired the altar of YHWH that had
been torn down. 31Elijah took
twelve stones, according to the
number of the tribes of the sons of
Jacob, to whom the word of YHWH
came, saying, "Israel shall be your
name." 32And with the stones he
built an altar in the name of YHWH.
And he made a trench around the
altar, large enough to contain two
seahs of seed. 33And he arranged
the wood, and cut the bull in pieces,
and laid it on the wood. 34And he
said, "Fill four jars with water, and
pour it on the burnt offering, and on
the wood." And they did so.[a] And
he said, "Do it a second time"; and
they did it the second time. And he
said, "Do it a third time"; and they
did it the third time. 35And the
water ran around the altar; and he
also filled the trench with water.

36It happened at the time of
the offering up of the offering, that
Elijah the prophet came near, and
said, "YHWH, the God of Abraham,
of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be
known this day that you are God in
Israel, and that I am your servant,
and that I have done all these things
at your word. 37Hear me, YHWH,
hear me, that this people may know
that you, YHWH, are God, and that
you have turned their heart back
again."

38Then the fire of YHWH fell,
and consumed the burnt offering,
and the wood, and the stones, and
the dust, and licked up the water
that was in the trench. 39And when
all the people saw it, they fell
facedown and said, "YHWH, he is
God. YHWH, he is God."

40And Elijah said to them,
"Seize the prophets of Baal. Do not
let one of them escape."

And they seized them. And
Elijah brought them down to the
Wadi Kishon, and killed them
there.

41And Elijah said to Ahab,
"Get up, eat and drink; for there is
the sound of a heavy rain."

42So Ahab went up to eat and
to drink. Elijah went up to the top
of Carmel; and he bowed himself
down toward the ground, and put
his face between his knees. 43And
he said to his servant, "Go up now,
look toward the sea." So he went
up, and looked, and said, "There is
nothing." Then he said, "Go again"
seven times. And the servant went
again seven times.[b]

44It happened at the seventh
time, that he said, "Look, a small
cloud, like a man's hand, is rising
out of the sea."

He said, "Go up, tell Ahab,
'Get ready and go down, so that the
rain doesn't stop you.'"

[a]18:34 LXX. MT lacks "And they did so" from homoioarcton: wy-wy

[b]18:43 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "And the servant…times" from haplography: sb' p'mym_wy-sb' p'mym_wy

45It happened in a little while,
that the sky grew black with clouds
and wind, and there was a heavy
rain. Ahab rode, and went to
Jezreel. 46The hand of YHWH was
on Elijah; and he tucked his cloak
into his belt and ran before Ahab to
the entrance of Jezreel.

19 Ahab told Jezebel
all that Elijah had
done, and how he
had killed all the prophets with the
sword. 2Then Jezebel sent a
messenger to Elijah, saying,[a] "So
let the gods do to me, and more
also, if I do not make your life as
the life of one of them by tomorrow
about this time."

3And he was afraid,[b] and he
got up and fled for his life, and
came to Beersheba, which belongs
to Judah, and left his servant there.
4But he himself went a day's
journey into the wilderness, and
came and sat down under a broom
tree. And he requested for himself
that he might die, and said, "It is
enough. Now, YHWH, take away
my life, for I am no better than my
fathers."

5He lay down and slept under
a broom tree. And look, an angel
touched him, and said to him,
"Arise and eat."

6He looked, and look, there
was at his head a cake baked on the
coals, and a jar of water. He[c] ate
and drank, and lay down again.
7The angel of YHWH came again
the second time, and touched him,
and said, "Arise and eat, because
the journey is too great for you."

8And he got up and ate and
drank, and went in the strength of
that food forty days and forty nights
to Horeb the Mount of God. 9And
there he came to a cave and lodged
there; and look, the word of YHWH
came to him, and he said to him,
"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10He said, "I have been very
jealous for YHWH, the God of
hosts; for the children of Israel have
forsaken your covenant, thrown
down your altars, and slain your
prophets with the sword, and I,
even I only, am left; and they seek
my life, to take it away."

11And he said, "Go out
tomorrow[d] and stand on the
mountain before YHWH." Look,
YHWH passed by, and a great and
strong wind tore the mountains, and
broke in pieces the rocks before
YHWH; but YHWH was not in the
wind. After the wind an
earthquake; but YHWH was not in
the earthquake. 12After the
earthquake a fire passed; but

[a]19:2 LXX(BL) add "If you are Elijah, and I am Jezebel,"
[b]19:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "And he saw"
[c]19:6 LXX adds/reads "And he arose, and he"
[d]19:11 LXX cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 8:351). MT lacks mhr "tomorrow." In LXX word order, possible homoioarcton in Paleo-Hebrew: m-w, or homoioteleuton if mahar followed wayyomer in a square script: r-r

YHWH was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13It was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his cloak, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. Look, a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14He said, "I have been very jealous for YHWH, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and slain your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."
15YHWH said to him, "Go, return on your way, and you will come to the way[a] of the wilderness of Damascus, and when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Aram. 16You shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi to be king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah to be prophet in your place. 17It shall happen, that he who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and he who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18Yet I have kept for myself[b] seven thousand people[c] in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal,[d] and every mouth that has not kissed him."

19So he departed there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over to him, and cast his cloak on him. 20He left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me please kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you."

He said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?"

21He returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and served him.

20 Ben Hadad the king of Aram gathered all his army together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. 2He sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and said to him, "Thus says Ben Hadad, 3'Your silver and your gold is mine. Your wives also and your children, even the best, are mine.'"

[a]19:15 LXX Mss. MT lacks "and you will come to the way" from homoioteleuton: k-k
[b]19:18 Vg, reading mihi = לי (cf. 2Chronicles 7:12). MT lacks "for myself" from homoioteleuton: y-y
[c]19:18 LXX, reading andron = אנשים. MT lacks "people" from a two-letter homoioteleuton: ים-ים
[d]19:18 Romans 11:4

4The king of Israel answered,
"It is according to your saying, my
lord, O king. I am yours, and all
that I have."

5The messengers came again,
and said, "Ben Hadad says, 'I sent
indeed to you, saying, "You shall
deliver me your silver, and your
gold, and your wives, and your
children; 6but I will send my
servants to you tomorrow about
this time, and they shall search your
house, and the houses of your
servants; and it shall be, that
whatever is pleasant in their[a] eyes,
they shall put it in their hand, and
take it away."'"

7Then the king of Israel
called all the elders of the land, and
said, "Please notice how this man
seeks mischief; for he sent to me
for my wives, and for my children,
and for my silver, and for my gold;
and I did not deny him."

8All the elders and all the
people said to him, "Do not listen,
neither consent."

9Therefore he said to the
messengers of Ben Hadad, "Tell
my lord the king, 'All that you sent
for to your servant at the first I will
do; but this thing I cannot do.'" The
messengers departed, and brought
him back the message. 10Ben
Hadad sent to him, and said, "The
gods do so to me, and more also, if
the dust of Samaria shall suffice for
handfuls for all the people who
follow me."

11The king of Israel
answered, "Tell him, 'Do not let
him who puts on his armor brag
like he who takes it off.'"

12It happened, when Ben
Hadad heard this message, as he
was drinking, he and the kings, in
the pavilions, that he said to his
servants, "Prepare to attack." They
prepared to attack the city.

13Look, a prophet came near
to Ahab king of Israel, and said,
"Thus says YHWH, 'Have you seen
all this great multitude? Look, I
will deliver it into your hand this
day; and you shall know that I am
YHWH.'"

14Ahab said, "By whom?" He
said, "Thus says YHWH, 'By the
young men of the governors of the
districts.'"

Then he said, "Who shall
begin the battle?"

He answered, "You."

15Then he mustered the
young men of the governors of the
districts, and they were two
hundred and thirty-two. After
them, he mustered all the people,
even all the children of Israel, being
seven thousand. 16They went out at
noon. But Ben Hadad was drinking

[a]20:6 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "your"

himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him. 17The young men of the governors of the districts went out first; and Ben Hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, "Men are coming out from Samaria."

18He said, "If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive."

19So these went out of the city, the young men of the governors of the districts, and the army which followed them. 20They each killed his man. The Arameans fled, and Israel pursued them. Ben Hadad the king of Aram escaped on a horse with horsemen. 21The king of Israel went out, and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Arameans with a great slaughter. 22The prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and mark, and see what you do; for at the return of the year the king of Aram will come up against you."

23The servants of the king of Aram said to him, "Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we. But let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. 24Do this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their place. 25Muster an army, like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. We will fight against them in the plain, and surely we will be stronger than them."

He listened to their voice, and did so. 26It happened at the return of the year, that Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. 27The children of Israel were mustered, and were provisioned, and went against them. The children of Israel camped before them like two little flocks of young goats; but the Arameans filled the country. 28A man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel, and said,[a] "Thus says YHWH, 'Because the Arameans have said, "YHWH is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys"; therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am YHWH.'"

29They camped one over against the other seven days. So it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand footmen of the Arameans in one day. 30But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men who were left. Ben Hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner room. 31His servants said to him, "See now, we have heard that the

[a]20:28 A Hebrew Ms LXX(A) Syr lack "and said"

kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please let us put sackcloth on our bodies, and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Maybe he will save your life."

[32]So they put sackcloth on their bodies and ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, "Your servant Ben Hadad says, 'Please let me live.'"

He said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

[33]Now the men were looking for an omen, and they seized upon it from him,[a] and they said, "Ben Hadad is your brother." Then he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben Hadad came out to him, and he had him come up into the chariot. [34]Ben Hadad said to him, "The cities which my father took from your father I will restore. You shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria."

"I," said Ahab, "will let you go with this covenant." So he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

[35]A certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his fellow by the word of YHWH, "Please strike me."

The man refused to strike him. [36]Then he said to him, "Because you have not obeyed the voice of YHWH, look, as soon as you are departed from me, a lion shall kill you." As soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and killed him.

[37]Then he found another man, and said, "Please strike me."

The man struck him, smiting and wounding him. [38]So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his headband over his eyes. [39]As the king passed by, he cried to the king; and he said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and look, a man turned aside, and brought a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man. If by any means he be missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.' [40]As your servant was busy here and there, he was gone."

The king of Israel said to him, "So your judgment shall be; you yourself have decided it."

[41]He hurried, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized that he was of the prophets. [42]He said to him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Because you have let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life

[a]20:33 Hebrew Mss Versions cf. BHS. MT has misdivided two words

shall go for his life, and your people for his people.'"

43The king of Israel went to his house sullen and angry, and came to Samaria.

21 It happened after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, near the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near to my house; and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money."

3Naboth said to Ahab, "May YHWH forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you."

4Ahab came into his house sullen and angry because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He laid himself down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. 5But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sad, that you eat no bread?"

6He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' He answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"
7Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, who lived with Naboth. 9She wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 10Set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed[a] God and the king.' Then carry him out, and stone him to death."

11The men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, according as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. 12They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 13The two men, the base fellows, came in and sat before him. The base fellows testified against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." Then they carried him

[a]21:10 Syr = קלל (Heb.). MT reads ברך "bless," a scribal euphemistic substitution

out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones. 14Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and is dead."

15It happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16It happened, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. 17The word of YHWH came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18"Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwells in Samaria. Look, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. 19You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says YHWH, "Have you killed and also taken possession?"' You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says YHWH, "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs will lick your blood, even yours."'"

20And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" And he answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself[a] to do that which is evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger.[b] 21Thus says YHWH,[c] 'Look, I will bring disaster on you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab everyone, slave or free in Israel. 22I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and have made Israel to sin.'" 23YHWH also spoke of Jezebel, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the district[d] of Jezreel. 24The dogs will eat he who dies of Ahab in the city; and the birds of the sky will eat he who dies in the field."

25But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to do that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26He did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom YHWH cast out before the children of Israel. 27It happened, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

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[a]21:20 LXX adds "to no purpose," possibly lost from homoioarcton: l-l

[b]21:20 LXX. MT lacks "to provoke him to anger," lost in MT from haplography, which continued into the next verse

[c]21:21 LXX (Nomn). MT lacks "Thus says YHWH" from haplography beginning in the previous verse: yhwh-yhwh

[d]21:23 Hebrew Mss Tg Syr Vg, reading hlq "district/portion." 2 Kings 9:36. MT reads hl "rampart"

[28]The word of YHWH came
to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,
[29]"See how Ahab humbles himself
before me? Because he humbles
himself before me, I will not bring
the disaster in his days; but in his
son's days will I bring the disaster
on his house."

22 They continued
three years without
war between Aram
and Israel. [2]It happened in the third
year, that Jehoshaphat the king of
Judah came down to the king of
Israel. [3]The king of Israel said to his
servants, "You know that Ramoth
Gilead is ours, and we are still, and
do not take it out of the hand of the
king of Aram?" [4]He said to
Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me
to battle to Ramoth Gilead?"

Jehoshaphat said to the king
of Israel, "I am as you are, my
people as your people, my horses as
your horses." [5]Jehoshaphat said to
the king of Israel, "Please inquire
first for the word of YHWH."

[6]Then the king of Israel
gathered the prophets together,
about four hundred men, and said
to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth
Gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?"
They said, "Go up; for YHWH[a] will
deliver it into the hand of the king."

[7]But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't
there here a prophet of YHWH, that
we may inquire of him?"

[8]The king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man
by whom we may inquire of
YHWH, Micaiah the son of Imlah;
but I hate him; for he does not
prophesy good concerning me, but
evil."

Jehoshaphat said, "Do not let
the king say so."

[9]Then the king of Israel
called an officer, and said,
"Quickly get Micaiah the son of
Imlah."

[10]Now the king of Israel and
Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were
sitting each on his throne, arrayed
in their robes, in an open place at
the entrance of the gate of Samaria;
and all the prophets were
prophesying before them.
[11]Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah
made him horns of iron, and said,
"Thus says YHWH, 'With these you
shall push the Arameans, until they
are consumed.'" [12]All the prophets
prophesied so, saying, "Go up to
Ramoth Gilead, and prosper; for
YHWH will deliver it into the hand
of the king."

[13]The messenger who went to
call Micaiah spoke to him, saying,
"See now, the prophets declare
good to the king with one mouth.
Please let your word be like the
word of one of them, and speak
good."

[a]22:6 Hebrew Mss Tg. MT reads
"Lord"

[14]Micaiah said, “As YHWH lives, what YHWH says to me, that I will speak.”

[15]When he had come to the king, the king said to him, “Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall we forbear?”

He answered him, “Go up and prosper; and YHWH will deliver it into the hand of the king.” [16]The king said to him, “How many times do I have to adjure you that you speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of YHWH?”

[17]He said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. YHWH said, ‘These have no master. Let them each return to his house in peace.’”

[18]The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”

[19]Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of YHWH. I saw YHWH sitting on his throne, and all the army of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. [20]YHWH said, ‘Who shall entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ One said one thing; and another said another. [21]A spirit came out and stood before YHWH, and said, ‘I will entice him.’ [22]YHWH said to him, ‘How?’ He said, ‘I will go out and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’ He said, ‘You will entice him, and will also prevail. Go out and do so.’ [23]Now therefore, look, YHWH has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and YHWH has pronounced disaster against you.”

[24]Then Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did the Spirit of YHWH go from me to speak to you?”

[25]Micaiah said, “Look, you will see on that day, when you go into an inner room to hide yourself.”

[26]The king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son. [27]Say, ‘Thus says the king, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.”’”

[28]Micaiah said, “If you return at all in peace, YHWH has not spoken by me.” He said, “Listen, all you people.”

[29]So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. [30]The king of

Israel said to Jehoshaphat,[a] "I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes." The king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

31Now the king of Aram had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel. 32It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely that is the king of Israel." and they turned aside to fight against him. Jehoshaphat cried out.[b] 33It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn your hand, and carry me out of the battle; for I am severely wounded." 35The battle increased that day. The king was propped up in his chariot facing the Arameans, and died at evening. The blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. 36A cry went throughout the army about the going down of the sun, saying, "Every man to his city, and every man to his country."

37So the king died,[c] and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38They washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood where the prostitutes washed themselves; according to the word of YHWH which he spoke.

39Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place. 41Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43He walked in all the way of Asa his father; He did not turn aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of YHWH: however the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 44Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of

[a]22:30 [DSS] LXX add "king of Judah," possibly due to the visual similarity of yhwsft and yhwdh. Cf. 2 Chronicles 18:29

[b]22:32 LXX(L) adds "out, and YHWH helped him. God drew them away from him," which if original could have been lost by the similarity of wyhwh and wyhy

[c]22:37 LXX(BL) read "for the king is dead," a kaph-waw interchange

Judah? [46]The remnant of the male
temple prostitutes, that remained in
the days of his father Asa, he put
away out of the land. [47]There was
no king in Edom: a deputy was
king. [48]Jehoshaphat made ships of
Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold:
but they did not go; for the ships
were broken at Ezion Geber.
[49]Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab
said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my
servants go with your servants in
the ships." But Jehoshaphat would
not. [50]Jehoshaphat slept with his
fathers, and was buried with his
fathers in the City of David his
father; Jehoram his son reigned in
his place. [51]Ahaziah the son of
Ahab began to reign over Israel in
Samaria in the seventeenth year of
Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he
reigned two years over Israel. [52]He
did that which was evil in the sight
of YHWH, and walked in the way of
his father, and in the way of his
mother, and in the way of Jeroboam
the son of Nebat, in which he made
Israel to sin. [53]He served Baal, and
worshiped him, and provoked to
anger YHWH, the God of Israel,
according to all that his father had
done.

The Second Book of Kings

1 Moab rebelled against
Israel after the death of
Ahab. [2]Ahaziah fell
down through the lattice in his
upper room that was in Samaria,
and was sick. So he sent
messengers, and said to them, "Go,
inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of
Ekron, whether I will recover of
this sickness."

[3]But the angel of YHWH said
to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up
to meet the messengers of the king
of Samaria, and tell them, 'Is it
because there is no God in Israel,
that you go to inquire of Baal
Zebub, the god of Ekron? [4]Now
therefore thus says YHWH, "You
shall not come down from the bed
where you have gone up, but shall
surely die."'" Elijah departed.

[5]The messengers returned to
him, and he said to them, "Why is
it that you have returned?"

[6]They said to him, "A man
came up to meet us, and said to us,
'Go, return to the king who sent
you, and tell him, "Thus says
YHWH, 'Is it because there is no
God in Israel, that you send to
inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of
Ekron? Therefore you shall not
come down from the bed where you
have gone up, but shall surely
die.'"'"

[7]He said to them, "What kind
of man was he who came up to
meet you, and told you these
words?"

[8]They answered him, "He
was a hairy man, and wearing a
leather belt around his waist."

He said, "It is Elijah the
Tishbite."

[9]Then the king sent a captain of fifty with his fifty to him. He went up to him; and look, he was sitting on the top of the hill. He said to him, “Man of God, the king has said, ‘Come down.’”

[10]Elijah answered to the captain of fifty, “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky, and consume you and your fifty.” Fire came down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty.

[11]Again he sent to him another captain of fifty and his fifty. And he went up[a] and said to him, “Man of God, the king has said, ‘Come down quickly.’”

[12]And Elijah answered and said to him,[b] “If I am a man of God, let fire come down from the sky, and consume you and your fifty.” The fire of God came down from the sky, and consumed him and his fifty.

[13]And he tried again and sent a third captain with his fifty. The third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, “Man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty your servants, be precious in your sight. [14]Look, fire came down from the sky, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties. But now let my life be precious in your sight.”

[15]The angel of YHWH said to Elijah, “Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him.”

He arose, and went down with him to the king. [16]He said to him, “Thus says YHWH, ‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.’”

[17]So he died according to the word of YHWH which Elijah had spoken. And his brother[c] Jehoram began to reign in his place 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, aren’t they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?[d]

2 It happened, when YHWH would take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. [2]Elijah said to Elisha, “Please wait here, for

[a]1:11 LXX, reading, prb: vayya’al. MT reads vayya’an “And he answered”
[b]1:12 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads “to them”
[c]1:17 LXX Mss Syr Vg. MT lacks “his brother” from haplography by homoioteleuton: yw-yw
[d]1:18 LXX adds information contained in 2 Kings 3:1-3

YHWH has sent me as far as Bethel."

Elisha said, "As YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3The sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that YHWH will take away your master from your head today?"

He said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace."

4Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please wait here, for YHWH has sent me to Jericho."

He said, "As YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that YHWH will take away your master from your head today?"

He answered, "Yes, I know it. Hold your peace."

6Elijah said to him, "Please wait here, for YHWH has sent me to the Jordan."

He said, "As YHWH lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." They both went on. 7Fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood opposite them at a distance; and they both stood by the Jordan. 8Elijah took his cloak, and wrapped it together, and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them went over on dry ground. 9It happened, when they had gone over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you."

Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be on me."

10He said, "You have asked a hard thing. If you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

11It happened, as they still went on, and talked, that look, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12Elisha saw it, and he cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen."

He saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and tore them in two pieces. 13And he picked up the cloak of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14And he took the cloak of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the

water, and it did not divide.[a] And he said, "Where is YHWH, the God of Elijah, even he?" And he struck the water a second time,[b] and they divided to the one side and to the other; and Elisha crossed over. 15When the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho over against him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 16They said to him, "See now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek your master. Perhaps the Spirit of YHWH has taken him up and thrown him into the Jordan, or[c] on some mountain, or into some valley. He said, "You shall not send them."

17When they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, "Send them." They sent therefore fifty men; and they searched for three days, but did not find him. 18They came back to him, while he stayed at Jericho; and he said to them, "Did I not tell you not to go?"

19The men of the city said to Elisha, "Look, please, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land miscarries."

20He said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt in it." They brought it to him. 21He went out to the spring of the waters, and threw salt into it, and said, "Thus says YHWH, 'I have healed these waters. There shall not be from there any more death or miscarrying.'" 22So the waters were healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23He went up from there to Bethel. As he was going up by the way, some youths came out of the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldy. Go up, you baldhead." 24He looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in the name of YHWH. Two female bears came out of the woods, and mauled forty-two of those youths. 25He went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had

[a]2:14 LXX Vg Mss, reading kai ou dieste = wl' yhs or wyhs l'. MT lacks "and it did not divide" from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w or wy-wy

[b]2:14 LXX(L), reading ek deuterou = snyt. MT lacks "a second time" from haplography by sight confusion of ym and yt, since mem and taw are easily confused in square script. Cf. I. Hooykaas, Iets over de grieksche vertaling van het Oude Testament (1888), 14

[c]2:16 LXX OL. MT lacks "into the Jordon, or" from haplography: w b-w b

made. [3]Nevertheless he held to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; he did not depart from it. [4]Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder; and he rendered to the king of Israel the wool of one hundred thousand lambs, and of one hundred thousand rams. [5]But it happened, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. [6]King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. [7]He went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me against Moab to battle?"

He said, "I will go up. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." [8]He said, "Which way shall we go up?"

He answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom." [9]So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey. There was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them. [10]The king of Israel said, "Alas. For YHWH has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab."

[11]But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of YHWH, that we may inquire of YHWH by him?"

One of the king of Israel's servants answered, "Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah."

[12]And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of YHWH is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah[a] and the king of Edom went down to him.

[13]Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father, and to the prophets of your mother."

The king of Israel said to him, "No; for YHWH has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." [14]Elisha said, "As YHWH of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I respect the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward you, nor see you. [15]But now bring me a minstrel." It happened, when the minstrel played, that the hand of YHWH came on him. [16]He said, "Thus says YHWH, 'Make this valley full of trenches.' [17]For thus says YHWH, 'You will not see wind, neither will you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, and you will drink, both you and your livestock and your

[a]3:12 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg Mss. MT lacks "king of Judah" from homoioteleuton: mlk-mlk

animals. [18]This is but a light thing in the sight of YHWH. He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. [19]You shall strike every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.'"

[20]It happened in the morning, about the time of offering the offering, that look, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

[21]Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all who were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood on the border. [22]They rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water over against them as red as blood. [23]They said, "This is blood. The kings are surely destroyed, and they have struck each other. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil."

[24]When they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land smiting the Moabites. [25]They beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the springs of water, and felled all the good trees, until in Kir Hareseth only they left its stones; however the men armed with slings went about it, and struck it. [26]When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too severe for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew sword, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not. [27]Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall. There was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

4 Now a wife from among the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared YHWH, but the creditor has come to take for himself my two children to be his slaves."

[2]Then Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house, except a small jar of oil."

[3]Then he said, "Go, ask for containers from outside, from all your neighbors, empty containers. [4]Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these containers, and you are to set each one aside when it is full."

[5]So she left him and shut the door behind herself and her sons; they kept bringing her containers, and she kept pouring. [6]Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me

another container." But he said to her, "There aren't any more." Then the oil stopped flowing.

[7]Then she came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

[8]Now it happened one day that Elisha traveled to Shunem, where there was a prominent woman, who urged him to eat some food. so whenever he passed by, he would stop in there to eat some food. [9]And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God who often passes by us. [10]Please, let's make a little room on the wall, and let's set up a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp for him there, so that whenever he comes to us, he can stay there."

[11]Now it happened one day he came there, and he turned into the upper room and rested. [12]And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." So he called for her and she stood before him. [13]And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us. What can I do for you? Can I put in a good word for you to the king, or to the commander of the army?'" She answered, "I have a home among my own people."

[14]So he said, "What then can I do for her?" And Gehazi replied, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old."

[15]Then he said, "Call her." And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway. [16]And he said, "At this season, when the time comes around, you will be holding a son." And she said, "No, my lord, man of God, do not lie to your servant."

[17]But the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season, when the time came around, just as Elisha had said to her. [18]And the child grew and it happened one day that he went out to his father to the harvest workers. [19]And he said to his father, "My head, my head." And he said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother."

[20]And when he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her lap until noon, and died. [21]Then she went up and put him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and left. [22]Then she called to her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and then return."

[23]But he said, "Why would you want to see him today? It is not the new moon or Sabbath." And she said, "It's alright."

[24]Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, "Lead on; do not slow down for me unless I tell you."

[25]So she went and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. So it happened when the man of God

saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, “Look, there is the Shunammite. 26Please run now to meet her and ask her, ‘Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?’” And she answered, “It is well.”

27But when she came to the man of God to the mountain, she grabbed hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for she is in severe anguish, and YHWH has hidden it from me and has not told me.”

28Then she said, “Did I ask a son from my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not mislead me?’”

29Then he said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child.”

30But the mother of the child said, “As YHWH lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he arose and followed her.

31Now Gehazi went on ahead of them and placed the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or response. Therefore he came back to meet him and told him, saying, “The child did not wake up.”

32When Elisha arrived at the house, look, the child was dead, lying on his bed. 33So he went in and shut the door on the two of them and prayed to YHWH. 34Then he got up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself upon him, and the body of the child grew warm. 35Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself upon him, and the child sneezed seven times and the child opened his eyes. 36Then he called to Gehazi and said, “Call this Shunammite.” So he called her. When she had come in to him, he said, “Pick up your son.”

37Then she came in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground. Then she picked up her son and left.

38Now Elisha came again to Gilgal, while there was a famine in the land. And the sons of the prophets were sitting before him, and he said to his servant, “Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets.”

39Then one of them went out into the field to gather herbs and found a wild vine, and gathered as many of its gourds as his garment would hold, and came and cut them up into the pot of stew, for he was unaware what it was. 40So they poured out for the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating of the stew, that they cried out, and

said, “Man of God, there is death in the pot.” And they could not eat it.

41But he said, “Bring some flour.”[a] And he threw it into the pot and said, “Pour it out for the people, that they may eat.” And there was no harm in the pot.

42Now a man from Baal Shalishah came and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, “Give to the people, that they may eat.”

43But his servant said, “What, should I set this before a hundred men?” So he said, “Give them to the people so that they may eat, for thus says YHWH, ‘They will eat, and will have some left over.’”

44So he set it before them, and they ate, and had some left over, according to the word of YHWH.

5 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him YHWH had given victory to Aram: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. 2The Arameans had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she waited on Naaman’s wife. 3She said to her mistress, “I wish that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria. Then he would heal him of his leprosy.”

4Someone went in, and told his lord, saying, “The maiden who is from the land of Israel said this.”

5The king of Aram said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

He departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, “Now when this letter has come to you, look, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.”

7It happened, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he tore his clothes, and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to heal a man of his leprosy? But please consider and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.”

8It was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

[a]4:41 Hebrew Mss Versions. MT reads “And bring some flour”

9So Naaman came with his
horses and with his chariots, and
stood at the door of the house of
Elisha. 10Elisha sent a messenger to
him, saying, "Go and wash in the
Jordan seven times, and your flesh
shall come again to you, and you
shall be clean."

11But Naaman was angry,
and went away, and said, "Look, I
thought, 'He will surely come out
to me, and stand, and call on the
name of YHWH[a] his God, and wave
his hand over the place, and heal
the leper.' 12Aren't Abanah and
Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus,
better than all the waters of Israel?
Couldn't I go[b] wash in them, and be
clean?" So he turned and went
away in a rage.

13His servants came near, and
spoke to him, and said, "My father,
if[c] the prophet had asked you to do
some great thing, wouldn't you
have done it? How much rather
then, when he says to you, 'Wash,
and be clean?'"

14Then he went down and
dipped himself seven times in the
Jordan, according to the saying of
the man of God; and his flesh was
restored like the flesh of a little
child, and he was clean. 15He
returned to the man of God, he and
all his company, and came, and
stood before him; and he said, "See
now, I know that there is no God in
all the earth, but in Israel. Now
therefore, please take a gift from
your servant."

16But he said, "As YHWH
lives, before whom I stand, I will
receive none."

He urged him to take it; but
he refused. 17Naaman said, "If not,
then, please let two mules' burden
of earth be given to your servant;
for your servant will from now on
offer neither burnt offering nor
sacrifice to other gods, but to
YHWH. 18In this thing may YHWH
pardon your servant: when my
master goes into the house of
Rimmon to worship there, and he
leans on my hand, and I bow myself
in the house of Rimmon. When I
bow myself in the house of
Rimmon, may YHWH pardon your
servant in this thing."

19He said to him, "Go in
peace."

So he departed from him a
little way. 20But Gehazi the servant
of Elisha the man of God, said,
"Look, my master has spared this
Naaman the Aramean, in not
receiving at his hands that which he
brought. As YHWH lives, I will run
after him, and take something from
him."

21So Gehazi followed after
Naaman. When Naaman saw one
running after him, he came down

[a]5:11 LXX Mss lack "YHWH"
[b]5:12 LXX Syr. MT lacks "go"
[c]5:13 LXX(L) cf. Tg Syr Vg and BHS. MT lacks "if"

from the chariot to meet him, and said, “Is all well?”

[22]He said, “All is well. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Look, even now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.’”

[23]Naaman said, “Be pleased to take two talents.” He urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants; and they carried them before him. [24]When he came to the hill, he took them from their hand, and stored them in the house. Then he let the men go, and they departed. [25]But he went in, and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, “Where did you come from, Gehazi?”

He said, “Your servant went nowhere.”

[26]He said to him, “Did not my heart go with you, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive groves and vineyards, and sheep and cattle, and male servants and female servants? [27]Therefore the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you and to your descendants forever.”

He went out from his presence a leper, as white as snow.

6 The sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “See now, the place where we dwell before you is too small for us. [2]Please let us go to the Jordan, and every man take a beam from there, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell.”

He answered, “Go.”

[3]One said, “Please be pleased to go with your servants.”

He answered, “I will go.” [4]So he went with them. When they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. [5]But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water. Then he cried, and said, “Alas, my master. For it was borrowed.”

[6]The man of God asked, “Where did it fall?” He showed him the place. He cut down a stick, threw it in there, and made the iron float. [7]He said, “Take it.” So he put out his hand and took it.

[8]Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, “My camp will be in such and such a place.”

[9]The man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, “Beware that you not pass such a place; for the Arameans are coming down there.” [10]The king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor

twice. 11The heart of the king of Aram was very troubled about this. He called his servants, and said to them, “Won’t you show me which of us is for the king of Israel?”

12One of his servants said, “No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

13He said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him.”

It was told him, saying, “Look, he is in Dothan.”

14Therefore he sent horses, chariots, and a great army there. They came by night, and surrounded the city. 15When the servant of the man of God had risen early, and gone out, look, an army with horses and chariots was around the city. His servant said to him, “Alas, my master. What shall we do?”

16He answered, “Do not be afraid; for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” 17Then Elisha prayed and said, “YHWH, please open his eyes, that he may see.” YHWH opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and look, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire around Elisha. 18When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to YHWH, and said, “Please strike this people with blindness.”

He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” He led them to Samaria. 20It happened, when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, “YHWH, open the eyes of these men, that they may see.”

YHWH opened their eyes, and they saw; and look, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21The king of Israel said to Elisha, when he saw them, “My father, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?”

22He answered, “You shall not strike them. Would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.”

23He prepared great feast for them. When they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. The bands of Aram stopped raiding the land of Israel.

24It happened after this, that Benhadad king of Aram gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. 25There was a great famine in Samaria. Look, they besieged it, until a donkey’s head was sold for eighty pieces of

silver, and the fourth part of a kab[a] of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. [26]As the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king."

[27]He said, "If YHWH doesn't help you, from where could I help you? From of the threshing floor, or from the winepress?" [28]The king said to her, "What ails you?"

She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' [29]So we boiled my son, and ate him: and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him;' and she has hidden her son."

[30]It happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes. Now he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked and saw that he had sackcloth against his skin. [31]Then he said, "God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stay on him this day."

[32]But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. Then the king sent a man from before him; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold the door shut against him. Isn't the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

[33]While he was still talking with them, look, the messenger came down to him. Then he said, "Look, this disaster is from YHWH. Why should I wait for YHWH any longer?"

7 Elisha said, "Hear the word of YHWH. Thus says YHWH, 'Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

[2]Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, "Look, if YHWH made windows in heaven, could this thing be?"

He said, "Look, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it."

[3]Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate. And they said to one another, "Why do we sit 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. If we sit still here, we also die. Now therefore come,

[a]6:25 A kab was a dry measure unit, equivalent to about one quart or one liter.

and let us surrender to the army of the Arameans. If they save us alive, we will live; and if they kill us, we will only die."

5They rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Arameans. When they had come to the outermost part of the camp of the Arameans, look, there was no man there. 6For YHWH[a] had made the army of the Arameans to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great army: and they said one to another, Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come on us. 7Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8When these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drink, and carried there silver, and gold, and clothing, and went and hid it. Then they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried there also, and went and hid it. 9Then they said one to another, "We aren't doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we keep silent. If we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household."

10So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city; and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Arameans, and, look, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were."

11The gatekeepers called out, and it was reported to the king's household within. 12The king arose in the night, and said to his servants, "I will now show you what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are 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 take them alive, and get into the city.'"

13And one of his servants answered, "Please let some take five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city. Look, they are like the whole multitude of Israel who have already perished.[b] Let us send and see."

14They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the army of the Arameans, saying, "Go and see."

15They went after them to the Jordan; and look, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Arameans had cast away in

[a]7:6 Hebrew Mss Syr. MT reads "Lord"

[b]7:13 MT adds "Look, they are like the whole multitude of Israel who are left in it." This text is missing in Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg, and is apparently an accidental repetition of text

their haste. The messengers returned, and told the king. [16]The people went out, and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of YHWH. [17]The king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to be in charge of the gate: and the people trod on him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. [18]It happened, 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 tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria"; [19]and that captain answered the man of God, and said, "Now, look, if YHWH should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be?" and he said, "Look, you shall see it with your eyes, but shall not eat of it." [20]It happened like that to him; for the people trod on him in the gate, and he died.[a]

8 Now Elisha had spoken to the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise, and go, you and your household, and stay for a while wherever you can; for YHWH has called for a famine. It shall also come on the land seven years."

[2]The woman arose, and did according to the word of the man of God. She went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years. [3]It happened at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines. Then she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land. [4]Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please tell me all the great things that Elisha has done." [5]It happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him who was dead, that look, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life."

[6]When the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to 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]Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Aram was sick. It was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here."

[8]The king said to Hazael, "Take a present in your hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of YHWH by him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

[a]7:20 Vg Mss cf. DSS add "according to the word of the man of God"

9So 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, "Your son Benhadad king of Aram has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

10Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him,[a] 'You shall surely recover;' however YHWH has shown me that he shall surely die." 11He settled his gaze steadfastly on him, until he was ashamed. Then the man of God wept.

12Hazael said, "Why do you weep, my lord?"

He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel. You will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, and will dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child."

13Hazael said, "But what is your servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing?"

Elisha answered, "YHWH has shown me that you will be king over Aram."

14Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?"

He answered, "He told me that you would surely recover."

15It happened on the next day, that he took a thick cloth,[b] dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died. Then Hazael reigned in his place.
16In the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat then being king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. 17He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign. He reigned eight years in Jerusalem.[c] 18He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab as wife. He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH. 19However YHWH would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give to him a lamp for his children always.

20In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 21Then Joram passed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents. 22So Edom revolted from under the hand

[a]8:10 MT Qere, reading lw "to him." MT Kethib reads l' "not"

[b]8:15 Josephus (*Ant.* 9:92) reads diktuon = mkmr "net," an apparent beth-mem interchange

[c]8:17 Cf. Joshua 10:1 fn

of Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. 23The rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 24Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his place. 25In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign. 26Twenty-two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel. 27He walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. 28He went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth Gilead: and the Arameans wounded Joram. 29King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

9 Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Put your belt on your waist, take this vial of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. 2When you come there, find Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brothers, and carry him to an inner room. 3Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says YHWH, "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door, flee, and do not wait."

4So the young prophet went to Ramoth Gilead. 5When he came, look, the captains of the army were sitting. Then he said, "I have a message for you, captain." Jehu said, "To which of us all?" He said, "To you, O captain."

6He arose, and went into the house. Then he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you king over the people of YHWH, even over Israel. 7You shall strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of YHWH, at the hand of Jezebel. 8For the whole house of Ahab shall perish. I will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a wall,[a] both him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel. 9I 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. 10The dogs will eat Jezebel on the plot of ground of Jezreel, and there shall be none to

[a]9:8 Or, male

bury her.'" He opened the door, and fled.

[11]Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?"

He said to them, "You know the man and what his talk was." [12]They said, "That is a lie. Tell us now."

He said, "He said to me, 'Thus says YHWH, I have anointed you king over Israel.'"

[13]Then they hurried, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king."

[14]So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram was keeping Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram; [15]but king Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Aram.) Jehu said, "If this is your thinking, then let no one escape and go out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel." [16]So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram. [17]Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company."

Joram said, "Take a 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 says the king, 'Is it peace?'"

Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in behind me."

The watchman said, "The messenger came to them, but he isn't coming back."

[19]Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'"

Jehu answered, "What do you have to do with peace? Fall in behind me."

[20]The watchman said, "He came to them, and isn't coming back. The driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives furiously."

[21]Joram said, "Get ready."

They got his chariot ready. Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. [22]It happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?"

He answered, "What peace, so long as the prostitution of your

mother Jezebel and her witchcraft abound?"

23Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "There is treason, Ahaziah."

24Jehu drew his bow with his full strength, and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.[a] 25Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick him up, and throw him in the plot of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite; for I[b] remember how when you and I rode together behind Ahab his father, YHWH pronounced this judgment on him: 26'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons,' says YHWH; 'and I will repay you in this plot of ground,' says YHWH. Now therefore take and cast him onto the plot of ground, according to the word of YHWH."

27But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. Jehu followed after him, and said, "Shoot him also." And they shot him[c] in the chariot at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. He fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28His servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David. 29In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah. 30When Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and attired her head, and looked out at the window. 31As Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, "Do you come in peace, Zimri, you murderer of your master?"

32He lifted up his face to the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?"

Two or three eunuchs looked out at him.

33He said, "Throw her down."

So they threw her down; and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses. Then he trampled her under foot. 34When he had come in, he ate and drink; and he said, "See now to this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter."

35They went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36Therefore they came back, and told him.

He said, "This is the word of YHWH, which he spoke by his

[a]9:24 LXX cf. Josephus (*Ant.* 9:119) read "sunk down on his knees," the involvement of a metathesis of kaph and resh

[b]9:25 LXX Mss Syr cf. BHS. MT lacks "I…when" from haplography: 'ny-'ny

[c]9:27 Syr Vg Mss cf. LXX. MT lacks "And they struck him" from haplography: wykhw-wykhw

servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ‘The dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel on the plot of Jezreel, 37and the body of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, “This is Jezebel.”’”

10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, to the rulers of the city,[a] even the elders, and to the guardians of the sons of Ahab, saying, 2“Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master’s sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, fortified cities[b] also, and weapons. 3Select the best and fittest of your master’s sons, set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house.”

4But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, “Look, the two kings did not stand before him. How then shall we stand?” 5He who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and those who raised the children, sent to Jehu, saying, “We are your servants, and will do all that you ask us. We will not make any man king. You do that which is good in your eyes.”

6Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, “If you are on my side, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men your master’s sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time.”

Now the king’s sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 7It happened, when the letter came to them, that they took the king’s sons, and killed them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Jezreel. 8A messenger came, and told him, “They have brought the heads of the king’s sons.”

He said, “Lay them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning.” 9It happened in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, “You are righteous. Look, I conspired against my master, and killed him; but who struck all these? 10Know now that nothing shall fall to the earth of the word of YHWH, which YHWH spoke concerning the house of Ahab. For YHWH has done that which he spoke by his servant Elijah.”

11So Jehu struck all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, with all his great men, his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

12He arose and departed, and went to Samaria. As he was at Beth Eked of the Shepherds on the way,

[a]10:1 LXX(L) Vg. MT reads “Jezreel”

[b]10:2 Hebrew Mss Versions. MT reads “city,” a possible yod-resh metathesis

13 Jehu met with the brothers[a] of
Ahaziah king of Judah, and said,
"Who are you?"

They answered, "We are the
brothers of Ahaziah. We are going
down to greet the children of the
king and the children of the queen."

14 He said, "Take them alive."

They took them alive, and
killed them at the pit of the shearing
house, even forty-two men. He did
not leave any of them. 15 When he
had departed from there, he met
Jehonadab the son of Rechab
coming to meet him. He greeted
him, and said to him, "Is your heart
right, as my heart is with your
heart?" Jehonadab answered, "It
is." And he said,[b] "If it is, give me
your hand." He gave him his hand;
and he took him up to him into the
chariot.

16 He said, "Come with me,
and see my zeal for YHWH." So he[c]
made him ride in his chariot.
17 When he came to Samaria, he
struck all who remained to Ahab in
Samaria, until he had destroyed
him, according to the word of
YHWH, which he spoke to Elijah.
18 Jehu gathered all the people
together, and said to them, "Ahab
served Baal a little; but Jehu will
serve him much. 19 Now therefore
call to me all the prophets of Baal,
all of his worshippers, and all of his
priests. Let none be absent; for I
have a great sacrifice to Baal.
Whoever is absent, he shall not
live." But Jehu did it in subtlety,
intending that he might destroy the
worshippers of Baal.

20 Jehu said, "Sanctify a
solemn assembly for Baal."

They proclaimed it. 21 Jehu
sent through all Israel; and all the
worshippers of Baal came, so that
there was not a man left that did not
come. They came into the house of
Baal; and the house of Baal was
filled from one end to another. 22 He
said to him who was over the
vestry, "Bring out robes for all the
worshippers of Baal."

He brought robes out to
them. 23 Jehu went with Jehonadab
the son of Rechab into the house of
Baal. Then he said to the
worshippers of Baal, "Search, and
look that there are here with you
none of the servants of YHWH, but
the worshippers of Baal only."

24 They went in to offer
sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now
Jehu had appointed him eighty men
outside, and said, "If any of the
men whom I bring into your hands
escape, he who lets him go, his life
shall be for the life of him."

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[a] 10:13 Some translate as "relatives"
[b] 10:15 Syr cf. LXX Vg and BHS. MT lacks "And he said" from haplography: wy-wy
[c] 10:16 LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "they"

[25]It happened, 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 kill them. Let none escape." They struck 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]They brought out the pillar[a] that was in the house of Baal, and burned it. [27]They broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine, to this day. [28]Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

[29]However from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin, Jehu did not depart from after them, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan. [30]YHWH said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing that which is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your descendants of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel."

[31]But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of YHWH, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel to sin. [32]In those days YHWH began to cut off from Israel; and Hazael struck them in all the borders of Israel; [33]from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the Valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. [34]Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [35]Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. [36]The time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

11 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family. [2]But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and secretly took him away from among the king's sons who were to be executed, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bedroom. So he was hidden from Athaliah and was not put to death; [3]He was with her hidden in the house of YHWH six years. Athaliah reigned over the land. [4]In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of YHWH; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of YHWH, and showed them the king's son. [5]He commanded them, saying, "This is

[a]10:26 LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "pillars"

the thing that you shall do: a third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house. 6A third part shall be at the Foundation Gate, and a third part at the gate behind the guard. So you shall keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 7The two companies of you, even all who go out on the Sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of YHWH around the king. 8You shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he who comes within the ranks, let him be slain. Be with the king when he goes out, and when he comes in."

9The captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath, with those who were to go out on the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 10The priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of YHWH. 11The guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king. 12Then he brought out the king's son, and put the crown on him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, "Long live the king."

13When Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the house of YHWH: 14and she looked, and look, the king stood by the pillar, as the tradition was, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and cried, "Treason. Treason."

15Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks. Kill him who follows her with the sword." For the priest said, "Do not let her be slain in the house of YHWH." 16So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house. She was slain there. 17Jehoiada made a covenant between YHWH and the king and the people, that they should be YHWH's people; between the king also and the people. 18All the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and broke it down; his altars and his images broke they in pieces thoroughly, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. The priest appointed officers over the house of YHWH. 19He took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of YHWH, and came by the way of the Gate of the Guard to the king's house. He sat on the throne of the kings. 20So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. Athaliah they had slain with the sword at the king's house.

[21]Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

12 In the seventh year of Jehu began Jehoash to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba. [2]Jehoash did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him. [3]However the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. [4]Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the holy things that is brought into the house of YHWH, in current money, the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it comes into any man's heart to bring into the house of YHWH, [5]let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wherever 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 for the other priests, and said to them, "Why do you not repair the breaches of the house? Now therefore take no more money from your treasurers, but deliver it for the breaches of the house."

[8]The priests consented that they should take no more money from the people, neither repair the breaches of the house. [9]But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of YHWH: and the priests who kept the threshold put in it all the money that was brought into the house of YHWH. [10]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 counted the money that was found in the house of YHWH. [11]They gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of YHWH: and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, who worked on the house of YHWH, [12]and to the masons and the stone cutters, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the breaches of the house of YHWH, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

[13]But there were not made for the house of YHWH cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of YHWH; [14]for they gave that to those who did the work, and repaired therewith the house of YHWH. [15]Moreover they did not demand an accounting from the men into whose hand they delivered the money to give to those who did the work; for they dealt faithfully. [16]The money for the trespass offerings, and the money for the sin offerings, was not brought into the house of YHWH: it was the priests'.

17Then Hazael king of Aram
went up, and fought against Gath,
and took it; and Hazael set his face
to go up to Jerusalem. 18Jehoash
king of Judah took all the holy
things that Jehoshaphat and
Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers,
kings of Judah, had dedicated, and
his own holy things, and all the
gold that was found in the treasures
of the house of YHWH, and of the
king's house, and sent it to Hazael
king of Aram: and he went away
from Jerusalem. 19Now the rest of
the acts of Joash, and all that he did,
aren't they written in the book of
the chronicles of the kings of
Judah? 20His servants arose, and
made a conspiracy, and struck
Joash at the house of Millo, on the
way that goes down to Silla. 21For
Jozabad[a] the son of Shimeath, and
Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his
servants, struck him, and he died;
and they buried him with his fathers
in the City of David: and Amaziah
his son reigned in his place.

13 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 for seventeen
years. 2He did that which was evil
in the sight of YHWH, and followed
the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, with which he made Israel
to sin; he did not depart from it.

3The anger of YHWH was
kindled against Israel, and he
delivered them into the hand of
Hazael king of Aram, and into the
hand of Benhadad the son of
Hazael, continually. 4Jehoahaz
begged YHWH, and YHWH listened
to him; for he saw the oppression of
Israel, how that the king of Aram
oppressed them. 5(YHWH gave
Israel a savior, so that they went out
from under the hand of the
Arameans; and the children of
Israel lived in their tents as before.
6Nevertheless they did not depart
from the sins of the house of
Jeroboam, with which he made
Israel to sin; they[b] walked in them.
And the Asherah also remained in
Samaria.) 7For he did not leave to
Jehoahaz of the people any more
than fifty horsemen, and ten
chariots, and ten thousand footmen;
for the king of Aram destroyed
them, and made them like the dust
in threshing.

8Now the rest of the acts of
Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and
his might, aren't they written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings
of Israel? 9Jehoahaz slept with his
fathers; and they buried him in
Samaria: and Joash his son reigned
in his place. 10In the thirty-seventh
year of Joash king of Judah,
Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz began
to reign over Israel in Samaria for
sixteen years. 11He did that which

[a]12:21 Hebrew Mss Tg Ms cf. 2 Chronicles 24:26 ("Zabad"). Hebrew Mss LXX(AL) Syr Syr(hex) Tg Ms Vg read "Jozacar," an apparent bd-kr graphic confusion

[b]13:6 LXX Tg Ms Vg cf. BHS. MT reads sg "he," having lost a waw from haplography

was evil in the sight of YHWH; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin; but he walked in it.

12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13 Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat on his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness of which he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down to him, and wept over him, and said, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen."

15 Elisha said to him, "Take bow and arrows"; and he took to him bow and arrows. 16 He said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow"; and he put his hand on it. Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. 17 He said, "Open the window eastward"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot." and he shot. He said, "YHWH's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Aram; for you shall strike the Arameans in Aphek, until you have consumed them."

18 He said, "Take the arrows"; and he took them. He said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; and he struck three times, and stopped. 19 The man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times. Then you would have struck Aram until you had consumed it, whereas now you shall strike Aram just three times."

20 Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 It happened, as they were burying a man, that look, they spied a band; and they cast the man into the tomb of Elisha: and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet. 22 Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But YHWH was gracious to them, and had compassion on them, and had respect to 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 Hazael king of Aram died; and Benhadad his son reigned in his place. 25 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. Joash struck him three times, and recovered the cities of Israel.

14 In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. 3 He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, yet not like David his

father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done. 4However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

5It happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he killed his servants who had slain the king his father: 6but the children of the murderers he did not put to death; according to that which is written in the scroll of the law of Moses, as YHWH 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 die for his own sin." 7He killed of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called its name Joktheel, to this day. 8Then 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."

9Jehoash 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 your daughter to my son as wife. Then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle. 10You have indeed struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Enjoy the glory of it, and stay at home; for why should you meddle to your harm, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?'" 11But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 12Judah was defeated by Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. 13Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate, six hundred eighty-nine feet.[a]

14He took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of YHWH, and in the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

15Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 16Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his place. 17Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

[a]14:13 Or, 210 meters, using the long cubit of 52.5 centimeters. Lit. four hundred cubits

[18]Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [19]They made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. [20]They brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David. [21]All the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. [22]He built Eilat, 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 for forty-one years. [24]He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH: he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. [25]He restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of YHWH, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath Hepher.[a] [26]For YHWH saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Israel. [27]YHWH did not say that he would blot out the name of Israel from under the sky; 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 had belonged to Judah, for Israel, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [29]And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria[b] with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.

15 In the twenty-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 fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. [3]He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. [4]However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

[5]YHWH struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land. [6]Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of

[a]14:25 MT. LXX reads "chopher" probably for Hebrew "Hopher"

[b]14:29 LXX Mss. MT lacks "in Samaria" from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: yw-wn(f)

the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 7Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his place.

8In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria six months. 9He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, as his fathers had done: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 10Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and struck him down at Ibleam[a] and put him to death, and reigned in his place. 11Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 12This was the word of YHWH which he spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." So it came to pass.

13Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned for a month in Samaria. 14Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him, and reigned in his place. 15Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.
16Then Menahem struck Tiphsah,[b] and all who were in it, and its borders, from Tirzah: because they did not open to him, therefore he struck it; and all the women in it who were with child he ripped up. 17In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi began to reign over Israel for ten years in Samaria. 18He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH: he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

19There came against the land Pul the king of Assyria; and Menahem gave Pul one thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. 20Menahem 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 did not stay there in the land. 21Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place. 23In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem

[a]15:10 LXX(L) Sa. MT reads "down before the people"
[b]15:16 A Tiphsah is known to have been near the Euphrates (1Kings 5:4). LXX(L) reads Taphoe = Tappuah," situated at the northern border of Ephraim, cf. Joshua 16:8. LXX reads Thersa = Tirzah.

began to reign over Israel in Samaria for two years. 24He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin. 25Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and struck him in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's house, with Argob and Arieh; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his place.

26Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 27In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria for twenty years. 28He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH: he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel to sin.

29In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel Beth Maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria. 30Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 31Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, look, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign. 33He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. 34He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 35However the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the house of YHWH. 36Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 37In those days YHWH began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. 38Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. 2Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not do that which was right in the eyes of YHWH his God, like David his father. 3But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire,

according to the abominations of the nations, whom YHWH cast out from before the children of Israel. [4]He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

[5]Then Rezin king of Aram 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 Aram recovered Eilat to Aram, and drove the Jews from Eilat; and the Arameans came to Eilat, and lived there, to this day. [7]So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son. Come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Aram, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me." [8]Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of YHWH, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria.

[9]The king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried its people captive to Kir, and killed Rezin. [10]King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and its pattern, according to all its workmanship. [11]Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Urijah the priest made it for the coming of king Ahaz from Damascus.

[12]When the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near to the altar, and offered on it. [13]He burnt his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, on the altar. [14]The bronze altar, which was before YHWH, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of YHWH, and put it on the north side of his altar.

[15]King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "On the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; but the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by." [16]Urijah the priest did so, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

[17]King Ahaz cut off the panels of the bases, and removed the basin from off them, and took down the sea from off the bronze oxen that were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone. [18]The covered way for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, turned he to the house of YHWH, because of the king of Assyria. [19]Now the rest of

the acts of Ahaz which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel for nine years. 2He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him. 3Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute. 4The king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no tribute 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.

5Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7It was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against YHWH their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom YHWH cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made.

9The children of Israel did secretly things that were not right against YHWH their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; 10and they set them up pillars and Asherim on every high hill, and under every green tree; 11and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom YHWH carried away before them; and they worked wicked things to provoke YHWH to anger; 12and they served idols, of which YHWH had said to them, "You shall not do this thing." 13Yet YHWH testified to Israel, and to Judah, by every prophet, and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets." 14Notwithstanding, they would not listen, but hardened their neck, like the neck of their fathers, who did not believe in YHWH their God. 15They rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified to them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom YHWH had commanded them that they should not do like them. 16They forsook all the commandments of YHWH their

God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. [17]They caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, practiced divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger. [18]Therefore YHWH 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 did not keep the commandments of YHWH their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. [20]YHWH rejected all the descendants of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight. [21]For he tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following YHWH, and made them sin a great sin. [22]The children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them; [23]until YHWH removed Israel out of his sight, as he spoke by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day. [24]The king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and lived in the cities of it. [25]So it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear YHWH: therefore YHWH sent lions among them, which killed some of them. [26]Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations which you have carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, do not know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and look, they kill them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land."

[27]Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there; and let him[a] go and live there, and let him teach them the law of the god of the land."

[28]So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear YHWH. [29]However 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 in which they lived. [30]The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, [31]and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and

[a]17:27 LXX Mss Syr Vg. MT reads "them"

Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 32And they worshiped YHWH, yet they established their abominations in the houses of the high places which they made in Samaria, each nation in the city in which they dwelt.[a] And they worshiped YHWH, yet appointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33And they worshiped YHWH, yet served their own gods, after the ways of the nations from among whom they had been carried away. 34To this day they do what they did before: they do not fear YHWH, neither do they follow their statutes, or their ordinances, or the law or the commandment which YHWH commanded the descendants of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 35with whom YHWH had made a covenant, and commanded them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them; 36but you shall fear YHWH, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, and you shall bow yourselves to him, and you shall sacrifice to him. 37The statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, you shall observe to do forevermore. You shall not fear other gods. 38You shall not forget the covenant that I have made with you; neither shall you fear other gods. 39But you shall fear YHWH your God; and he will deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies." 40However they did not listen, but they did what they did before. 41So these nations feared YHWH, and served their engraved images. Their children likewise, and their children's children, as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

18 Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 3He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that David his father had done. 4He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for in those days the children of Israel burned incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan. 5He trusted in YHWH, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him. 6For he joined with YHWH; he did not depart from following him, but kept his commandments, which YHWH

[a]17:32 LXX. MT lacks "And they worshiped...dwelt" from haplography, the scribe having skipped from the first wyhyw yr'ym to its next occurrence

commanded Moses. [7]YHWH was with him; wherever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him. [8]He struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city. [9]It happened 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]At the end of three years they took it: in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. [11]The king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, [12]because they did not obey the voice of YHWH their God, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of YHWH commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it. [13]Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and took them. [14]Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, "I have offended; return from me. That which you put on me, I will bear." The king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. [15]Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of YHWH, and in the treasures of the king's house. [16]At that time, Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of YHWH's temple, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. [17]The king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army to Jerusalem. They went up and came to Jerusalem[a] and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is on the highway of the Launderers' Field. [18]When they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebnah the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. [19]Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust? [20]Do you think that empty words are strategy and power for war? Now on whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? [21]Now, look, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt. If a man leans on it, it will go into his hand, and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him. [22]But if you tell me, 'We trust in YHWH our God;' isn't that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?' [23]Now therefore,

[a]18:17 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT repeats "and they went up and came" due to dittography

please give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them. [24]How then can you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? [25]Have I now come up without YHWH against this place to destroy it? YHWH said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'"""

[26]Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in the Aramaic language; for we understand it. Do not speak with us in the Judean language, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

[27]But Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? Hasn't he sent me to the men who sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you?" [28]Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Judean language, and spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. [29]Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you out of my[a] hand. [30]Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in YHWH, saying, "YHWH will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." [31]Do not listen to Hezekiah.' For thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and everyone of you eat of his vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his own cistern; [32]until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and of honey, that you may live, and not die. Do not listen to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, "YHWH will deliver us." [33]Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered 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, of Hena, and Ivvah?[b] Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? [35]Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that YHWH should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'"

[36]But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him." [37]Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, came with Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes torn, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

[a]18:29 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "his"

[b]18:34 LXX(L) Vg Mss read "Sepharvaim? And where are the gods of the land of Samaria?"

19 It happened, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of YHWH. [2]He sent Eliakim, who 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]They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of trouble, of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the point of birth, and there is no strength to deliver them. [4]It may be YHWH your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which YHWH your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.'"

[5]So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. [6]Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall tell your master, 'Thus says YHWH, "Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. [7]Look, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. 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 had departed from Lachish. [9]When he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has come out to fight against you," he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, [10]'Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, "Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. [11]Look, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Will you be delivered? [12]Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the people of Eden that were in Telassar? [13]Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?"'"

[14]Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the house of YHWH, and spread it before YHWH. [15]Hezekiah prayed before YHWH, and said, "YHWH, the God of Israel, who sit above the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. [16]Incline your ear, YHWH, and hear. Open your eyes, YHWH, and see. Hear the words of Sennacherib, with which he has sent to defy the living God. [17]Truly, YHWH, the kings of Assyria have laid waste 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, YHWH our God, save us, I beg you, out of his hand, that all the

kingdoms of the earth may know
that you, YHWH, are God alone."
[20]Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent
to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says
YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Whereas
you have prayed to me against
Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have
heard you. [21]This is the word that
YHWH has spoken concerning him:
"The virgin daughter of Zion has
despised you and ridiculed you.
The daughter of Jerusalem has
shaken her head at you. [22]Whom
have you defied and blasphemed?
Against whom have you exalted
your voice and lifted up your eyes
on high? Against the Holy One of
Israel. [23]By your messengers you
have defied YHWH,[a] and have said,
'With the multitude of my chariots,
I have come up to the height of the
mountains, to the innermost parts
of Lebanon; and I will cut down its
tall cedars, and its choice fir trees;
and I will enter into his farthest
lodging place, the forest of his
fruitful field. [24]I have dug and
drunk strange waters, and with the
sole of my feet will I dry up all the
rivers of Egypt.' [25]Haven't you
heard how I have done it long ago,
and formed it of ancient times?
Now have I brought it to pass, that
it should be yours to lay waste
fortified cities into ruinous heaps.
[26]Therefore their inhabitants were
of small power. They were
dismayed and confounded. They
were like the grass of the field, and
like the green herb, like the grass on
the rooftops when it is scorched by
the east wind.[b] [27]But I know your
sitting down, and your going out,
and your coming in, and your
raging against me. [28]Because of
your raging against me, and
because your arrogance has come
up into my ears, therefore I will put
my hook in your nose, and my
bridle in your lips, and I will turn
you back by the way by which you
came."

[29]"'This shall be the sign to
you: You shall eat this year that
which grows of itself, and in the
second year that which springs of
the same; and in the third year sow,
and reap, and plant vineyards, and
eat its fruit. [30]The remnant that has
escaped of the house of Judah shall
again take root downward, and bear
fruit upward. [31]For out of Jerusalem
a remnant will go out, and out of
Mount Zion those who shall
escape. The zeal of YHWH of hosts[c]
will do this.'

[32]"Therefore thus says
YHWH concerning the king of
Assyria, 'He shall not come to this
city, nor shoot an arrow there,
neither shall he come before it with
shield, nor cast up a mound against
it. [33]By the way that he came, by the
same shall he return, and he shall
not come to this city,' says YHWH.
[34]'For I will defend this city to save
it, for my own sake, and for my
servant David's sake.'"

[a]19:23 Hebrew Mss Syr. MT reads "Lord"
[b]19:26 Isaiah 37:27 DSS, reading "east wind." MT reads "standing grain"
[c]19:31 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg and Isaiah 37:32. MT Kethib lacks "of hosts"

[35]It happened that night, that the angel of YHWH went out, and struck one hundred eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, look, these were all dead bodies. [36]So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived at Nineveh. [37]It happened, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick to death. Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.'"

[2]Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to YHWH, saying, [3]"Remember now, YHWH, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly.

[4]It happened, before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court,[a] that the word of YHWH came to him, saying, [5]"Turn back, and tell Hezekiah the prince of my people, 'Thus says YHWH, the God of David your father, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Look, I will heal you. On the third day, you shall go up to the house of YHWH. [6]I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake."'"

[7]Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs."

They took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. [8]Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that YHWH will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of YHWH the third day?"

[9]Isaiah said, "This shall be the sign to you from YHWH, that YHWH will do the thing that he has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?"

[10]Hezekiah answered, "It is a light thing for the shadow to go forward ten steps. Nay, but let the shadow return backward ten steps."

[11]Isaiah the prophet cried to YHWH; and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the dial of Ahaz.
[12]At that time Marduk-Baladan[b] the son of Baladan, king of Babylon,

[a]20:4 MT Qere LXX Syr. MT Kethib reads "middle city"

[b]20:12 Hebrew Mss LXX(BL) Tg Syr Vg Mss cf. Isaiah 39:1. MT reads "Berodach-Baladan," an apparent beth-

sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick, and had recovered.[a] 13Hezekiah was delighted at this,[b] and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them. 14Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?"

Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, even from Babylon."

15He said, "What have they seen in your house?"

Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

16Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of YHWH. 17'Look, the days come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left,' says YHWH. 18'Of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall father, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"

19Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of YHWH which you have spoken is good." He said moreover, "Isn't it so, if peace and truth shall be in my days?"

20Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

21 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzibah. 2He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, after the abominations of the nations whom YHWH cast out before the children of Israel. 3For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshiped all the host of

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mem confusion. Cf. J. A. Brinkman, Merodach-Baladin II, 31, fn. 179

[a]20:12 Hebrew Ms LXX Mss Syr Isaiah 38:9. MT lacks "and had recovered" from haplography

[b]20:13 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "listened to them"

heaven, and served them. 4He built altars in the house of YHWH, of which YHWH said, "I will put my name in Jerusalem." 5He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YHWH. 6He made his son to pass through the fire, and practiced sorcery, and practiced divination, and consulted mediums, and spiritists: he worked much evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger. 7He set the engraved image of Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which YHWH said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever; 8neither will I cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers, if only 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." 9But they did not listen: and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than the nations did whom YHWH destroyed before the children of Israel. 10YHWH spoke by his servants the prophets, saying, 11"Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, and has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols; 12therefore thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Look, I bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. 14I will cast off the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies. They will become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day.'"

16Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin with which he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of YHWH. 17Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18Manasseh 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 place. 19Amon was twenty-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. 20He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, as Manasseh his father did. 21He walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshiped them: 22and he forsook YHWH, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of YHWH. 23The servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house.

[24]But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place. [25]Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [26]He was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his place.

22 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. [2]He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. [3]It happened 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 YHWH, saying, [4]"Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may melt down[a] the silver which is brought into the house of YHWH, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered of the people. [5]Let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of YHWH; and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of YHWH, to repair the breaches of the house, [6]to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and cut stone to repair the house. [7]However there was no accounting made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully."

[8]Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the law in the house of YHWH." Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. [9]Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of YHWH." [10]Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has delivered a scroll to me." Shaphan read it before the king. [11]It happened, when the king had heard the words of the scroll of the law, that he tore his clothes. [12]The king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, [13]"Go inquire of YHWH for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this scroll that is found; for great is the wrath of YHWH that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this scroll, to do according to all that which is written concerning us."

[a]22:4 LXX(L) Tg Vg and v.9. MT reads "may count"

[14]So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter); and they talked with her. [15]She said to them, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, [16]"Thus says YHWH, 'Look, I will bring disaster on this place, and on its inhabitants, even all the words of the scroll which the king of Judah has read. [17]Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched.'" [18]But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YHWH, thus you shall tell him, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: 'Concerning the words which you have heard, [19]because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before YHWH, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you,' says YHWH. [20]'Therefore look, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the disaster which I will bring on this place.'"'" They brought back this message to the king.

23 The king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. [2]The king went up to the house of YHWH, 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 scroll of the covenant which was found in the house of YHWH. [3]The king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before YHWH, to walk after YHWH, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this scroll; and all the people stood to the covenant. [4]The king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the threshold, to bring forth out of YHWH's temple all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven, and he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. [5]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 around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. [6]He brought out the Asherah from the house of YHWH, outside of Jerusalem, to the Kidron Valley, and burned it in the Kidron Valley, and beat it to dust, and cast its dust on the graves of the

common people. [7]He broke down the living quarters of the temple prostitutes, that were in the house of YHWH, where the women wove coverings for the Asherah. [8]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 he broke down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance 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 did not come up to the altar of YHWH in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers. [10]He defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. [11]He took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of YHWH, by the room of Nathan Melech the officer, who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. [12]The king broke down the altars that were on the roof of the upper room of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of YHWH, and beat them down from there, and cast their dust into the Kidron Valley. [13]The king defiled the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mountain of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. [14]He broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, 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, even that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah. [16]And as Josiah turned himself, he saw the tombs that were there in the mountain. And he sent, and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned them on the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of YHWH which the man of God proclaimed, when Jeroboam stood by the altar at the feast. And he turned and raised his eyes to the tomb of the man of God[a] who proclaimed these things. [17]Then he said, "What monument is that which I see?"

The men of the city told him, "It is the tomb of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel."

[a]23:16 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "when Jeroboam…God" from haplography: 'ys h'lhym-'ys h'lhym

18He said, "Let him be. Let no
man move his bones." So they let
his bones alone, with the bones of
the prophet who came out of
Samaria. 19All the houses also of
the high places that were in the
cities of Samaria, which the kings
of Israel had made to provoke
YHWH[a] to anger, Josiah took away,
and did to them according to all the
acts that he had done in Bethel.
20He killed all the priests of the
high places that were there, on the
altars, and burned men's bones on
them; and he returned to Jerusalem.
21The king commanded all the
people, saying, "Keep the Passover
to YHWH your God, as it is written
in this scroll of the covenant."
22Surely there was not kept such a
Passover from the days of the
judges who judged Israel, nor in all
the days of the kings of Israel, nor
of the kings of Judah; 23but in the
eighteenth year of king Josiah was
this Passover kept to YHWH in
Jerusalem. 24Moreover Josiah
removed the mediums, and
spiritists, and the teraphim, and the
idols, and all the abominations that
were seen in the land of Judah and
in Jerusalem, that he might confirm
the words of the law which were
written in the scroll that Hilkiah the
priest found in the house of YHWH.
25Like him was there no king before
him, who turned to YHWH 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.
26Notwithstanding, YHWH did not
turn from the fierceness of his great
wrath, with which his anger was
kindled against Judah, because of
all the provocation with which
Manasseh had provoked him.
27YHWH said, "I will remove Judah
also out of my sight, as I have
removed Israel, and I will cast off
this city which I have chosen, even
Jerusalem, and the house of which
I said, 'My name shall be there.'"

28Now the rest of the acts of
Josiah, and all that he did, aren't
they written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah?
29In his days Pharaoh Necoh king
of Egypt went up against the king
of Assyria to the river Perath: and
king Josiah went against him; and
Pharaoh Necoh killed him at
Megiddo, when he had seen him.
30His servants carried him in a
chariot dead from Megiddo, and
brought him to Jerusalem, and
buried him in his own tomb. The
people of the land took Jehoahaz
the son of Josiah, and anointed him,
and made him king in his father's
place. 31Jehoahaz was twenty-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. 32He did that
which was evil in the sight of
YHWH, according to all that his
fathers had done. 33Pharaoh Necoh
put him in bonds at Riblah in the
land of Hamath, that he might not
reign in Jerusalem; and put the land

[a]23:19 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks
"YHWH"

to a tribute of one hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34Pharaoh Necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim: but he took Jehoahaz away; and he came to Egypt, and died there. 35Jehoiakim 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 everyone according to his taxation, to give it to Pharaoh Necoh. 36Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, according to all that his fathers had done.

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2YHWH sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Arameans, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the people of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of YHWH, which he spoke by his servants the prophets. 3Surely at the commandment of YHWH this came on Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did, 4and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood: and YHWH would not pardon. 5Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 6So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. 7The king of Egypt did not come again out of his land any more; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the Wadi of Egypt to the river Perath, all that pertained to the king of Egypt. 8Jehoiachin 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. 9He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, according to all that his father had done. 10At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; 12and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his officers, and his officers. And the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13He carried out there all the treasures of the house of YHWH, 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 YHWH's temple, as YHWH had said. 14He carried away all Jerusalem, and all the officials, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, except

the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15He carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16All the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths one thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's father's brother, king is his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah. 18Zedekiah was twenty-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. 19He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20For through the anger of YHWH, it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

25 It happened 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 army, against Jerusalem, and camped against it; and they built forts against it around it. 2So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 4Then a breach was made in the city,[a] and all the men of war fled[b] by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden (now the Chaldeans were against the city around it); and they went[c] by the way of the Arabah. 5But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 6Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment on him. 7They killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 8Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, to Jerusalem. 9He burnt the house of YHWH, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burnt he with fire. 10All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

[a]25:4 LXX reads "the king and all the men of war fled"
[b]25:4 Hebrew Mss LXX cf Jeremiah 52:7. MT lacks "fled"
[c]25:4 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr Jeremiah 52:7. MT reads "he went"

[11]Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive the residue of the people who were left in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. [12]But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields. [13]The Chaldeans broke up the pillars of bronze that were in the house of YHWH and the bases and the bronze sea that were in the house of YHWH, and carried the bronze pieces to Babylon. [14]They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. [15]The captain of the guard took away the fire pans, the basins, that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver. [16]The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the house of YHWH, the bronze of all these vessels was without weight. [17]The height of the one pillar was thirty-one feet[a], and a capital of bronze was on it; and the height of the capital was eight feet seven inches[b], with network and pomegranates on the capital around it, all of bronze: and like to these had the second pillar with network. [18]The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: [19]and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and five men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe, the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the city. [20]Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. [21]The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. [22]As for the people who were left 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, governor. [23]Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men,[c] heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. [24]Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and said to them, "Do not be afraid because of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land, and serve the

[a]25:17 Or, 9.45 meters, using the Hebrew Royal cubit of 52.5 centimeters, or 20.67 inches. Lit. eighteen cubits

[b]25:17 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits. Tg Ms and 1Kings 7:16; 2Chronicles 3:15; Jeremiah 52:22. MT reads "three"

[c]25:23 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Ms Vg and Jeremiah 40:7. MT reads "they and the men"

king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you."
25But it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family came, and ten men with him, and struck Gedaliah, so that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. 26All the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans. 27It happened 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 Awil-Marduk[a] king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; 28and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, 29and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life: 30and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

The First Book of Chronicles

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3Hanoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4Noah. The sons of Noah[b]: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 6The sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath,[c] and Togarmah. 7The sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish,[d] Kittim, and Rodanim.[e] 8The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9The sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah,[f] and Raamah,[g] and Sabteca. The sons of Raamah[h]: Sheba, and Dedan. 10Cush became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty hunter[i] on the earth.

11Mizraim became the father of Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 12and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and

[a]25:27 MT vocalizes as "Evil-Merodach." Amil-Marduk, pronounced Awil-Marduk, ruled c. 562-560 BC
[b]1:4 LXX. MT lacks "The sons of Noah" from haplography: nh-nh
[c]1:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT reads "Diphath." Cf. Genesis 10:3
[d]1:7 LXX Vg and Genesis 10:4. MT reads "Tarshishah"
[e]1:7 MT Qere reads "Dodanim." Cf. Genesis 10:4
[f]1:9 Genesis 10:7 parallel and Ezekiel 27:22. MT reads Sabta, an aural confusion
[g]1:9 Genesis 10:7 parallel and Ezekiel 27:22. MT reads Raama, an aural confusion
[h]1:9 Ibid
[i]1:10 LXX. MT lacks "hunter" from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: r-d. Cf. Genesis 10:9; D. N. Freedman and D. Miano "Is the Shorter Reading Better?" in Emanuel (2003), 688

Caphtorim. 13Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, 14and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and the Girgashites, 15and the Hivites, and the Arkites, and the Sinites, 16and the Arvadites, and the Zemarites, and the Hamathites. 17The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. And the sons of Aram:[a] Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.[b] 18Arpachshad became the father of Kenan, and Kenan[c] became the father of Shelah, and Shelah became the father of Eber. 19To Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

20Joktan became the father of Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 21and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22and Obal,[d] and Abimael, and Sheba, 23and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. 24Shem, Arpachshad, Kenan,[e] Shelah, 25Eber, Peleg, Reu, 26Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27Abram (that is, Abraham). 28The sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishmael. 29These are their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, 31Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael. 32The sons of Keturah, Abraham's secondary wife: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. The sons of Jokshan: Sheba, and Dedan.[f] 33The sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

34Abraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau, and Israel. 35The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. 36The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zepho,[g] and Gatam, Kenaz; and by Timna: Amalek.[h] 37The sons of Reuel:

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[a]1:17 Hebrew Ms LXX(AN rell, reading kai uioi aram ws). Genesis 10:23. MT lacks wbny 'rm "And the sons of Aram" from haplography: 'rm-'rm, and adds a waw before Uz: "(and Lud and Aram) and Uz"

[b]1:17 Hebrew Mss Syr cf. SP and BHS. Genesis 10:23. MT LXX have picked up a kaph, reading msk "Meshech," but cf. v. 5 where he is a son of Japheth. Cf. R. W. Klein, 1 Chronicles (Hermeneia), 54

[c]1:18 LXX. MT lacks "Kenan" from an editorial harmonization following the loss of text concerning him in Genesis 11:13 in the MT textual stream from copyist haplography

[d]1:22 Hebrew LXX(min) Syr. MT reads "Ebal," a waw-yod confusion. Cf. Genesis 10:28

[e]1:24 LXX(bye2). MT lacks "Kenan." Cf. v.18 fn

[f]1:32 LXX(AN) add "Raguel and Nabdiel." LXX(AN) Arm and BHS further add "And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim." Cf. Genesis 25:3

[g]1:36 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "Zephi." Cf. Genesis 36:11

[h]1:36 LXX. Genesis 36:12. MT reads "and Timna, and Amalek."

Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38The sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. 39The sons of Lotan: Hori, and Hemam[a]; and Timna was Lotan's sister. 40The sons of Shobal: Alvan,[b] and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho,[c] and Onam. The sons of Zibeon: Aiah, and Anah. 41The sons of Anah: Dishon.[d] The sons of Dishon: Hemdan,[e] and Eshban, and Ithran, and Keran.

42The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.[f] The sons of Dishan:[g] Uz, and Aran. 43Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place. 45Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 46Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad,[h] who struck Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.[i] 47Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. 48Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth-ha-Nahar reigned in his place. 49Shaul died, and Baal Hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his place. 50Baal Hanan[j] died, and Hadad son of Bedad[k] reigned in his place; and the name of his city was Pau;[l] and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab. 51Hadad died. The chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief Alvah,[m] chief Jetheth, 52chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 53chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, 54chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

2 These are the sons of Israel: Reuben,

[a]1:39 Cf. LXX ("(H)aiman") and Genesis 36:22. MT reads "Homam," a yod-waw confusion

[b]1:40 Hebrew Mss LXX(L) Genesis 36:23. MT reads "Alian," an apparent waw-yod confusion

[c]1:40 Hebrew Mss, and Genesis 36:23. MT reads "Shefi," a waw-yod confusion

[d]1:41 LXX(AN) and Genesis 36:25 add "and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah," possibly lost in MT from homoioarcton: w-w

[e]1:41 Hebrew Mss LXX(AL). cf. Genesis 36:26. MT reads "Hamran," a dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion

[f]1:42 Hebrew Mss LXX(A+Mss). Genesis 36:27. MT reads "Jaakan," a waw-yod confusion

[g]1:42 Genesis 36:28. MT reads "Dishon"

[h]1:46 LXX reads "Barad," an apparent dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion. Other LXX Mss read "Barak" and "Badram"

[i]1:46 MT Qere LXX Mss Tg Vg. Genesis 36:35. MT Kethib: "Ayuth"

[j]1:50 Hebrew Mss LXX add "son of Achbor." Cf. Genesis 36:39

[k]1:50 LXX cf. Genesis 36:39 LXX. MT lacks "son of Bedad" from homoioteleuton: dd-dd

[l]1:50 Hebrew Mss LXX(L) Tg Syr Vg Genesis 36:39. MT reads "Pai," an apparent waw-yod confusion

[m]1:51 MT Qere Hebrew Mss Tg Vg Genesis 36:40. MT Kethib: "Aliah," an apparent waw-yod confusion

Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar,
and Zebulun, 2Dan, Joseph, and
Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and
Asher. 3The sons of Judah: Er, and
Onan, and Shelah; which three
were born to him by Bathshua the
Canaanite woman. Er, Judah's
firstborn, was wicked in the sight of
YHWH; and he killed him. 4Tamar
his daughter-in-law bore him Perez
and Zerah. All the sons of Judah
were five. 5The sons of Perez:
Hezron, and Hamuel.[a] 6The sons of
Zerah: Zabdi,[b] and Ethan, and
Heman, and Calcol, and Darda;[c]
five of them in all. 7The sons of
Carmi: Achan,[d] the troubler of
Israel, who committed a trespass in
the devoted thing. 8The sons of
Ethan: Azariah. 9The sons also of
Hezron, who were born to him:
Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Caleb.[e]
10Ram became the father of
Amminadab, and Amminadab
became the father of Nahshon,
prince of the people of Judah; 11and
Nahshon became the father of
Salmon,[f] and Salmon became the
father of Boaz, 12and Boaz became
the father of Obed, and Obed[g]
became the father of Jesse; 13and
Jesse became the father of his
firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the
second, and Shimeah[h] the third,
14Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the
fifth, 15Ozem the sixth, Elihu the
seventh, David the eighth;[i] 16and
their sisters were Zeruiah and
Abigail. The sons of Zeruiah:
Abishai,[j] and Joab, and Asahel,
three. 17Abigail bore Amasa; and
the father of Amasa was Jether the
Ishmaelite. 18Caleb the son of
Hezron had sons by his wife
Azubah, and by Jerioth; and these
were her sons: Jesher, and Shobab,
and Ardon. 19Azubah died, and
Caleb took to himself Ephrath, who
bore him Hur. 20Hur became the
father of Uri, and Uri became the
father of Bezalel. 21Afterward
Hezron slept with the daughter of
Makir the father of Gilead, whom
he married when he was sixty years
old; and she bore him Segub.
22Segub became the father of Jair,
who had twenty-three cities in the
land of Gilead. 23Geshur and Aram

[a] 2:5 LXX Syr, cf. Genesis 46:12 LXX SP; Numbers 26:21 DSS SP. MT reads "Hamul"

[b] 2:6 Joshua 7:1, 17, 18. MT reads "Zimri," a misreading involving beth-mem and dalet-resh confusions

[c] 2:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr 1 Kings 4:31. MT reads "Dara," which has lost a dalet

[d] 2:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Achar." Cf. Joshua 7:1

[e] 2:9 LXX(AN) and 2:18, 42. MT reads "Chelubai"

[f] 2:11 LXX(B) cf. LXX(AN) ("Salman"). MT Tg Vg read slm' "Salma"

[g] 2:12 LXX(Adhmp) read "Jobed," which may have first begun as a waw-yod confusion. Cf. Luke 3:32 NU

[h] 2:13 2Samuel 13:3, 32; 1Chronicles 20:7 MT Qere. MT reads "Shimea"

[i] 2:15 Syr cf. 1Samuel 17:12. MT reads "sixth, David the seventh," having lost Elihu from homoioteleuton: y-y, followed by a scribal adjustment from eighth to seventh

[j] 2:16 LXX ("Abessa") Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "Abshai" here and in the rest of 1 Chronicles (11:20, 18:12, 19:11, 19:15), and once in 2 Samuel (10:10)

took the towns of Jair from them,
with Kenath, and its villages, even
sixty cities. All these were the
descendants of Makir the father of
Gilead. 24And after the death of
Hezron, Caleb slept with Ephrath.[a]
And Hezron's wife Abijah bore
him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.
25The sons of Jerahmeel the
firstborn of Hezron were Ram the
firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and
Ozem, and[b] Ahijah. 26Jerahmeel
had another wife, whose name was
Atarah; she was the mother of
Onam. 27The sons of Ram the
firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaz,
and Jamin, and Eker. 28The sons of
Onam were Shammai, and Jada.
The sons of Shammai: Nadab, and
Abishur. 29The name of the wife of
Abishur was Abihail; and she bore
him Ahban, and Molid. 30The sons
of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but
Seled died without children. 31The
sons of Appaim: Ishi. The sons of
Ishi: Sheshan. The sons of Sheshan:
Ahlai. 32The sons of Jada the
brother of Shammai: Jether, and
Jonathan; and Jether died without
children. 33The sons of Jonathan:
Peleth, and Zaza. These were the
descendants of Jerahmeel. 34Now
Sheshan had no sons, but
daughters. Sheshan had a servant,
an Egyptian, whose name was
Jarha. 35Sheshan gave his daughter
to Jarha his servant as wife; and she
bore him Attai. 36Attai became the
father of Nathan, and Nathan
became the father of Zabad, 37and
Zabad became the father of Ephlal,
and Ephlal became the father of
Obed, 38and Obed became the
father of Jehu, and Jehu became the
father of Azariah, 39and Azariah
became the father of Helez, and
Helez became the father of Eleasah,
40and Eleasah became the father of
Sismai, and Sismai became the
father of Shallum, 41and Shallum
became the father of Jekamiah, and
Jekamiah became the father of
Elishama. 42The sons of Caleb the
brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his
firstborn, who was the father of
Ziph; and the sons of[c] Mareshah,
the father of Hebron. 43The sons of
Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and
Rekem, and Shema. 44Shema
became the father of Raham, the
father of Jorkeam; and Rekem
became the father of Shammai.
45The son of Shammai was Maon;
and Maon was the father of Beth
Zur. 46Ephah, Caleb's secondary
wife, bore Haran, and Moza, and
Gazez; and Haran became the
father of Gazez.[d] 47The sons of
Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and
Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and
Shaaph. 48Maacah, Caleb's
secondary wife, bore Sheber and
Tirhanah. 49She bore also Shaaph
the father of Madmannah, Sheva

[a]2:24 LXX Vg. MT reads "in Caleb Ephrathah." The final hey is the hey directive

[b]2:25 Tg Vg. MT lacks "and"

[c]2:42 Since Mareshah has not yet been introduced, a name appears to have fallen out, probably Mesha, from homoioarcton: m-m. Cf. Klein, 1Chronicles, 84

[d]2:46 Klein suggests Gazez is a possible dittography since Gazez cannot be both son and grandson of Caleb. Klein, 1Chronicles, 84 n 41

the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibea; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. 50These were the descendants of Caleb. The sons[a] of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim, 51Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth Gader. 52Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim had sons: Reaiah,[b] half of the Manahathites.[c] 53The families of Kiriath Jearim: The Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. 54The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites. 55The families of scribes[d] who lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

3 Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel; the[e] second, Daluiah,[f] of Abigail of Carmel; 2the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; 3the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife: 4six were born to him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months. In Jerusalem[g] he reigned thirty-three years; 5and these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua,[h] and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathsheba[i] the daughter of Eliam;[j] 6and Ibhar, and Elishua,[k] and Eliphelet, 7and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8and Elishama, and Baaliada,[l] and Eliphelet, nine. 9All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the secondary wives; and Tamar was their sister. 10Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

[a] 2:50 LXX. MT reads "son"
[b] 2:52 Verse 4:2. MT reads "Haroeh/ the seer," from a misreading or loss of a yod
[c] 2:52 Verse 54. MT reads "Menuhoth," a waw-yod confusion and metathesis
[d] 2:54 Or, "Sepherites," i.e. those from Kiriath Sepher. Cf. Klein, 1Chronicles, 85 note 54
[e] 3:1 LXX Tg Syr. MT has lost the article by haplography
[f] 3:1 LXX Mss and 2 Samuel 3:3 LXX. MT reads "Daniel," a possible misreading in an early square script in a damaged scroll
[g] 3:4 Cf. Joshua 10:1 fn
[h] 3:5 Syr and 14:4; 2Samuel 5:14. MT reads "Shimea"
[i] 3:5 Hebrew Ms Tg Vg cf. LXX. MT reads "Bathshua," a beth-waw interchange
[j] 3:5 LXX Mss, which use the shortened form "Ela" here, which is also used at 2Samuel 11:3 for MT "Eliam." MT reads "Ammiel," which has accidently reversed the two elements of the name: el-am:am-el
[k] 3:6 Hebrew Mss cf. LXX Mss ("Eleisa"). 1 Chronicles 14:5 and 2 Samuel 5:15. MT reads Elishama," possibly in anticipation of that name in v. 8, or a waw-mem confusion in Paleo-Hebrew
[l] 3:8 LXX Ms, cf. 14:7 LXX Mss and 2 Samuel 5:16 LXX Mss. MT reads "Eliada."

[11]Joram his son, Ahaziah his son,
Joash his son, [12]Amaziah his son,
Azariah his son, Jotham his son,
[13]Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son,
Manasseh his son, [14]Amon his son,
Josiah his son. [15]The sons of Josiah:
the firstborn Johanan, the second
Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the
fourth Shallum. [16]The sons of
Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son,
Zedekiah his son. [17]The sons of
Jeconiah, the captive: Shealtiel his
son, [18]and Malkiram, and Pedaiah,
and Shenazzar, Jekamiah,
Hoshama, and Nedabiah. [19]The
sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel, and
Shimei. The sons[a] of Zerubbabel:
Meshullam, and Hananiah; and
Shelomith was their sister; [20]and
Hashubah, and Ohel, and
Berechiah, and Hasadiah, and[b]
Jushab Hesed, five. [21]The sons of
Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah;
his son[c] Rephaiah, his son Arnan,
his son Obadiah, his son Shecaniah.
[22]The son[d] of Shecaniah:
Shemaiah. The sons of Shemaiah:
Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and
Neariah, and Shaphat, six. [23]The
sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and
Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. [24]The
sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and
Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub,
and Johanan, and Delaiah, and
Anani, seven.

4 The descendants of
Judah: Perez, Hezron,
and Caleb,[e] and Hur,
and Shobal. [2]Reaiah the
son of Shobal became the father of
Jahath; and Jahath became the
father of Ahumai and Lahad. These
are the families of the Zorathites.
[3]These were the sons[f] of Etam:
Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and
the name of their sister was
Hazzelelponi; [4]and Penuel the
father of Gedor, and Ezer the father
of Hushah. These are the sons of
Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the
father of Bethlehem. [5]Ashhur the
father of Tekoa had two wives,
Helah and Naarah. [6]Naarah bore
him Ahuzzam, and Hepher, and
Temeni, and Haahashtari. These
were the sons of Naarah. [7]The sons
of Helah were Zereth, and Zohar,[g]
and Ethnan, and Koz.[h] [8]And Koz
became the father of Anub, and
Zobebah, and the families of
Aharhel the son of Harum. [9]And
Jabez was more honorable than his
brothers, and his mother named
him Jabez, saying, "Because I bore
him with pain." [10]And Jabez called
on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh
that you would bless me indeed,
and enlarge my territory, and that
your hand might be with me, and
that you would keep me from evil,

[a]3:19 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "son"
[b]3:20 LXX. MT lacks the conjunction
[c]3:21 LXX cf. Syr Vg, four times in this verse. MT reads "sons of"
[d]3:22 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "sons"
[e]4:1 Cf. 1Chronicles 2:9, 19, 24, 50. MT reads "Carmi," under the influence of "Hezron and Carmi" in 5:3. Klein, 1Chronicles, 124, 128, 129; BHS
[f]4:3 LXX cf. Vg. MT adds "of the father"
[g]4:7 MT Qere LXX, cf. Genesis 46:10; Exodus 6:15. MT reads "Izhar," a waw-yod confusion
[h]4:7 Tg cf. BHS. MT lacks "and Koz" from haplography

so that it might not cause me pain."
And God granted him that which he
requested. 11Chelub the brother of
Shuhah became the father of Mehir,
who was the father of Eshton.
12Eshton became the father of Beth
Rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah
the father of Ir Nahash. These are
the men of Rechab.[a] 13The sons of
Kenaz: Othniel, and Seraiah. The
sons of Othniel: Hathath and
Meonothai.[b] 14And Meonothai
became the father of Ophrah, and
Seraiah became the father of Joab
the father of Ge Harashim; for they
were craftsmen. 15The sons of
Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Ir,
and[c] Elah, and Naam; and the sons
of Elah: Kenaz.[d] 16The sons of
Jehallelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria,
and Asarel. 17The sons[e] of Ezrah:
Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and
Jalon. And Jether became the father
of[f] Miriam, and Shammai, and
Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.
18His Judean wife bore Jered the
father of Gedor, and Heber the
father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the
father of Zanoah. These are the
sons of Bithiah the daughter of
Pharaoh, whom Mered took. 19The
sons of his Judean[g] wife, the sister
of Naham, were the father of
Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa
the Maacathite. 20The sons of
Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben
Hanan, and Tilon. The sons of Ishi:
Zoheth and Ben Zoheth.[h] 21The
sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er
the father of Lecah, and Laadah the
father of Mareshah, and the
families of the house of the linen
workers at Beth Ashbea; 22and
Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and
Joash, and Saraph, who had
married[i] in Moab, and returned[j] to
Lehem. The records are ancient.
23These were the potters, and the
inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah.
They lived there with the king in
his service. 24The sons of Simeon:
Jemuel,[k] and Jamin, Jakin,[l] Zohar,[m]
Shaul; 25Shallum his son, Mibsam
his son, Mishma his son. 26The
descendants of Mishma: Hammuel
his son, Zakkur his son, Shimei his
son. 27Shimei had sixteen sons and
six daughters; but his brothers did

[a]4:12 LXX. MT reads "Recah"
[b]4:13 LXX Mss Vg. MT lacks "and Meonothai" from homoiologon
[c]4:15 LXX Vg. MT reads "Iru Elah" from a wrong word division
[d]4:15 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Vg. MT reads "and Kenaz"
[e]4:17 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT reads "And the son"
[f]4:17 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "And she conceived (and bore)." Cf. R. W. Klein, 126
[g]4:19 LXX Mss and v.18. MT reads "Hodiah,"
[h]4:20 Or, "Zoheth. And the son of Zoheth was…" The name may have been lost
[i]4:22 BDB 1165: "2…marry"
[j]4:22 Vg = wayyashubu "and returned." MT reads weyashubi "and Jashubi," a waw-yod confusion
[k]4:24 Syr and Genesis 46:10; Exodus 6:15. MT reads "Nemuel"
[l]4:24 Syr and Genesis 46:10; Exodus 6:15; Numbers 26:12. MT reads "Jarib"
[m]4:24 Syr and Genesis 46:10; Exodus 6:15; Numbers 26:13 LXX Mss. MT reads Zerah," a tzadi-zayin confusion with metathesis of chet and resh

not have many children, neither did all their families[a] multiply like the people of Judah. 28They lived at Beersheba, and Shema,[b] and Moladah, and Hazar Shual, 29and at Balah,[c] and at Ezem, and at Tolad,[d] 30and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, 31and at Beth Marcaboth, and Hazar Susim, and at Beth Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities until David became king. 32Their villages were Etam, and Ain,[e] Rimmon, and Token, and Ashan,[f] five cities; 33and all their villages that were around the same cities as far as Baal. These were their habitations, and they have their genealogy. 34Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, 35and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 36and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 37and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah— 38these mentioned by name were leaders in their families. And their ancestral houses increased greatly. 39They went to the entrance of Gerar,[g] even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40They found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for those who lived there before were of Ham. 41These written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and the Meunim who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and lived in their place; because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42Some of them, even of the descendants of Simeon, five hundred men, went to Mount Seir, having for their leaders Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. 43They struck the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to this day.

5 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the firstborn; but, because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and not to be regarded in the genealogy as the firstborn. 2For Judah prevailed above his brothers, and a leader descended from him; but the birthright was Joseph's:) 3the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4The descendants of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, 5Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

[a] 4:27 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "family"
[b] 4:29 LXX, cf. Joshua 15:26; 19:2. MT lacks "and Shema" from haplography: w_'- w_'
[c] 4:29 Joshua 19:3. MT reads "Bilhah/Balhah," possibly due to dittography of the hey
[d] 4:29 Syr and Joshua 15:30, 19:4 read "Eltolad"
[e] 4:32 MT lacks "and." Ain Rimmon may have originally been En-Rimmon. Cf. Nehemiah 11:29
[f] 4:32 LXX(L) adds "and Iehem"
[g] 4:39 LXX. MT reads "Gedor," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

6Beerah his son, whom Tilgath
Pilneser king of Assyria carried
away captive: he was leader of the
Reubenites. 7His brothers by their[a]
families, when the genealogy of
their generations was reckoned: the
chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8and
Bela the son of Azaz, the son of
Shema, the son of Joel, who lived
in Aroer, even to Nebo and Baal
Meon: 9and eastward he lived even
to the entrance of the wilderness
from the river Perath, because their
livestock were multiplied in the
land of Gilead. 10In the days of
Saul, they made war with the
Hagrites, who fell by their hand;
and they lived in their tents
throughout all the land east of
Gilead. 11The descendants of Gad
lived across from them, in the land
of Bashan as far as Salecah. 12Joel
was chief, and Shapham the
second, and Janai judged[b] in
Bashan. 13Their brothers of their
fathers' houses: Michael, and
Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai,
and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber,
seven. 14These were the sons of
Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of
Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of
Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the
son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; 15Ahi
the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni,
chief of their fathers' houses.
16They lived in Gilead in Bashan,
and in its towns, and in all the
suburbs of Sharon, as far as their
borders. 17All these were reckoned
by genealogies in the days of
Jotham king of Judah, and in the
days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
18The descendants of Reuben, and
Gad[c] and the half-tribe of
Manasseh, of valiant men, men
able to bear buckler and sword, and
to shoot with bow, and skillful in
war, were forty-four thousand
seven hundred and sixty, that were
able to go forth to war. 19They
made war with the Hagrites, with
Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab.
20They were helped against them,
and the Hagrites were delivered
into their hand, and all who were
with them; for they cried to God in
the battle, and he answered their
petition, because they put their trust
in him. 21They took away their
livestock; of their camels fifty
thousand, and of sheep two
hundred fifty thousand, and of
donkeys two thousand, and of men
one hundred thousand. 22For there
fell many slain, because the war
was of God. They lived in their
place until the captivity. 23And the
descendants of the half-tribe of
Manasseh lived in the land. They
increased from Bashan to Baal
Hermon, and Senir, and Mount
Hermon, and in Lebanon.[d] 24These
were the heads of their fathers'
houses: Epher,[e] and Ishi, and Eliel,

[a]5:7 LXX(L) Tg Syr. MT LXX read "his"
[b]5:12 Tg cf. LXX. MT reads "and Shaphat." Cf. R. L. Braun, 1Chronicles (WBC), 69
[c]5:18 LXX(BL) Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "the Gadite," possibly under the influence of the next word which ends in a yod
[d]5:23 LXX. MT lacks "and in Lebanon" from homoioteleuton: wn-wn
[e]5:24 LXX Vg. MT reads "and Epher"

and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses. [25]They trespassed against the God of their fathers, and prostituted themselves after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God destroyed before them. [26]The God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara,[a] and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

6 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [2]The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. [3]The children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [4]Eleazar became the father of Phinehas, Phinehas became the father of Abishua, [5]and Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi, [6]and Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah became the father of Meraioth, [7]Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub, [8]and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Ahimaaz, [9]and Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan, [10]and Johanan became the father of Azariah, (he it is who executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem), [11]and Azariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub, [12]and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of Shallum, [13]and Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah, [14]and Azariah became the father of Seraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak; [15]Jehozadak went into captivity,[b] when YHWH carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. [16]The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari. [17]These are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei. [18]The sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. [19]The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses. [20]Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, [21]Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son. [22]The descendants of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, [23]Elkanah his son, and Abiasaph[c] his son, and Assir his son, [24]Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son. [25]The sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth. [26]Elkanah

[a]5:26 LXX(L) reads "and (H)arran." LXX Syr Arab. 2 Kings 17:6; 18:11 lack "and Hara," which may be a dittography

[b]6:15 Tg. MT LXX lack "captivity" from haplography: bgwlh-bhglwt. Cf. Klein, 1 Chronicles, 172

[c]6:23 LXX. MT reads "Ebiasaph"

his son,[a] Zuphai[b] his son, and Nahath[c] his son, 27Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son, Samuel his son.[d] 28The sons of Samuel: the firstborn Joel,[e] and the second[f] Abijah. 29The descendants of Merari: Mahli his son,[g] Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son, 30Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. 31These are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of YHWH, after that the ark had rest. 32They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting, until Solomon had built the house of YHWH in Jerusalem: and they waited on their office according to their order. 33These are those who waited, and their sons. Of the descendants of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, 34the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, 35the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah, 37the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Abiasaph,[h] the son of Korah, 38the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. 39His brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea, 40the son of Michael, the son of Maaseiah,[i] the son of Malchijah, 41the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44On the left hand their brothers the descendants of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, 46the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer, 47the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. 48Their brothers the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God. 49But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. 50These are the descendants of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, 51Bukki his son, Uzzi his son,

[a] 6:26 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT adds "Elkanah"
[b] 6:26 LXX cf. v. 20 (Qere) and Samuel 1:1. MT reads "Zophai"
[c] 6:26 BHK suggests Toah or Tochu. Possibly thw (Tohu) was misread as thn (waw misread as final nun) and transposed in reverse direction to nht (Nahath). Cf. J. T. Sparks, Towards an Understanding of 1 Chronicles 1-9, 159 fn 340. Toah means "weapon, dart." Tohu: "to depress; abasement"
[d] 6:27 LXX Mss. MT LXX lack "Samuel, his son" from haplography: bnw-bnw
[e] 6:28 LXX Mss Syr. MT lacks "Joel"
[f] 6:28 LXX(L) Syr. MT reads "Vashni," revocalized as a proper noun after the loss of "Samuel" by haplography
[g] 6:29 Syr. MT lacks "his son"
[h] 6:37 LXX. MT reads "Ebiasaph"
[i] 6:40 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr and BHS. MT reads "Baaseiah," an apparent beth-mem confusion

Zerahiah his son, 52Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son, 53Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 54Now these are their dwelling places according to their encampments in their borders: to the descendants of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the first lot), 55to them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and its suburbs around it; 56but the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 57To the descendants of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with its suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs, 58and Hilen[a] with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, 59and Ashan with its suburbs, and Juttah with its suburbs,[b] and Beth Shemesh with its suburbs; 60and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs,[c] Geba with its suburbs, and Allemeth with its suburbs, and Anathoth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. 61To the rest of the descendants of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities. 62To the descendants of Gershom, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63To the descendants of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64The children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their suburbs. 65They gave by lot out of the tribe of the descendants of Judah, and out of the tribe of the people of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the people of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name. 66Some of the families of the descendants of Kohath, of the Levites, even the rest of the descendants of Kohath,[d] had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67They gave to them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its suburbs; Gezer also with its suburbs, 68and Jokmeam with its suburbs, and Beth Horon with its suburbs, 69and Aijalon with its suburbs, and Gath Rimmon with its suburbs; 70and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach[e] with its suburbs, and Ibleam[f] with its

[a]6:58 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Hilez," a nun-zayin confusion in square script
[b]6:59 LXX Syr cf. BHS and Joshua 21:16. MT lacks "and Juttah with its suburbs" from haplography by homoioteleuton: w't mgrsh-w't mgrsh
[c]6:60 Joshua 21:17. MT lacks "Gibeon and its suburbs" from a five-letter homoioarcton: **את גבע** to its next occurrence
[d]6:66 Joshua 21:20. MT lacks "of the Levites…Kohath" from homoioteleuton: bny qht-bny qht. Klein, 1Chronicles, 174
[e]6:70 Joshua 21:25. MT reads "Aner," a kaph-resh confusion with the loss of a taw from haplography
[f]6:70 Hebrew Mss LXX(AL) Tg Syr. MT reads "Bileam," having lost a yod. Cf. Joshua 17:11; Judges 1:27

suburbs, for the rest of the family of the descendants of Kohath. 71To the descendants of Gershom were given, out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, and Ashtaroth with its suburbs; 72and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, 73and Ramoth with its suburbs, and Anem with its suburbs; 74and out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with its suburbs, and Abdon with its suburbs, 75and Hukok with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; 76and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, and Hammon with its suburbs, and Kiriathaim with its suburbs. 77To the rest of the Levites, the descendants of Merari, were given, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs,[a] Rimmon[b] with its suburbs, and[c] Tabor with its suburbs, and Nahalal with its suburbs.[d] 78And beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its suburbs, and Jahzah with its suburbs, 79and Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; 80and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, 81and Heshbon with its suburbs, and Jazer with its suburbs.

7 Of the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2The sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses of Tola; mighty men of valor in their generations: their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand six hundred. 3The sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. The sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, and[e] Isshiah. All five of them leaders. 4With them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses, were bands[f] of the army for war, thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. 5Their brothers among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, reckoned in all by genealogy, were eighty-seven thousand. 6The sons of[g] Benjamin: Bela, and Beker, and Jediael, three. 7The sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of ancestral houses, mighty men of valor; and they were reckoned by

[a]6:77 Joshua 21:34. MT lacks "Jokneam…suburbs," from homoioarcton: 't-'t. Klein, 1Chronicles, 176 n 73
[b]6:77 LXX. MT reads "Rimmono," having aquired a waw by dittography
[c]6:77 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT lacks "and"
[d]6:77 Joshua 21:35. MT lacks "Nahalal…suburbs" from homoioteleuton: w't mgrsh to its next occurrence. Klein, 1Chronicles, 176 n76
[e]7:3 LXX Vg. MT lacks "and"
[f]7:4 LXX Syr Vg read "mighty men"
[g]7:6 Hebrew Mss LXX(L) Tg Syr. MT lacks "sons" from haplography: bny-bnymn

genealogy twenty-two thousand thirty-four. 8The sons of Beker: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Beker. 9They were reckoned by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand two hundred. 10The sons of Jediael: Bilhan. The sons of Bilhan: Jeush,[a] and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Kenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar. 11All these were sons of Jediael, the heads[b] of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand and two hundred, who were able to go forth in the army for war. 12And Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of Ir, Hushim the son[c] of Aher. 13The sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel,[d] and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem,[e] the sons of Bilhah. 14The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his Aramean secondary wife bore; she bore Makir the father of Gilead. 15And Makir took a wife of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maacah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. 16Maacah the wife of Makir bore a son, and she named him Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. 17The son[f] of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh. 18His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah.[g] 19The sons of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam. 20The sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, 21and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath who were born in the land killed, because they came down to take away their livestock. 22Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him. 23He went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he named him Beriah, because tragedy had come to his house. 24His daughter was Sheerah, who built Lower and Upper Beth Horon, and Uzzen Sheerah. 25Rephah was his son, and Resheph his son,[h] and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, 26Ladan[i] his son,

[a]7:10 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX. MT Kethib reads "Jeish"
[b]7:11 LXX Vg. MT reads "according to the heads," having picked up a lamed by dittography from the previous word
[c]7:12 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "sons"
[d]7:13 Hebrew Mss and Genesis 46:24; Numbers 26:48. MT reads "Jahziel"
[e]7:13 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss and Genesis 46:24; Numbers 26:49. MT reads "Shallum"
[f]7:17 Vg. MT reads "sons"
[g]7:18 "and Shemida" may have been lost by haplography prior to the LXX of 1 Chronicles, i.e., before the 2nd century BC
[h]7:25 Hebrew Mss LXX(L). MT lacks "his son." LXX(B) reads "sons"
[i]7:26 Syr reads "Edan"

Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, [27]Nun his son, Joshua his son. [28]Their possessions and habitations were Bethel and its towns, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with its towns; Shechem also and its towns, to Aiah[a] and its towns; [29]and by the borders of the people of Manasseh, Beth Shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Ibleam and its towns,[b] Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these lived the people of Joseph the son of Israel. [30]The sons of Asher: Jimnah, and Ishvah, and Jishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. [31]The sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malkiel, who was the father of Birzaith.[c] [32]Heber became the father of Japhlet, and Shemer,[d] and Helem,[e] and Shua their sister. [33]The sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the sons of Japhlet. [34]The sons of Shemer[f] his brother:[g] Rohgah,[h] and[i] Hubbah,[j] and Aram. [35]The sons[k] of Helem his brother: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. [36]The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual. And the sons of Imna:[l] [37]Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Jether,[m] and Beera. [38]The sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispa, and Ara. [39]The sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hanniel, and Rizia. [40]All these were the people of Asher, heads of ancestral houses, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. The number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty-six thousand men.

8 And Benjamin became the father of Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, [2]Nohah the fourth, and Rapha

[a]7:28 Hebrew Mss LXX(A) Tg Vg read "Gaza." LXX(B) reads "Gaian." Cf. Nehemiah 11:31

[b]7:29 Cf. LXX ("Balad and its towns"), Joshua 17:11 and Judges 1:27 ("Balak and its towns"). MT lacks "Ibleam and its towns" from homoioteleuton: wbnwtyh-wbnwtyh. Cf. Klein, 1Chronicles, 216 fn 46

[c]7:31 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX cf. Vg. MT Kethib reads "Birzoth"

[d]7:32 LXX and v.34. MT reads "Shomer"

[e]7:32 v.35. MT reads "Hotham," which may be a corrupt dittography of ahotham "their sister" a few words later, following a homoioarcton from w't s-w't s

[f]7:34 LXX. MT has vocalized as "Shamer"

[g]7:34 LXX, which reads achiouraoga, a transliteration and misdivision of Hebrew achiw "his brother" and "Rohgah." Cf. 1 Chronicles 26:7 LXX where Achiou = Heb. 'echayw "his brother," and v.35. MT reads "Ahi and Rohgah," a misdivision, where the waw ("and") at the end of achiw ("his brother") was added to Rohgah (wrhgh), and achi became a name, "Achi"

[h]7:34 MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "Rohagah"

[i]7:34 LXX. MT lacks "and"

[j]7:34 MT Qere LXX Vg. MT Kethib reads "Jahbah"

[k]7:35 Hebrew Mss LXX(L) Vg. MT reads "son"

[l]7:36 LXX Ms and v.35, reading "(And the sons of) Imna." MT reads "and Beri and Imrah," from sight confusions of nun as resh in ubenai and Imna

[m]7:37 LXX(AN) Mss. MT reads "Ithran"

the fifth. 3And Bela had sons: Ard,[a] and Gera, the father of Ehud.[b] 4These are the sons of Ehud:[c] Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahijah,[d] 5and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram. 6They are the heads of ancestral houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them captive to Manahath. 7And Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he sent them into exile. And Gera[e] became the father of Uzza and Ahihud. 8And Shaharaim became the father of children in the field of Moab after he had sent away his wives Hushim and Baara.[f] 9He became the father of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malkam, 10and Jeuz, and Sachia,[g] and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of ancestral houses. 11Of Hushim he became the father of Abitub[h] and Elpaal. 12The sons of Elpaal: Eber,[i] and Misham, and Shemer[j] (who built Ono and Lod, with its towns), 13and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of ancestral houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon (who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath); 14and their brothers,[k] Shashak, and Jeremoth. 15And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, 16and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah. 17And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, 18and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal. 19And Jakim, and Zikri, and Zabdi, 20and Elienai,[l] and Zillethai, and Eliel, 21and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of Shimei. 22And Ishpan, and Eber,[m] and Eliel, 23and Abdon, and Zikri, and Hanan, 24and Hananiah, and Omri,[n] and Elam, and Anthothijah, 25and Iphdeiah, and Penuel[o] were the sons of Shashak. 26And Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27and Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zikri were the sons of Jeroham.

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[a]8:3 Hebrew Mss LXX(AN) cf. Genesis 46:21; Numbers 26:40. MT reads “Addar,” a dalet-resh confusion

[b]8:3 Reading abi Ehud, cf. Judges 3:15. MT reads “Abihud”

[c]8:4 The words for “These are the sons of Ehud” were at v.6, having been lost from homoioteleuton: wd-wd, and inserted at the wrong place

[d]8:4 LXX(B) Syr and v.7. MT reads “and Ahoah,” a yod-waw and hey-chet confusion in a square script

[e]8:7 LXX(L). MT reads “he”

[f]8:8 Hebrew Ms LXX Ms read “Baada,” a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[g]8:10 MT, reading skyh. Hebrew Mss LXX Tg read sbyh “Shibia” or “captivity,” an apparent beth-kaph confusion. LXX: “Obed”

[h]8:11 Hebrew Mss Syr read “Ahitub,” a beth-chet interchange

[i]8:12 Hebrew Mss “Ebed,” a dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion

[j]8:12 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr. MT reads “Shemed”

[k]8:14 LXX(L: be2, y), reading kai oi adelphoi autwn “and their brothers.” MT reads “Ahio”

[l]8:20 BHS cf. LXX(A) Tg Vg read “Elioenai”

[m]8:22 Hebrew Mss LXX read “Ebed,” a dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion

[n]8:24 LXX. MT lacks “and Omri”

[o]8:25 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Vg. MT Kethib reads “Peniel”

[28]These were heads of ancestral houses throughout their generations, chief men: these lived in Jerusalem. [29]And in Gibeon there lived Jeiel,[a] the father of Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah; [30]and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner,[b] and Nadab, [31]and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zecher and Mikloth.[c] [32]Mikloth became the father of Shimeah.[d] They also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, over against their brothers. [33]Ner[e] became the father of Kish; and Kish became the father of Saul; and Saul became the father of Jonathan, and Malkishua, and Abinadab, and Ishbaal.[f] [34]The son of Jonathan was Mippibaal[g]; and Mippibaal became the father of Micah. [35]The sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and Ahaz. [36]Ahaz became the father of Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah became the father of Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza. [37]Moza became the father of Binea; Rephaiah[h] was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. [38]Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, his firstborn, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Azariah,[i] and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel. [39]The sons of Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. [40]The sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, one hundred fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

9 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and look, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their disobedience. [2]Now the first inhabitants who lived in their possessions in their cities were Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. [3]In Jerusalem lived of the people of Judah, and of the people of Benjamin, and of the people of Ephraim and Manasseh: [4]Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri,

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[a]8:29 LXX(L), reading kai en Gabaon katokesen ieiel pater Gabaon. MT lacks "Jeiel"

[b]8:30 LXX Mss. MT lacks "and Ner," possibly by haplography. Cf. 8:33 and 1 Chronicles 9:36

[c]8:31 LXX(BA). MT lacks "Mikloth" apparently from homoiologon

[d]8:32 9:38 reads "Shimeam," a possible he-mem confusion

[e]8:33 Saul had both a great grandfather and an uncle with the same name, Ner

[f]8:33 Vocalization according to LXX(Nbe2ceimn), reading Isbaal. MT reads "Eshbaal

[g]8:34 LXX(L) Mss OL, reading Memphibaal, which reflects Mippibaal, = מפי בעל. MT reads Meribbaal = מריב בעל, which may be an early pey-resh confusion, with dittography of the beth. In 9:40 MT the second instance of the name is Meribaal = מרי בעל. Cf. 2 Samuel 4:4 fn

[h]8:37 LXX and 9:43. MT reads "Raphah"

[i]8:38 LXX(L: e2 + y). MT lacks "Azariah" from haplography: ryh_w'-ryh-w'

the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the descendants of Perez the son of Judah. 5Of the Shelanites[a]: Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons. 6Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their brothers, six hundred ninety. 7Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Judah,[b] the son of Hassenuah, 8and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Mikri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; 9and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred fifty-six. All these men were heads of ancestral houses by their fathers' houses. 10Of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jakin, 11and Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 12and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith,[c] the son of Immer; 13and their brothers, heads of their fathers' houses, one thousand seven hundred sixty; very able men for the work[d] of the service of the house of God. 14Of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; 15and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zikri, the son of Asaph, 16and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites. 17The gatekeepers: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers (Shallum was the chief), 18who were previously stationed at the King's Gate on the east: they were the gatekeepers for the camp of the descendants of Levi. 19Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Abiasaph,[e] the son of Korah, and his brothers, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: and their fathers had been over the camp of YHWH, keepers of the entry. 20Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, and YHWH was with him. 21Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. 22All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers in the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their office of trust. 23So they and their descendants had the oversight of the gates of the house of YHWH, even the house of the tent, by

[a]9:5 Cf Numbers 26:20; 1Chronicles 4:21. MT reads "Shilonites"
[b]9:7 Nehemiah 11:9. MT reads "Hodaviah"
[c]9:12 LXX Syr read "Meshillemoth." A waw-yod confusion. Cf. Nehemiah 11:13
[d]9:13 LXX Tg Vg. MT lost the preposition from haplography: l-l
[e]9:19 LXX. MT reads "Ebiasaph"

wards. 24On the four sides were the gatekeepers, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25Their brothers, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: 26for the four chief gatekeepers, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27They lodged around the house of God, because that duty was on them; and to them pertained its opening morning by morning. 28Certain of them were in charge of the vessels of service; for by count were these brought in and by count were these taken out. 29Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30Some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. 31Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32Some of their brothers, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the show bread, to prepare it every Sabbath. 33These are the singers, heads of ancestral houses of the Levites, who lived in the chambers and were free from other service; for they were employed in their work day and night. 34These were heads of ancestral houses of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these lived at Jerusalem. 35Jeiel,[a] the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, whose wife's name was Maacah: 36and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38Mikloth became the father of Shimeah.[b] They also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, over against their brothers. 39Ner became the father of Kish; and Kish became the father of Saul; and Saul became the father of Jonathan, and Malkishua, and Abinadab, and Ishbaal.[c] 40The son of Jonathan was Mippibaal[d]; and Mippibaal became the father of Micah. 41The sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea,[e] and Ahaz.[f] 42And Ahaz became the father of Jadah; and Jadah[g] became the father of Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza; 43and Moza became the father of Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son. 44Azel had six sons, whose names are these: Azrikam, his firstborn,

[a]9:35 LXX(L). MT lacks "Jeiel"
[b]9:38 LXX and 8:32. MT reads "Shimeam," a he-mem confusion.
[c]9:39 LXX(Aleph rell) Mss, reading Isbaal. MT reads Eshbaal
[d]9:40 LXX(*b*iye2) Mss, reading Memphibaal, which reflects Mippibaal. MT reads Meribbaal, a harmonization to 8:34. Cf. 8:34 fn
[e]9:41 LXX(L): "Taraa." LXX(AN) "Tara," possibly for "Tarea." Cf. 8:35
[f]9:41 LXX(L) ("Asas" b, e2, here and v.42) Tg Syr Vg. MT lacks "Ahaz" from haplography: 'hz-'hz
[g]9:42 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "Jarah; and Jarah"

and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Azariah,[a] and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

10 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain on Mount Gilboa. [2]The Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Philistines killed Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malkishua, the sons of Saul. [3]The battle grew fierce against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was wounded by the archers. [4]Then said Saul to his armor bearer, Draw your sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armor bearer would not; for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell on it. [5]When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword, and died. [6]So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together. [7]When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them. [8]It happened on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa. [9]They stripped him, and took his head, and his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry the news to their idols, and to the people. [10]They put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of Dagon. [11]When all the inhabitants[b] of Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, [12]all the valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. [13]So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against YHWH, because of the word of YHWH, which he did not keep; and also because he asked counsel of one who had a familiar spirit, to inquire thereby, [14]and did not inquire of YHWH: therefore he killed him, and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

11 Then all Israel gathered together to David at Hebron, saying, "Look, we are your bone and your flesh. [2]In times past, even when Saul was king, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. YHWH your God said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall rule over my people Israel.'"
[3]So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before YHWH; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of YHWH by Samuel. [4]David and all Israel went

[a]9:44 LXX(L: be2 + y). MT lacks "Azariah" from haplography: ryh_w'-ryh-w', or a harmonization to 8:38 MT

[b]10:11 Hebrew Ms Syr cf. LXX. MT lacks "the inhabitants," possibly from the graphic similarity of ysby and ybs

to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the City of David. 6David said, "Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain." Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. 7David lived in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David. 8He built the city all around, from the Millo even around; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9David grew greater and greater; for YHWH of hosts was with him. 10Now these are the chief of the warriors whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of YHWH concerning Israel. 11This is the number of the warriors whom David had: Jeshbaal[a] the son of Hachmoni, leader of the Three.[b] And he wielded his spear against eight[c] hundred and killed them at one time. 12After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the Three warriors. 13He was with David at Pas Dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. 14And he[d] took his stand in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and killed the Philistines; and YHWH saved them by a great victory. 15And three of the Thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines were camped in the Valley of Rephaim. 16David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. 17And David had a craving and said, "Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate."

18The Three broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink of it, but poured it out to YHWH, 19and said, "Far be it from me before my God, that I should do this. Shall I drink

[a]11:11 Jeshbaal means "the Lord exists." Cf. BDB 4199 Genesis 18:24. LXX, reading Iesebaal = Jeshbaal. MT reads "Jashobeam" here and "Josheb-Basshebeth" in the parallel at 2 Samuel 23:8, which represents efforts in some textual streams to remove the mention of baal. McCarter, II Samuel, 489; Anderson, 2Samuel, 272-73; idem, 1Chronicles, 292-93

[b]11:11 LXX(L: be2) and 2Samuel 23:8 LXX(L: boc2e2), reading triwn = sheloshah. MT Kethib LXX Syr read "Thirty." MT Qere reads "officers." Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 489; Anderson, 2Samuel, 273

[c]11:11 2Samuel 23:8 parallel. MT reads shelosh "three," a misreading in reminiscence of the word earlier in the verse. Jeshbaal's exploit surpassed that of Abishai's 300 in v.20. Cf. H. G. M. Williamson, 1 & 2 Chronicles, NCBC (1982). See also Judges 3:31, 15:16

[d]11:14 LXX and 2 Samuel 23:12. MT reads "they"

the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy?" For they risked their lives to bring it. Therefore he would not drink it. The Three warriors did these things.

20 And Abishai,[a] the brother of Joab, was leader of the Thirty.[b] And he wielded his spear against three hundred and killed them, and had a name beside the Three. 21 He was the most illustrious of the Thirty,[c] and he became their leader. However, he did not attain to the Three. 22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada[d] was a valiant man of Kabzeel, who performed great deeds. He killed the two of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 23 He killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature, seven and a half feet[e] tall; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and grabbed the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. 24 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did these things, and had a name among the Three warriors. 25 Look, he was more honored than the Thirty, but he did not attain to the Three. And David set him over his guard. 26 Also the warriors of the armies: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, 27 Shammah[f] the Harodite,[g] Elika the Harodite,[h] Helez the Paltite,[i] 28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,[j] Abiezer the Anathothite,[k] 29 Sibbekai the

[a] 11:20 LXX Vg Tg. MT reads "Abshai"
[b] 11:20 Syr. MT reads "three." McCarter, II Samuel, 491; Anderson, 2Samuel, 273
[c] 11:21 Syr. MT reads "three," and also adds "two," which appears to be secondary since it is lacking in Syr and in 2Samuel 23:19. Cf. BHS, Chronica I, fn 21b; McCarter, II Samuel, 491; Anderson, 2Samuel, 273; Klein, 1 Chronicles, 294 fn 43
[d] 11:22 Syr and 2Samuel 23:20 LXX. MT adds "the son of"
[e] 11:23 Or, 2.3 metres. Lit. "five cubits"
[f] 11:27 2Samuel 23:25 parallel. MT reads "Shammoth," a misreading involving a hey-taw confusion
[g] 11:27 From the town or clan of Harod. 2Samuel 23:25 parallel. MT reads "Harorite," a misreading involving chet-hey and dalet-resh confusions. Cf. Klein, 1Chronicles, 295 fn 53
[h] 11:27 2Samuel 23:25 parallel. MT lacks "Elika the Harodite" from homoioteleuton: the Harodite-the Harodite. The words were also lost from homoioteleuton in 2Samuel 23:25 LXX and Syr. McCarter, II Samuel, 492
[i] 11:27 From the town of Pelet. 2Samuel 23:26 parallel. MT reads "Pelonite," a tet and waw+nun confusion. Beth Pelet was located in the vicinity of Beersheba in Judah (Joshua 15:27), related to the Calebite clan of Pelet (1Chronicles 2:47). Helez the Pelonite in 1Chronicles 27:10 is linked to the Ephraimites. Klein, 1Chronicles, 307; McCarter, II Samuel, 497
[j] 11:28 From the town of Tekoa
[k] 11:28 From the town of Anathoth

Hushathite,[a] Zalmon[b] the Ahohite,[c] [30]Maharai the Netophathite,[d] Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, [31]Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the people of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,[e] [32]Hiddai[f] of Nahale Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,[g] [33]Azmaveth the Bahurimite,[h] Eliahba the Shaalbinite,[i] [34]Jashen[j] the Gizonite,[k] Jonathan the son of Shamma[l] the Hararite,[m] [35]Ahiam the son of Sakar the Hararite, Eliphelet[n] the son of Ahasbai[o] the Maacathite,[p] [36]Eliam the son of[q] Ahithophel the Gilonite,[r] [37]Hezrai[s]

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[a]11:29 From the town or clan of Hushah

[b]11:29 2Samuel 23:28 parallel. MT reads "IIai," a transcriptional corruption where tzadi was misread as ayin, and the last three letters were illegible due to a damaged scroll

[c]11:29 From the town or clan of Ahoh

[d]11:30 From the town of Netophah

[e]11:31 From the town of Pirathon

[f]11:32 Hiddai means "joyful." 2Samuel 23:30 parallel. MT reads "Hurai," a misreading involving hey-chet and dalet-resh confusions

[g]11:32 From the town of Arbah

[h]11:33 From the town of Bahurim. Cf. 2Samuel 19:16. MT reads "Baharumite," a misreading involving a waw-resh metathesis. Cf. BHS, Chronica I, 33a; Klein, 1Chronicles, 295 n 63; 2Samuel 23:31 fn

[i]11:33 From the town of Shaalbin. Cf. Joshua 19:42. MT vocalizes as Shaalbon

[j]11:34 2 Samuel 23:32 parallel, cf. LXX Mss, which have a conflation of "Jashen the Gunite" and "Hashem the Gizonite." MT reads "the sons of Hashem the Gizonite." Hashem is a misreading of Jashen in Paleo-Hebrew from sight confusion of yod-hey and nun-mem. The addition of "the sons" is an apparent dittography of the preceding last three letters

[k]11:34 From the town of Gizo. LXX Mss read "Gunite," which arose in a zayin-waw confusion in its Vorlage, where hgzny was misread as hgwny

[l]11:34 2 Samuel 23:33 MT Mss parallel, cf. LXX(L: b (samaias) e2 (samaia)) and. MT reads "Shageh," a mem-gimel confusion in Paleo-Hebrew

[m]11:34 From the town or clan of Harar

[n]11:35 Cf. LXX(SB: "Elphat") and 2Samuel 23:34. MT reads "Eliphal," having lost a tet in a damaged scroll

[o]11:35-36 2Samuel 23:34 parallel, reading "Ahasbai." MT reads "Ur" and "Hepher," a textual corruption of "Ahasbai" in an early square script, where the chet in Ahasbi was misread as a waw + resh, and sby was misread as hpr. Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 493

[p]11:35 From the town of Maacah. 2Samuel 23:34 parallel. MT reads "Mecherathite," a secondary spelling of the gentilic. Cf. Klein, 1Chronicles (2006), 295; "Mecherathite" in Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible, eds D. N. Freedman and A. C. Myers (2000), 876

[q]11:36 2Samuel 23:34 parallel. MT lacks "Eliam son of" from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph

[r]11:36 2 Samuel 23:34. MT reads "Ahijah the Pelonite," the result of a haplography from lamed to lamed of the original אחיתפל הגלני, resulting in אחיהפלני , involving a taw-hey confusion, followed by a word division to אחיה הפלני

[s]11:37 LXX Syr cf. 2 Samuel 23:35 Qere and Vrs . MT reads "Hezro"

the Carmelite,[a] Paarai[b] the Arbite,[c]
38 Igal[d] the son[e] of Nathan, from the
elite troops[f] of the Hagrites,[g]
39 Zelek the Ammonite,[h] Naharai
the Beerothite,[i] the armor bearer of
Joab the son of Zeruiah, 40 Ira the
Jattirite,[j] Gareb the Jattirite,
41 Uriah the Hethite,[k] Zabad the son
of Ahlai, 42 Adina the son of Shiza
the Reubenite, a chief of the
Reubenites, and thirty with him,
43 Hanan the son of Maacah, and
Joshaphat the Mithnite,[l] 44 Uzzia the
Ashterathite,[m] Shama and Jeiel the
sons of Hotham the Aroerite,[n]
45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and
Joha his brother, the Tizite,[o] 46 Eliel
the Mahavim,[p] and Jeribai, and
Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and
Ithmah the Moabite, 47 Eliel, and
Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaiah.

12 Now these are those who came to David to Ziklag, while he was still kept from the presence of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, his helpers in war.
2 They were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow: they were of Saul's brothers of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer; then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah, and Jehu the Anathothite,
4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the Thirty, and over the Thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite, 5 Eluzai, and

[a] 11:37 From the town of Carmel, south of Hebron, cf. 1Samuel 25:2-42, rather than the Carmel in Northern Israel
[b] 11:35 2 Samuel 23:35 parallel. MT reads "Naarai," a pey-nun confusion in Paleo-Hebrew. Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 493; Brug, TCOT, 15
[c] 11:37 2Samuel 23:35. MT reads "Ezbai," a resh-zayin confusion
[d] 11:38 2Samuel 23:36. MT reads "Joel," a gimel-waw confusion
[e] 11:38 LXX Mss and 2Samuel 23:36. MT reads "brother"
[f] 11:38 Cf. 2Samuel 23:36 fn. MT reads "Mibhar," a misreading of mibharay "elite troops," cf. Daniel 11:15
[g] 11:38 Lit. "sons of Hagri," cf. 2Samuel 23:36 which has misvocalized benei "sons" as "Bani." MT reads "son"
[h] 11:39 From the people group of Ammon
[i] 11:39 2Samuel 23:37. MT reads "Berothite"
[j] 11:40 From the town of Jattir. Vocalization according to LXX Syr (bis), cf. 1Samuel 30:27. MT vocalizes as "Ithrite"
[k] 11:41 From the people group in Canaan descended from Heth. Cf. Genesis 10:15. For the Hittite people group from Anatolia, see, e.g., 1Kings 10:29
[l] 11:43 From the town of Mithan, or Mithna
[m] 11:44 From the town of Ashtaroth
[n] 11:44 From the town of Aroer
[o] 11:45 From the town or clan of Tiz, or Tiza
[p] 11:46 Or, Mahavite. From the town or clan of Mahavim, or Mahavah. LXX(BSc2) reads Miei; LXX(L): Ma[h]othi; LXX(A): Ma[h]oein; LXX(N): Ma[h]onei; Vg: Maumites

Jerimoth, and Baaliah,[a] and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,[b] 6Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites, 7and Joelah,[c] and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.[d] 8Of the Gadites there separated themselves to David to the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes on the mountains; 9Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, 10Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11Attai the sixth, Eliel[e] the seventh, 12Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. 14These of the sons of Gad were captains of the army: he who was least was equal to one hundred, and the greatest to one thousand. 15These are those who went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. 16There came of the people of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold to David. 17David went out to meet them, and answered them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be knit to you; but if you have come to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it." 18Then the Spirit came on Amasai, who was chief of the Thirty, and he said, "We are yours, David, and on your side, you son of Jesse: peace, peace be to you, and peace be to your helpers; for your God helps you." Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. 19Of Manasseh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle; but they did not help them; for the lords of the Philistines sent him away after consultation, saying, "He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads."

20As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah,[f] and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands who were of Manasseh. 21They helped David against the band of rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the army. 22For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great army, like the army of God. 23These are the numbers of the heads of those who

[a]12:5 Vocalization according to LXX Vg, reading Baalia. MT vocalizes as Bealiah

[b]12:5 MT Qere LXX Mss Tg Vg. MT Kethib reads "Hariphite," a waw-yod confusion

[c]12:7 Hebrew Mss read "Jaelah"

[d]12:7 LXX "sons of the Gedor." Hebrew Mss "from Gedud," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[e]12:11 Hebrew Mss LXX read "Eliab"

[f]12:20 Hebrew Mss cf. LXX Vg. MT reads "Adnach," an apparent chet-he confusion

were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of YHWH. [24]The people of Judah who bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, armed for war. [25]Of the people of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. [26]Of the descendants of Levi four thousand and six hundred. [27]Jehoiada was the leader of the household of Aaron; and with him were three thousand and seven hundred, [28]and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains. [29]Of the people of Benjamin, the brothers of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. [30]Of the people of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. [31]Of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. [32]Of the people of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their heads were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their commandment. [33]Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the army, who could set the battle in array, with all kinds of instruments of war, fifty thousand, to help David[a] without a double heart. [34]Of Naphtali one thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand. [35]Of the Danites who could set the battle in array, twenty-eight thousand six hundred. [36]Of Asher, such as were able to go out in the army, who could set the battle in array, forty thousand. [37]On the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all kinds of instruments of war for the battle, one hundred twenty thousand. [38]All these being men of war, who could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. [39]They were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brothers had made preparation for them. [40]Moreover those who were near to them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on donkeys, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, food of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and cattle, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in Israel.

13 David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. [2]David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if there is a breakthrough from YHWH our God, let us send abroad everywhere to our brothers who are

[a]12:33 LXX. MT lacks "David," possibly from the graphic similarity of r and d

left in all the land of Israel, with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have suburbs, that they may gather themselves to us; 3and let us bring again the ark of our God to us. For we did not seek it in the days of Saul."
4All the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor of Egypt even to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. 6And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath Jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God,[a] which is called by the name of YHWH enthroned on the cherubim. 7They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, and with harps, and with stringed instruments, and with tambourines, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9When they came to the threshing floor of Nodan,[b] Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 10The anger of YHWH was kindled against Uzza, and he struck him, because he put forth his hand to the ark; and there he died before God. 11David was displeased, because YHWH had broken forth on Uzza; and he called that place Perez Uzza, to this day. 12David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God to me?" 13So David did not move the ark to him into the City of David, but diverted it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 14The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three months: and YHWH blessed the house of Obed-Edom, and all that he had.

14 Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and craftsmen of a wall, and craftsmen of wood, to build him a palace. 2And David knew that YHWH had established him king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel's sake. 3David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David became the father of more sons and daughters. 4These are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Eliphelet,[c] 6and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 7and Elishama, and Baaliada,[d] and Eliphelet. 8When the Philistines

[a]13:6 A possible haplography has occurred here which skipped the words for "which is called by the name" and placed them at the end of the verse, with the loss of 'alayw "on." The word order is restored according to the parallel at 2 Samuel 6:2. Cf. Klein, 1 Chronicles, 327-28 fn 9

[b]13:9 2Samuel 6:6 DSS. MT reads "Chidon," an nw-ky confusion. Cf. McCarter, II Samuel, 164

[c]14:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Elpelet"

[d]14:7 Vocalization according to LXX Mss Vg, cf. 2Samuel 5:16 LXX Ms. MT vocalizes as "Beeliada"

heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them. 9Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the Valley of Rephaim. 10David inquired of God, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?” YHWH said to him, “Go up; for I will deliver them into your hand.”

11So they came up to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there; and David said, God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like a breakthrough of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.[a] 12They left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with fire. 13The Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley. 14And David inquired again of God; and God said to him, “You shall not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come at them opposite the balsam trees. 15And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, that then you shall go out to battle; for God has gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines.”

16David did as God commanded him, and he[b] struck the army of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. 17The fame of David went out into all lands; and YHWH brought the fear of him on all nations.

15 David made him houses in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2Then David said, “No one ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites. For YHWH has chosen them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to him forever.”
3David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of YHWH to its place, which he had prepared for it. 4David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites: 5of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brothers one hundred twenty; 6of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred twenty; 7of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and his brothers one hundred thirty; 8of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brothers two hundred; 9of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brothers eighty; 10of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brothers one hundred twelve. 11David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, 12and said to them, “You are the heads of the ancestral houses of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, both you and your

[a]14:11 Baal Perazim means “Lord of breaking through” or “Lord of the breakthrough”

[b]14:16 LXX Syr Vg cf. 2 Samuel 5:25. MT reads “they”

brothers, that you may bring up the ark of YHWH, the God of Israel, to the place that I have prepared for it. 13For because you were not prepared[a] the first time, YHWH our God made an outbreak against us, because we did not seek him according to the ordinance."
14So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of YHWH, the God of Israel. 15The descendants of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with the poles thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of YHWH. 16David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brothers the singers, with instruments of music, stringed instruments and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy. 17So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; 18and with them their brothers of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben,[b] and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and[c] Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah[d] were doorkeepers. 19So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were given cymbals of bronze to sound aloud; 20and Zechariah, and Jaaziel,[e] and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with stringed instruments set to Alamoth; 21and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps tuned to the eight-stringed lyre, to lead. 22Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the song: he instructed about the song, because he was skillful. 23Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark. 24Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, blew the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-Edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark. 25So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of YHWH out of the house of Obed-Edom with joy. 26It happened, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of YHWH, that they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams. 27David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: and David had on him an ephod of linen. 28Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of YHWH with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals,

[a]15:13 LXX(L). MT lacks "prepared"
[b]15:18 Or, "Zechariah son of Jaaziel." Hebrew Mss LXX Mss omit "Ben."
[c]15:18 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT lacks "and." Cf. v.20
[d]15:18 LXX. MT lacks "and Azaziah." Cf. v.21
[e]15:20 MT has a misspelling. Cf. v.18 "Jaaziel"

sounding aloud with stringed instruments and harps. [29]It happened, as the ark of the covenant of YHWH came to the City of David, that Mikal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him in her heart.

16 They brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had set up for it: and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. [2]When David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of YHWH. [3]He dealt to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. [4]He appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of YHWH, and to celebrate and to thank and praise YHWH, the God of Israel: [5]Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, Jaaziel,[a] and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-Edom, and Jeiel, with stringed instruments and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud; [6]and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God.

[7]Then on that day David first ordained to give thanks to YHWH, by the hand of Asaph and his brothers.

[8]Oh give thanks to YHWH.
Call on his name.
Make his deeds known
among the peoples.
[9]Sing to him.
Sing praises to him.
Tell of all his marvelous
works.
[10]Glory in his holy name.
Let the heart of those who
seek YHWH rejoice.
[11]Seek YHWH and his strength.
Seek his face forever more.
[12]Remember his marvelous works
that he has done,
his wonders, and the
judgments of his
mouth,
[13]you offspring of Israel his
servant,
you descendants of Jacob,
his chosen ones.
[14]He is YHWH our God.
His judgments are in all the
earth.
[15]Remember his covenant forever,
the word which he
commanded to a
thousand generations,
[16]the covenant which he
made with Abraham,
his oath to Isaac.
[17]He confirmed the same to Jacob
for a statute,
and to Israel as an
everlasting covenant,
[18]saying, “I will give you the land
of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance,”
[19]when you were but a few
men in number,

[a]16:5 15:18. MT misspells as “Jeiel”

yes, very few, and foreigners were in it.
[20]They went about from nation to nation,
from one kingdom to another people.
[21]He allowed no man to do them wrong.
Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes,
[22]"Do not touch my anointed ones.
Do my prophets no harm."
[23]Sing to YHWH, all the earth.
Display his salvation from day to day.
[24]Declare his glory among the nations,
and his marvelous works among all the peoples.
[25]For great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised.
He also is to be feared above all gods.
[26]For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but YHWH made the heavens.
[27]Honor and majesty are before him.
Strength and gladness are in his place.
[28]Ascribe to YHWH, you relatives of the peoples,
ascribe to YHWH glory and strength.
[29]Ascribe to YHWH the glory due to his name.
Bring an offering, and come before him.
Worship YHWH in holy array.
[30]Tremble before him, all the earth.
The world also is established that it can't be moved.
[31]Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth rejoice.
Let them say among the nations, "YHWH reigns."
[32]Let the sea roar, and its fullness.
Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
[33]Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before YHWH,
for he comes to judge the earth.
[34]Oh give thanks to YHWH, for he is good,
for his loving kindness endures forever.
[35]Say, "Save us, God of our salvation.
Gather us together and deliver us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
to triumph in your praise."
[36]Blessed be YHWH, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

And all the people said, "Amen," and praised YHWH.

[37]So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of YHWH, Asaph and his brothers, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required; [38]and Obed-Edom with their brothers, sixty-eight; Obed-Edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; [39]and Zadok the priest, and his brothers the priests, before the tabernacle of YHWH in the high place that was at Gibeon, [40]to offer burnt offerings to YHWH

on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in the law of YHWH, which he commanded to Israel; 41and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to YHWH, because his loving kindness endures forever; 42and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God; and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. 43All the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

17 It happened, when David lived in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "Look, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of YHWH is under curtains."

2Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you."

3It happened the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4"Go and tell David my servant, 'Thus says YHWH, "You shall not build me a house to dwell in; 5for I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but have gone about[a] from tent to tent, and from tabernacle to tabernacle.[b] 6In all places in which I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"'

7"Now therefore, you shall tell my servant David, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts, "I took you from the sheep pen, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 8I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you. I will make you a name, like the name of the great ones who are in the earth. 9I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first, 10and from the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover I tell you that YHWH will build you a house. 11And it will come about when your days are fulfilled,[c] when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will raise up your descendant after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12He will build me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13I will be his father,

[a]17:5 Tg. MT lacks "about" from haplography: mthlk-m'hl
[b]17:5 Hebrew(180) Ms. MT lacks "to tabernacle" from homoioteleuton
[c]17:11 2Samuel 7:12. MT has lost a yod from haplography

and he shall be my son. I will not take my loving kindness away from him, as I took it from him that was before you; [14]but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever. His throne shall be established forever."'" [15]According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

[16]Then king David went in and sat before YHWH and he said, "Who am I, YHWH God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? [17]This was a small thing in your eyes, God, but you have spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and you have let me look upon[a] the generation[b] of humankind to come, YHWH God. [18]What can David say yet more to you concerning the honor which is done to your servant? For you know your servant, YHWH. [19]For your servant's sake, and according to your own heart, you have worked all this greatness, to make known to your servant[c] all these great things. [20]YHWH, there is none like you, neither is there any God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. [21]And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went out to redeem to be a people for himself, to make a name for yourself by great and awesome deeds, by driving out from before your people, whom you redeemed out of Egypt, a nation[d] and its gods[e]? [22]And you made your people Israel for yourself to be your people forever; and you, YHWH, became their God. [23]Now, YHWH, let the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as you have spoken. [24]Let your name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'YHWH of hosts is the God of Israel,'[f] and the house of David your servant is established before you. [25]For you[g] have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. Therefore your servant has found courage to pray before you. [26]Now, YHWH, you are God, and have promised this good thing to your servant. [27]Now it has pleased you to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever before you; for you, YHWH, have blessed, and it is blessed forever."

18 After this it happened, that David struck the Philistines, and subdued them, and

[a]17:17 LXX (Hiphil). MT (Qal) reads "and have seen me"
[b]17:17 Lit. "in the turn." Hebrew Mss. MT reads "as a searching"
[c]17:19 Tg Syr cf. 2 Samuel 7:21. MT lacks "to your servant" from haplography: 't-'t
[d]17:21 2Samuel 7:23 LXX. MT reads "nations"
[e]17:21 2Samuel 7:23. MT lacks "and its god's" from homoioarcton: w-w
[f]17:24 LXX Vg. MT adds "God to Israel"
[g]17:25 LXX(SBc2) and 2Samuel 7:27 LXX(d). MT adds "my God"

took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. 2He struck Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute. 3David struck Hadadezer king of Zobah to Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Perath. 4David took from him one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen; and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for one hundred chariots. 5When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck of the Arameans twenty-two thousand men. 6Then David put garrisons[a] in Aram of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David, and brought tribute. YHWH gave victory to David wherever he went. 7And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8From Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much bronze, with which Solomon made the bronze sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of bronze. 9When Tou king of Hamath heard that David had struck all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah, 10he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to Greet him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him; (for Hadadezer had wars with Tou;) and he had with him all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and bronze. 11King David also dedicated these to YHWH, with the silver and the gold that he took from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the people of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. 12Moreover Abishai[b] the son of Zeruiah struck of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. 13He put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. YHWH gave victory to David wherever he went. 14David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness to all his people. 15Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 16and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech[c] the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shisha[d] was scribe; 17and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

19 And it happened after this, that Nahash the king of the people of Ammon died, and his son Hanun[e] reigned in his place. 2David said, "I

[a]18:6 Hebrew Ms LXX Vg 2 Samuel 8:6. MT lacks "garrisons"
[b]18:12 LXX Tg Vg. MT reads "Abshai"
[c]18:16 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg 2 Samuel 8:17. MT reads "Abimelech"
[d]18:16 2Samuel 8:17 LXX; 20:25 Tg Ms; 1Kings 4:3. MT reads "Shavsha," a yod-waw confusion
[e]19:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr 2 Samuel 10:1. MT lacks "Hanun" from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: kaph(f)-nun(f). For an example of a

will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. David's servants came into the land of the people of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. [3]But the leaders of the people of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David honors your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Haven't his servants come to you to search, to overthrow, and to spy out the land?" [4]So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. [5]Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were served. He sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. The king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown, and then return."

[6]When the people of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the people of Ammon sent one thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Aram Maacah, and out of Zobah. [7]So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and camped before Medeba. The people of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. [8]When David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army of the mighty men. [9]The people of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field. [10]Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Arameans. [11]The rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai[a] his brother; and they put themselves in array against the people of Ammon. [12]He said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you are to help me; but if the people of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. [13]Be courageous, and let us be strong for our people, and for the cities of our God. May YHWH do that which seems good to him."
[14]So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Arameans to the battle; and they fled before him. [15]When the people of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they likewise fled before Abishai[b] his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. [16]When the Arameans saw that they were defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Arameans who were beyond the River, with Shobach[c]

final kaph and final nun confusion (Joshua 8:13), cf. Brug, TCOT, 15; Psalm 145:13 fn

[a]19:11 LXX ("Abessa") Syr Vg. MT Tg read "Abshai"

[b]19:15 LXX ("Abessa") Syr Vg. MT Tg read "Abshai"

[c]19:16 Syr LXX(iny) and 2Samuel 10:16. MT reads "Shophach," a beth-pey confusion

the captain of the army of Hadadezer at their head. 17It was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came on them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Arameans, they fought with him. 18The Arameans fled before Israel; and David killed of the Arameans the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shobach[a] the captain of the army. 19When the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would the Arameans help the people of Ammon any more.

20 It happened, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out, that Joab led forth the army, and wasted the country of the people of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. Joab struck Rabbah, and overthrew it. 2David took the crown of their king[b] from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set on David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city, a very great amount. 3He brought forth the people who were in it, and set them to work[c] with saws, and with iron picks, and with axes.[d] David did so to all the cities of the people of Ammon. David and all the people returned to Jerusalem. 4Now it happened afterward that there was again war[e] with the Philistines at Gezer; then Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Sippai, a descendant of the Rephaim; and they were subdued. 5There was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair[f] the Bethlehemite[g] killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 6There was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were twenty-four, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was descended from the Raphah. 7When he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah[h] David's brother killed him. 8These were the descendants of the Raphah in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21 And an adversary[i] stood up against Israel, and moved David to number

[a]19:18 Syr LXX(ANbdgimny) and 2Samuel 10:16. MT reads "Shophach," a beth-pey confusion
[b]20:2 LXX Vg read "Milcom"
[c]20:3 2 Samuel 12:31. MT reads "and cut them," a mem-resh interchange
[d]20:3 Hebrew Ms 2 Samuel 12:31. MT reads "saws"
[e]20:4 LXX Syr 2Samuel 21:18. MT reads "war stood"
[f]20:5 MT Qere LXX Syr. MT Kethib reads "Jaur"
[g]20:5 2 Samuel 21:19. An early copyist misread beth hallachmi "the Bethlehemite" as et lachmi "Lahmi"
[h]20:7 MT Qere and 2Samuel 13:3, 32. MT reads "Shimea"
[i]21:1 The Hebrew word lacks the article and therefore suggests a general

Israel. 2And David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them."

3Joab said, "May YHWH make his people a hundred times as many as they are. But, my lord the king, aren't they all my lord's servants? Why does my lord require this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"

4Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew sword: and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew sword. 6But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7God was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel. 8David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. But now, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly."

9YHWH spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 10"Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says YHWH, "I offer you three things. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you."'"
11So Gad came to David, and said to him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Take your choice: 12either three years of famine; or three months of fleeing[a] from before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the sword of YHWH, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of YHWH destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him who sent me.'"

13David said to Gad, "I am in distress.[b] Let me fall, I pray, into the hand of YHWH; for his mercies are very great. Let me not fall into the hand of man."

14So YHWH sent a pestilence on Israel; and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. 15God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was about to destroy, YHWH saw, and he relented of the disaster, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now stay your hand." The angel of YHWH was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan[c] the Jebusite. 16David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of YHWH standing between earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem.

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interpretation as "adversary" rather than "Satan." Cf. 1Kings 11:14

[a]21:12 LXX (phugein: "flee") and 2Samuel 24:13. MT reads "swept away," a kaph-pey confusion

[b]21:13 LXX reads "All three are extremely difficult for me." 2Samuel 24:14 LXX(L) reads "All of them are extremely difficult for me"

[c]21:15 A variant spelling of Araunah

Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. 17David said to God, "Isn't it I who commanded the people to be numbered? It is even I who have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, YHWH my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against your people, that they should be plagued."
18Then the angel of YHWH commanded Gad to tell David that David should go up, and raise an altar to YHWH in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of YHWH. 20Ornan turned back, and saw the king,[a] and his four sons who were with him hiding themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22Then David said to Ornan, "Give me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build thereon an altar to YHWH. You shall sell it to me for the full price, that the plague may be stopped from afflicting the people."

23Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes. Look, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all."

24King David said to Ornan, "No; but I will most certainly buy it for the full price. For I will not take that which is yours for YHWH, nor offer a burnt offering without cost."

25So David gave to Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place. 26David built an altar to YHWH there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on YHWH; and he answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering, and it consumed the burnt offering.[b] 27YHWH commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into its sheath. 28At that time, when David saw that YHWH had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 29For the tabernacle of YHWH, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 30But David couldn't go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of YHWH.

22 Then David said, "This is the house of YHWH God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel." 2David gave orders to

[a]21:20 Hebrew Ms LXX and 2Samuel 24:20, reading hammelek. MT reads hammalak "angel," a misreading possibly due to an aural confusion

[b]21:26 LXX. MT lacks "and it consumed…offering" from haplography: h'lh-h'lh

gather together the foreigners who were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to cut worked stones to build God's house. [3]David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and bronze in abundance without weight; [4]and cedar trees without number: for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. [5]David said, "Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for YHWH must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David prepared abundantly before his death. [6]Then he called for Solomon his son, and commanded him to build a house for YHWH, the God of Israel. [7]David said to Solomon, "My son, as for me, it was in my heart to build a house to the name of YHWH my God. [8]But the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 'You have shed blood abundantly, and have made great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. [9]Look, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his enemies all around; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. [10]He shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.'

[11]Now, my son, may YHWH be with you and prosper you, and build the house of YHWH your God, as he has spoken concerning you. [12]May YHWH give you discretion and understanding, and put you in charge of Israel; that so you may keep the law of YHWH your God. [13]Then you will prosper, if you observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which YHWH gave Moses concerning Israel. Be strong, and courageous. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. [14]Now, look, in my affliction I have prepared for the house of YHWH one hundred thousand talents of gold, one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron without weight; for it is in abundance. I have also prepared timber and stone; and you may add to them. [15]There are also workmen with you in abundance, cutters and workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of men who are skillful in every kind of work: [16]of the gold, the silver, and the bronze, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and may YHWH be with you."

[17]And David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,[a] [18]"Isn't YHWH your God with you? Hasn't he given you rest on every side? For he has delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before YHWH, and before his people. [19]Now set your heart and your soul to seek after YHWH your God. Arise therefore, and build the sanctuary of YHWH

[a]22:17 Vg LXX(efjpqtz). LXX(L: be2) reads "And said." MT lacks "saying"

God, to bring the ark of the covenant of YHWH, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of YHWH."

23 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3The Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. 4David said, "Of these, twenty-four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of YHWH; six thousand were officers and judges; 5four thousand were doorkeepers; and four thousand praised YHWH with the instruments which I made, for giving praise."
6David divided them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 7Of the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei. 8The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. 9The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth,[a] and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the ancestral houses of Ladan. 10The sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zizah,[b] and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei. 11Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons; therefore they became a fathers' house in one reckoning. 12The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. 13The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons, forever, to burn incense before YHWH, to minister to him, and to bless in his name, forever. 14But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. 15The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. 16The sons of Gershom: Shubael[c] the chief. 17The sons of Eliezer were: Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18The sons of Izhar: Shelomoth[d] the chief. 19The sons of Hebron:[e] Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. 20The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Isshiah the second. 21The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. 22Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only: and their brothers the sons of Kish took them as wives. 23The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. 24These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the

[a]23:9 MT Kethib Syr. MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Vg read "Shelomith"
[b]23:11 Hebrew Ms LXX Vg cf. v.11. MT reads "Zinah"
[c]23:16 LXX cf. Vg. MT reads "Shebuel"
[d]23:18 LXX Syr. MT Tg Vg read "Shelomith"
[e]24:23 Hebrew Mss (mg) LXX(L: be2; tois huiois Chebron), cf. 1 Chronicles 23:19. MT lacks "Hebron"

heads of ancestral houses of those who were counted individually, in the number of names by their polls, who do[a] the work for the service of the house of YHWH, from twenty years old and upward. 25For David said, "YHWH, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people; and he dwells in Jerusalem forever. 26Also the Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its vessels for its service." 27For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and upward. 28For their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of YHWH, in the courts, and in the rooms, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of God's house 29involving[b] the show bread, the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all kinds of measure and size; 30and to stand every morning to thank and praise YHWH, and likewise in the evening; 31and to offer all burnt offerings to YHWH, on the Sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before YHWH; 32and that they should keep the duty of the Tent of Meeting, and the duty of the holy place, and the duty of the sons of Aaron their brothers, for the service of the house of YHWH.

24 These were the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 2But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest's office. 3David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering in their service. 4There were more chief men found among the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; so they were divided like this: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen heads according to their[c] ancestral houses, and eight according to their ancestral houses among the sons of Ithamar 5And thus were they divided impartially by drawing lots; for there were officiers of the sanctuary, and officiers of God, both of the descendants of Eleazar, and of the descendants of Ithamar. 6And Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the officiers, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the ancestral houses of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar and one[d] being taken for Ithamar. 7Now the

[a]23:24 Hebrew Mss pl. MT sg
[b]23:29 LXX. MT prefixes with a waw "and"
[c]24:4 Hebrew Mss Syr. MT lacks the mem suffix "their"
[d]24:7 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT has assimilated w'hd "and one" to the next word "taken," reading "and taken taken"

first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, [8]the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, [9]the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, [10]the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, [11]the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, [12]the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, [13]the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshbaal,[a] [14]the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, [15]the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Happizzez, [16]the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel, [17]the twenty-first to Jakin, the twenty-second to Gamul, [18]the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah. [19]This was their ordering in their service, to come into the house of YHWH according to the ordinance given to them by Aaron their father, as YHWH, the God of Israel, had commanded him. [20]Of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. [21]Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the chief. [22]Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath. [23]The sons of Hebron:[b] Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. [24]The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir.[c] [25]The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah. [26]The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi; of his sons: Jaaziah his son.[d] [27]The sons of Merari by Jaaziah his son:[e] Shoham, and Zakkur, and Ibri. [28]Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. [29]Of Kish; the sons of Kish: Jerahmeel. [30]The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their fathers' houses. [31]These likewise cast lots even as their kinsmen the descendants of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the ancestral houses of the priests and of the Levites; the ancestral houses of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover, David and the captains of the army set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, were to prophesy[f] with harps, with stringed instruments, and with cymbals: and the number of those who did the work according to their service was: [2]of the sons of Asaph: Zakkur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph, under

[a]24:13 LXX(L: 93; 60) Mss, reading Iesbaal, cf. LXX(ALN) Vg (Isbaal). MT reads "Jeshebeab"
[b]24:23 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss. MT lacks Hebron. Cf. 1 Chronicles 23:19
[c]24:24 Cairo Genizah Ms MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT Kethib Tg read "Shamur"
[d]24:26 MT vocalizes as a proper name: "Beno." Some suggest the text is corrupt here. The words "of his sons: Jaaziah his son" may be a variant from v.27. Klein, 1Chronicles, 461 n 15
[e]24:27 MT vocalizes as a proper name: "Beno," and follows with a waw conjunction--which is lacking in LXX
[f]25:1 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Vg. MT Kethib reads "the prophets"

the hand of Asaph, who prophesied after the order of the king. 3Of Jeduthun; the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, and Shimei,[a] and[b] Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with the harp[c] in giving thanks and praising YHWH. 4Of Heman; the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shubael[d] and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. 5All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of YHWH, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of God's house; Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of the king. 7The number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in singing to YHWH, even all who were skillful, was two hundred eighty-eight. 8And they cast lots, watch with watch,[e] the small as the great, the teacher as the pupil. 9Now the first lot came out for Asaph of Joseph, his sons and his brothers, twelve[f]; the second to Gedaliah, his brothers and his sons, twelve: 10the third to Zakkur, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 11the fourth to Zeri,[g] his sons and his brothers, twelve: 12the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 13the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 14the seventh to Asarelah,[h] his sons and his brothers, twelve: 15the eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 16the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 17the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 18the eleventh to Uzziel,[i] his sons and his brothers, twelve: 19the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 20for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 21for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 22for the fifteenth to Jerimoth,[j] his sons and his brothers, twelve: 23for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 24for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 25for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 26for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve: 27for the

[a]25:3 Hebrew Ms LXX. MT lacks "Shimei"
[b]25:3 Hebrew Ms LXX Vg. MT lacks the waw conjunction
[c]25:3 Vg. MT reads "Jeduthun, with the harp, who prophesied." Cf. BHS; Klein, 473.
[d]25:4 LXX cf. v.20 and 23:16 LXX and 24:20 MT. MT reads "Shebuel," a waw beth metathesis
[e]25:8 Hebrew Mss Tg. MT lacks "with watch"
[f]25:9 LXX(g/54) Ms Lat(Anon(1)), cf. BHS Chronica 1 fn 9b; Klein, 1 Chronicles, 474. MT lacks "his sons and his brothers, twelve"
[g]25:11 v.3. MT reads "Izri"
[h]25:14 v.2. MT reads "Jesarelah"
[i]25:18 LXX(L) Syr and v.4. MT reads "Azarel," a yod-resh interchange
[j]25:22 v.4. MT reads "Jeremoth"

twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve: [28]for the one and twentieth to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve: [29]for the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve: [30]for the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, twelve: [31]for the four and twentieth to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

26 For the divisions of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Abiasaph.[a] [2]Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, [3]Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. [4]Obed-Edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sakar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth, [5]Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth; for God blessed him. [6]Also to Shemaiah his son were sons born, who ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. [7]The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, and[b] Elzabad, and[c] his brothers were valiant men, Elihu, and Semakiah. [8]All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom: they and their sons and their brothers, able men in strength for the service; sixty-two of Obed-Edom. [9]Meshelemiah had sons and brothers, valiant men, eighteen. [10]Also Hosah, of the descendants of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the[d] firstborn, yet his father made him chief), [11]Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brothers of Hosah were thirteen. [12]Of these were the divisions of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brothers, to minister in the house of YHWH. [13]They cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to their fathers' houses, for every gate. [14]The lot east fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out north. [15]To Obed-Edom the south; and to his sons, the vestibules. [16]To[e] Hosah fell the west, namely, the chamber[f] gate on the upper road. Watchman opposite watchman. [17]On the east there were six a day,[g] on the north four a day, on the south four a day, and for the

[a]26:1 LXX. MT reads "Asaph," who was a descendant of Gershom, not Kohath. Cf. Exodus 6:24; 1 Chronicles 6:37, 9:19; Klein, 1Chronicles, 485
[b]26:7 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks "and"
[c]26:7 LXX. MT lacks the conjunction
[d]26:10 LXX(djpqtz). MT has lost the definite article from haplography: h-h
[e]20:16 LXX. MT adds "Shuppim, and," a corrupt dittography of the previous word ha'asuppim "vestibules"
[f]20:16 LXX, reading pastophoriou = leshakot "chambers." MT reads "Shalleketh," a metathesis of lamed and shin
[g]26:17 LXX cf. BHS and Klein, 1Chronicles, 486. MT reads "six levites," a misdivision, and metathesis of yod and waw

vestibules two and two. 18For the colonnade on the west, four at the gateway, and two at the colonnade. 19These were the divisions of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari. 20And the Levites, their brothers,[a] were over the treasures of God's house, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. 21The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the ancestral houses belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehieli. 22The sons of Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of the house of YHWH. 23Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 24and Shubael[b] the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures. 25His brothers: of Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zikri his son, and Shelomoth[c] his son. 26This Shelomith and his brothers were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the ancestral houses, and[d] the commanders over thousands and hundreds, and the commanders of the army, had dedicated. 27They dedicated some of the spoil won in battles to repair the house of YHWH. 28And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, all who dedicated[e] anything, were in the care of Shelomith[f] and his brothers. 29Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, men of valor, one thousand seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel beyond the Jordan westward, for all the business of YHWH, and for the service of the king. 31Of the Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even of the Hebronites, according to their generations by ancestral houses. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. 32His brothers, men of valor, were two thousand seven hundred, heads of ancestral houses, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king.

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, the heads of ancestral houses and

[a]26:20 LXX. MT reads 'hyh "Ahijah," a misreading of 'hyhm "brothers." Cf. 6:33(48)
[b]26:24 LXX Vg. MT (missing a vowel) reads "Shebuel." Cf. 23:16
[c]26:25 MT Kethib LXX(BA). MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX(L) Tg Syr Vg read "Shelomith"
[d]26:26 LXX Vg cf. 29:6, = wesare "and the commanders." MT reads lesare "to the commanders"
[e]26:28 Vocalization as a pual according to LXX. MT vocalized as a hiphil
[f]26:28 MT LXX(L) Syr Vg. LXX reads "Shelomoth"

the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king, in any matter of the divisions which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year—of every division were twenty-four thousand. 2Over the first division for the first month was Jeshbaal[a] the son of Zabdiel: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 3He was of the descendants of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. 4Over the division of the second month was Dodai the Ahohite, and his division; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 5The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, chief: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 6This is that Benaiah, who was the mighty man of the Thirty, and over the Thirty: and of his division was Ammizabad his son. 7The fourth for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 8The fifth captain for this fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 9The sixth for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 10The seventh for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the people of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 11The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbekai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 12The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 13The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his division were Twenty-four thousand. 14The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the people of Ephraim: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 15The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his division were twenty-four thousand. 16Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zikri the ruler: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah: 17of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, Zadok: 18of Judah, Elihu, one of the brothers of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: 19of Zebulun, Ishmaiah[b] the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel: 20of the people of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah: of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah:

[a]27:2 Or, Ishbaal. 1Chronicles 11:11 LXX; 2Samuel 23:8; cf. LXX(B) ("sobal") Armenian ("Iezbaal"); BHS Chronica I fn 2a; Klein, 1 Chronicles, 498. MT reads "Jashobeam"

[b]26:19 LXX lacks the initial yod, reading "Shemaiah"

21of the half-tribe[a] of Manasseh in
Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah:[b]
of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of
Abner: 22of Dan, Azarel the son of
Jeroham.[c] These were the captains
of the tribes of Israel. 23But David
did not take the number of them
from twenty years old and under,
because YHWH had said he would
increase Israel like the stars of the
sky. 24Joab the son of Zeruiah
began to number, but did not finish;
and there came wrath for this on
Israel; neither was the number
entered in the scroll[d] of the
chronicles of King David. 25Over
the king's treasures was Azmaveth
the son of Adiel: and over the
treasures in the fields, in the cities,
and in the villages, and in the
towers, was Jonathan the son of
Uzziah: 26Over those who did the
work of the field for tillage of the
ground was Ezri the son of Chelub:
27and over the vineyard workers[e]
was Shimei the Ramathite: and
over the increase of the vineyards
for the winecellars was Zabdi the
Shiphmite: 28and over the olive
trees and the sycamore trees that
were in the lowland was Baal
Hanan the Gederite: and over the
cellars of oil was Joash: 29and over
the herds that fed in Sharon was
Shitrai[f] the Sharonite: and over the
herds that were in the valleys was
Shaphat the son of Adlai: 30and
over the camels was Obil the
Ishmaelite: and over the donkeys
was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and
over the flocks was Jaziz the
Hagrite. 31All these were the rulers
of the substance which was king
David's. 32Also Jonathan, David's
uncle, was a counselor, a man of
understanding, and a scribe: and
Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was
with the king's sons: 33Ahithophel
was the king's counselor: and
Hushai the Archite was the king's
friend: 34and after Ahithophel was
Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and
Abiathar: and the captain of the
king's army was Joab.

28 And David assembled all the officials of Israel, the officials of the tribes, and the officers of the companies who served the king by division, and the commanders of thousands, and the commanders of hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, to Jerusalem. 2Then David the king stood up on his feet, and said, "Hear me, my brothers, and my people. As for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of YHWH, and for the footstool of our God; and I had prepared for the building. 3But God said to me, 'You shall not

[a]27:21 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT lacks "tribe"
[b]27:21 LXX reads "Zebadiah"
[c]27:22 LXX reads "Joram"
[d]27:24 LXX. MT reads "in the number"
[e]27:27 Cf. Vg and BHS, a repointing of the consonants. MT reads "the vineyards"
[f]27:29 MT Kethib LXX(AN) Syr Vg . MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX(B) LXX(L) Ms Tg read "Shirtai"

build a house for my name, because you are a man of war, and have shed blood.' [4]However YHWH, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen Judah to be prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. [5]Of all my sons (for YHWH has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of YHWH's kingdom over Israel. [6]He said to me, 'Solomon, your son, shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. [7]I will establish his kingdom forever, if he continues to do my commandments and my ordinances, as at this day.' [8]Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel,[a] the assembly of YHWH, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of YHWH your God; that you may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever. [9]You, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for YHWH searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. [10]Consider now, for YHWH has chosen you to build a house for him[b] as a sanctuary. Be strong, and do it."

[11]Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch of the temple, and of its houses, and of its treasuries, and of the upper rooms of it, and of the inner rooms of it, and of the place of the mercy seat; [12]and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, for the courts of the house of YHWH, and for all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of God's house, and for the treasuries of the dedicated things; [13]also for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of YHWH, and for all the vessels of service in the house of YHWH; [14]of gold by weight for the gold, for all vessels of every kind of service; for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service; [15]by weight also for the lampstands of gold, and for its lamps, of gold, by weight for every lampstand and for its lamps; and for the lampstands of silver, by weight for every lampstand and for its lamps, according to the use of every lampstand; [16]and the gold by weight for the tables of show bread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver; [17]and the forks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl; [18]and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot,[c] the

[a]28:8 LXX lacks "Israel"
[b]28:10 LXX. MT lacks "for him" from haplography: l-l
[c]28:18 Cf. Psalm 18:10, 99:1. If the final hey is dittographic, the word

cherubim that spread out their wings[a] and covered the ark of the covenant of YHWH. 19"All this," said David, "I have been made to understand in writing from the hand of YHWH, even all the works of this pattern."

20David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do it. Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; for YHWH God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of YHWH is finished. 21Look, there are the divisions of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of God's house. There shall be with you in all kinds of work every willing man who has skill, for any kind of service. Also the captains and all the people will be entirely at your command."

29 David the king said to all the assembly, "Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for YHWH God. 2Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3In addition, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, since I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, I give it to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, with which to overlay the walls of the houses; 5of gold for the things of gold, and of silver for the things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be made by the hands of artisans. Who then offers willingly to consecrate himself this day to YHWH?" 6Then the leaders of ancestral houses, and the leaders of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly; 7and they gave for the service of God's[b] house of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of bronze eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. 8They with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of YHWH, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite. 9Then the people rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to YHWH: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 10Therefore David blessed YHWH before all the assembly; and David said, "You are

would be merkav "seat" rather than merkavah "chariot"

[a]28:18 LXX. MT lacks "their wings"
[b]29:7 LXX reads "Lord/YHWH"

blessed, YHWH, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11Yours, YHWH, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, YHWH, and you are exalted as head above all. 12Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all; and in your hand is power and might; and it is in your hand to make great, and to give strength to all. 13Now therefore, our God, we thank you, and praise your glorious name. 14But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15For we are strangers before you, and foreigners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no remaining.[a] 16YHWH our God, all this store that we have prepared to build you a house for your holy name comes from your hand, and is all your own. 17I know also, my God, that you try the heart, and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things. Now have I seen with joy your people, that are present here, offer willingly to you. 18YHWH, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and prepare their heart for you; 19and give to Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for which I have made provision." 20David said to all the assembly, "Now bless YHWH your God."

All the assembly blessed YHWH, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and prostrated themselves before YHWH and the king. 21They sacrificed sacrifices to YHWH, and offered burnt offerings to YHWH, on the next day after that day, even one thousand bulls, one thousand rams, and one thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel, 22and ate and drink before YHWH on that day with great gladness. They made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and they anointed him[b] to YHWH to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. 23Then Solomon sat on the throne of YHWH as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. 24And all the leaders, the mighty men, and also all of the sons of king David submitted themselves to Solomon the king. 25YHWH magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel. 26Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27The time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in

[a]29:15 The Hebrew word for "remaining" is mikveh

[b]29:22 LXX. MT lacks "him" from haplography: hw-hw

Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years[a] in Jerusalem. [28]He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his place. [29]Now the acts of David the king, first and last, look, they are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, [30]with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

The Second Book of Chronicles

1 Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and YHWH his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. [2]Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the ancestral houses. [3]So Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the Tent of Meeting of God, which Moses the servant of YHWH had made in the wilderness. [4]But David had brought the ark of God up from Kiriath Jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.[b] [5]Moreover the bronze altar, that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, was there[c] before the tabernacle of YHWH: and Solomon and the assembly were seeking counsel there. [6]Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before YHWH, which was at the Tent of Meeting, and offered one thousand burnt offerings on it. [7]In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you." [8]Solomon said to God, "You have shown great loving kindness to David my father, and have made me king in his place. [9]Now, YHWH God, let your promise to David my father be established; for you have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. [10]Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this your people, that is so great?"

[11]God said to Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of those who hate you, neither yet have asked long life; but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I have made you king: [12]wisdom and knowledge is granted to you. I will give you riches, wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had who

[a]29:27 LXX. MT lacks "years"
[b]1:4 Cf. Joshua 10:1 fn
[c]1:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT reads "he put." Cf. 1 Chronicles 16:39-40

have been before you; neither shall there any after you have the like."
13So Solomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the Tent of Meeting, to Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel. 14Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had one thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 15The king made silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 16The horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt and from Kue;[a] the king's merchants purchased them from Kue. 17They brought up and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver, and a horse for one hundred fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Aram, they brought them out by their means.

2 Now Solomon purposed to build a house for the name of YHWH, and a house for his kingdom. 2Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty thousand men who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them. 3Solomon sent to Hiram[b] the king of Tyre, saying, "As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house in which to dwell, so deal with me. 4Look, I am about to build a house for the name of YHWH my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for[c] the continual show bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts of YHWH our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel.

5"The house which I build is great; for our God is great above all gods. 6But who is able to build him a house, since heaven and the heaven of heavens can't contain him? Who am I then, that I should build him a house, except just to burn incense before him?

7"Now therefore send me a man skillful to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and who knows how to engrave engravings, to be with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.

8"Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon; for I know that your servants know how to cut timber in

[a]1:16 MT vocalizes as "collecting place." See also 1Kings 10:28
[b]2:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram," a yod-waw confusion
[c]2:3 LXX(L: be2), reading kai poiein prothesin "and for the continual showbread," adds a lamed. MT lacks the lamed "for." Cf. Klein, 2 Chronicles, 29, fn 7

Lebanon: and look, my servants shall be with your servants, 9even to prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. 10Look, I will give to your servants, the cutters who cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil."
11Then Hiram[a] the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, "Because YHWH loves his people, he has made you king over them." 12Hiram[b] continued, "Blessed be YHWH, the God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son, endowed with discretion and understanding, that should build a house for YHWH, and a house for his kingdom. 13Now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram Abi,[c] 14the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson, also to engrave any kind of engraving, and to execute any design; that there may be a place appointed to him with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

15"Now therefore the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants: 16and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as you shall need; and we will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa; and you shall carry it up to Jerusalem." 17Solomon numbered all the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, after the numbering with which David his father had numbered them; and they were found one hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred. 18He set seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, and eighty thousand who were stone cutters in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred overseers to set the people at work.

3 Then Solomon began to build the house of YHWH at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where he[d] appeared to David his father, at the place that David had designated, on the threshing floor of Ornan[e] the Jebusite. 2And he began to build in the[f] second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3Now these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of God's house.

[a]2:11 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram," a yod-waw confusion, or harmonization to v.3
[b]2:12 LXX Syr. MT reads "Huram," a yod-waw confusion, or harmonization to the misreading in 2:3
[c]2:13 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram Abi"
[d]3:1 LXX reads "YHWH"
[e]3:1 A variant spelling of Araunah
[f]3:2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT adds "second day of the" from dittography. Cf. Klein, 42

The length,[a] using the former standard measure, was one hundred three feet and four inches,[b] and the breadth was thirty-four feet and five inches,[c] and its height was fifty-one feet and eight inches.[d] 4The porch that was in front of the house[e] was the same as the width of the house, thirty-four feet and five inches[f], and the depth was seventeen feet and three inches[g]; and he overlaid it on the inside with pure gold. 5The greater house he made a ceiling with fir wood, which he overlaid with fine gold, and ornamented it with palm trees and chains. 6He garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. 7He overlaid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors, with gold; and engraved cherubim on the walls. 8He made the most holy house: its length, according to the breadth of the house, was thirty-four feet and five inches,[h] and its breadth thirty-four feet and five inches; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. 9The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. He overlaid the upper rooms with gold. 10In the most holy house he made two cherubim of sculptured work[i]; and he[j] overlaid them with gold. 11The wings of the cherubim were thirty-four feet and five inches[k]: the wing of the one was eight feet and seven inches,[l] reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was eight feet and seven inches, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. 12The wing of the other cherub was eight feet and seven inches[m], reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was eight feet and seven inches, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13The wings of these cherubim were extended[n] thirty-four feet and five inches,[o]: and they stood on their

[a]3:3 Lit. “The length in cubits”
[b]3:3 Or, 31.5 meters, according to the Hebrew royal cubit of 525 mm, or 20.67 inches. Lit. sixty cubits
[c]3:3 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[d]3:3 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits. Syr OL with 1 Kings 6:2 word order. MT lacks “fifty-one feet and eight inches” from haplography: ym_wh-ym_wh, with restoration in Syr OL at the wrong place
[e]3:4 LXX. MT has lost “house” from homoioarcton: h-h
[f]3:4 Lit. twenty cubits
[g]3:4 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits. 1 Kings 6:3 parallel, reading אמות עשר.” MT reads מאה ועשרים “one hundred and twenty,” and lacks a word for cubits, while LXX has it. It is likely that אמות “cubits” has been misread in a damaged scroll as מאה “one hundred,” and the number עשר “ten” as עשרים. The latter may have been written in reminiscence of its occurrence three words earlier. Cf. Klein, 2 Chronicles, 42-43 fn 7
[h]3:8 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[i]3:10 LXX reads “wood work”
[j]3:10 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads “they”
[k]3:11 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[l]3:1 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[m]3:12 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[n]3:13 Repointed with the versions
[o]3:13 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits

feet, and their faces were toward the house. 14He made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and ornamented it with cherubim. 15Also he made before the house two pillars sixty feet and three inches high,[a] and the capital that was on the top of each of them was eight feet and seven inches.[b] 16He made chains in the inner sanctuary, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. 17He set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jakin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

4 Then he made an altar of bronze, thirty-four feet and five inches,[c] its length, and thirty-four feet and five inches, its breadth, and seventeen feet and three inches[d] its height. 2Also he made the molten sea seventeen feet and three inches[e] from brim to brim, round in compass; and its height was eight feet and seven inches[f]; and a line of fifty-one feet and eight inches[g] encircled it. 3Under it was the likeness of oxen,[h] which encircled it, for seventeen feet and three inches[i], encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 4It stood on twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set on them above, and all their backs were toward the center. 5It was almost three inches[j] thick; and its brim was worked like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and held three thousand baths. 6He made also ten basins, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in. 7He made the ten lampstands of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. 8He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. He made one hundred basins of gold. 9Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze. 10He set the sea on the right side of the house[k] eastward, toward the south. 11And Hiram[l] made the pots,

[a] 3:15 Or, 18.38 meters. Lit. thirty-five cubits
[b] 3:15 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[c] 4:1 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[d] 4:1 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[e] 4:2 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[f] 4:2 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[g] 4:2 Or, 15.75 meters. Lit. thirty cubits
[h] 4:3 BHS suggests a misdivision with the mem
[i] 4:3 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit ten cubits
[j] 4:5 I.e., 2.91 inches, or 74.04 mm. Lit. four fingers, which was a handbreadth
[k] 4:10 Hebrew Mss LXX 1 Kings 7:39. MT lacks “of the house” from haplography
[l] 4:11 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads “Huram”

and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram[a] made an end of doing the work that he did for king Solomon in God's house: [12]the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two capitals which were on the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars, [13]and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the pillars. [14]He made also the bases, and the basins made he on the bases; [15]one sea, and the twelve oxen under it [16]The pots, the shovels, the forks, and all its vessels Hiram Abi[b] made for king Solomon for the house of YHWH of bright bronze. [17]The king cast them in the plain of the Jordan, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.[c] [18]Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the bronze could not be found out. [19]Solomon made all the vessels that were in God's house, the golden altar also, and the tables with the show bread on them; [20]and the lampstands with their lamps, to burn according to the ordinance before the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; [21]and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold, and that perfect gold; [22]and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire pans, of pure gold: and as for the entry of the house, the inner doors of it for the most holy place, and the doors of the main hall of the temple were of gold.

5 Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of YHWH was finished. Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God. [2]Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the ancestral leaders of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of YHWH out of the City of David, which is Zion. [3]And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. [4]All the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark; [5]and they brought up the ark, and the Tent of Meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these the priests the Levites brought up. [6]King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled to him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and cattle, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. [7]The priests brought in the ark of the covenant of YHWH to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubim. [8]For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and its

[a]4:11 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram"
[b]4:16 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram Abi"
[c]4:17 OL (cf. BHS Chronica II, 17b fn) and 1Kings 7:46. MT reads "Zeredah." Cf. Klein, 2 Chronicles, 57 fn 31

poles above. [9]The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place[a] before the inner sanctuary; but they were not seen outside. And they[b] are there to this day. [10]There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put at Horeb, when YHWH made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. [11]It happened, when the priests had come out of the holy place, (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, regardless of the divisions; [12]also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them one hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) [13]it happened, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking YHWH; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised YHWH, saying, "For he is good;
for his loving kindness endures forever," then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of YHWH, [14]so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of YHWH filled God's house.

6 Then Solomon said, "YHWH has said that he would dwell in the thick cloud. [2]But I have built you a house of habitation, and a place for you to dwell in forever."

[3]The king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. [4]He said, "Blessed be YHWH, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and has with his hands fulfilled it, saying, [5]'Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; nor did I choose any man to be a leader over my people Israel: [6]but I chose Jerusalem, that my name may be there; and I chose David to be over my people Israel.' [7]Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of YHWH, the God of Israel. [8]But YHWH said to David my father, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart: [9]nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your body, he shall build the house for my name.'

[10]"YHWH has performed his word that he spoke; for I have risen up in the place of David my father,

[a]5:9 Hebrew Mss LXX 1 Kings 8:8. MT reads "the ark"

[b]5:9 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr 1 Kings 8:8. MT reads "it," having lost a waw by haplography

and sit on the throne of Israel, as YHWH promised, and have built the house for the name of YHWH, the God of Israel. 11There I have set the ark, in which is the covenant of YHWH, which he made with the children of Israel."
12He stood before the altar of YHWH in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands 13(for Solomon had made a bronze scaffold, eight feet and seven inches[a] long, and eight feet and seven inches broad, and five feet and two inches[b] high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and on it he stood, and kneeled down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;) 14and he said, "YHWH, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven, or on earth; you who keep covenant and loving kindness with your servants, who walk before you with all their heart; 15who have kept with your servant David my father that which you promised him: yes, you spoke with your mouth, and have fulfilled it with your hand, as it is this day.

16"Now therefore, YHWH, the God of Israel, keep with your servant David my father that which you have promised him, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.' 17Now therefore, YHWH, the God of Israel, let your word be verified, which you spoke to your servant David.

18"But will God indeed dwell with humankind on the earth? Look, heaven and the highest heaven can't contain you; how much less this house which I have built. 19Yet have respect for the prayer of your servant, and to his petition, YHWH my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which your servant prays before you; 20that your eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place where you have said that you would put your name; to listen to the prayer which your servant shall pray toward this place. 21Listen to the petitions of your servant, and of your people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yes, hear from your dwelling place, even from heaven; and when you hear, forgive.

22"If a man sins against his neighbor and obliges him to take an oath, and he comes to take an oath before your altar in this house; 23then hear from heaven, and do, and judge your servants, bringing retribution to the wicked, to bring his way on his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

24"If your people Israel be struck down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you, and shall turn again and confess your name, and pray and

[a]6:13 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits

[b]6:13 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits

make petition before you in this house; [25]then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land which you gave to them and to their fathers.

[26]"When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against you; if they pray toward this place, and confess your name, and turn from their sin, when you punish them: [27]then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, and of your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on your land, which you have given to your people for an inheritance.

[28]"If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their gates; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; [29]whatever prayer and petition be made by any man, or by all your people Israel, who shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house: [30]then hear from heaven, your dwelling place and forgive, and render to every man according to all his ways, whose heart you know; (for you, even you only, know the hearts of the children of humankind;) [31]that they may fear you, to walk in your ways, so long as they live in the land which you gave to our fathers.

[32]"Moreover concerning the foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for the sake of your name, for they shall hear of your great name,[a] and your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm, when they shall come and pray toward this house,

[33]then hear from heaven, even from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you for; that all the peoples of the earth may know your name, and fear you, as does your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by your name.

[34]"If your people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way you shall send them, and they pray to you toward this city which you have chosen, and the house which I have built for your name; [35]then hear from heaven their prayer and their petition, and maintain their cause.

[36]"If they sin against you (for there is no man who doesn't sin), and you are angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive to a

[a]6:32 1Kings 8:41-42. MT lacks "for they shall…name" from haplography: smk-smk

land far off or near; [37]yet if they
shall repent themselves in the land
where they are carried captive, and
repent and make petition to you in
the land of their captivity, saying,
'We have sinned, we have done
perversely, and have dealt
wickedly;' [38]if they return to you
with all their heart and with all their
soul in the land of their captivity,
where they have carried them
captive, and pray toward their land,
which you gave to their fathers, and
the city which you have chosen,
and toward the house which I have
built for your name: [39]then hear
from heaven, even from your
dwelling place, their prayer and
their petitions, and maintain their
cause, and forgive your people who
have sinned against you.

[40]"Now, my God, let, I beg
you, your eyes be open, and let
your ears be attentive, to the prayer
that is made in this place.

[41]"Now therefore arise,
YHWH God, into your resting
place, you, and the ark of your
strength: let your priests, YHWH
God, be clothed with salvation, and
let your faithful ones rejoice in
what is good.

[42]"YHWH God, do not turn
away the face of your anointed
one.[a] Remember your loving
kindnesses to David your servant."

7 Now when Solomon
had made an end of
praying, the fire came
down from heaven, and
consumed the burnt offering and
the sacrifices; and the glory of
YHWH filled the house. [2]The
priests could not enter into the
house of YHWH, because the glory
of YHWH filled YHWH's house.
[3]All the children of Israel looked
on, when the fire came down, and
the glory of YHWH was on the
house; and they bowed themselves
with their faces to the ground on the
pavement, and worshiped, and
gave thanks to YHWH, saying,
"For he is good;
for his loving kindness endures for
ever."
[4]Then the king and all the people
offered sacrifice before YHWH.
[5]King Solomon offered a sacrifice
of twenty-two thousand head of
cattle, and a hundred and twenty
thousand sheep. So the king and
all the people dedicated God's
house. [6]The priests stood,
according to their positions; the
Levites also with instruments of
music of YHWH, which David the
king had made to give thanks to
YHWH, when David praised by
their ministry, saying "For his
loving kindness endures for ever."
The priests sounded trumpets
before them; and all Israel stood.

[7]Moreover Solomon made
the middle of the court holy that
was before the house of YHWH; for

[a]6:42 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads
"anointed ones"

there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat. [8]So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the Wadi of Egypt. [9]On the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. [10]On the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that YHWH had shown to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. [11]Thus Solomon finished the house of YHWH, and the king's house: and he successfully completed all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of YHWH, and in his own house.

[12]YHWH appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.

[13]If I shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send a plague among my people; [14]then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. [15]Now my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive, to the prayer that is made in this place. [16]For now have I chosen and made this house holy, that my name may be there forever; and my eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.
[17]As for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and will keep my statutes and my ordinances; [18]then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, according as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel.' [19]But if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; [20]then I will pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have made holy for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. [21]And this house, which is exalted, will become a heap of ruins.[a] Everyone who passes by it will be astonished, and will say, 'Why has YHWH done this to this land, and to this house?' [22]And they shall answer, 'Because they abandoned YHWH, the God of their fathers, who brought them

[a]7:21 LXX(L) Tg, cf. BHS, Chronica II, fn 21a. MT lacks "will become…ruins"

forth out of the land of Egypt, and took other gods, worshiped them, and served them. Therefore he has brought all these disasters on them.'"

8 It happened at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of YHWH, and his own house, [2]that the cities which Hiram[a] had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. [3]Solomon went to Hamath Zobah, and prevailed against it. [4]He built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the storage cities, which he built in Hamath. [5]Also he built Upper Beth Horon and Lower Beth Horon, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; [6]and Baalath, and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. [7]As for all the people who were left of the Hethites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel; [8]of their descendants who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel did not destroy, of them Solomon conscripted for slave[b] labor to this day. [9]But of the children of Israel, Solomon made no slaves for his work; but they were men of war, and his commanders, and his captains,[c] and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. [10]These were the chief officers of king Solomon: five hundred[d] fifty, who ruled over the people.

[11]Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the City of David to the house that he had built for her; for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places where the ark of YHWH has come are holy."
[12]Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to YHWH on the altar of YHWH, which he had built before the porch, [13]even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tents. [14]He appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the divisions of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their offices, to praise, and to minister

[a]8:2 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram"
[b]8:8 Hebrew Ms Syr and 1Kings 9:21. MT lacks עבד "slave" from haplography
[c]8:9 LXX and 1Kings 9:22. MT reads "and commanders of his captains" from a double loss of waw
[d]8:10 1 Kings 9:23. MT here reads "two hundred (fifty)." The difference of three hundred between the two numbers is reflected in 2 Chronicles 2:2, 18 and 1 Kings 5:16 LXX, where three thousand six hundred is listed, while 1 Kings 5:16 MT reads three thousand three hundred

before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their divisions at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. 15They did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. 16Now all the work of Solomon was carried out from[a] the day of the foundation of the house of YHWH, until it was finished. So the house of YHWH was completed. 17Then went Solomon to Ezion Geber, and to Eilat,[b] on the seashore in the land of Edom. 18And Hiram[c] sent him ships and servants who had knowledge of the sea by the hands of his servants; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from there four hundred fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

9 When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels that bore spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she had come to Solomon, she talked with him of all that was in her heart. 2Solomon told her all her questions; and there was not anything hidden from Solomon which he did not tell her. 3When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 4and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, his cup bearers also, and their clothing, and his burnt offerings[d] which he presented at the house of YHWH; it left her breathless.

5She said to the king, "It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts, and of your wisdom. 6However I did not believe their words, until I came, and my eyes had seen it; and look, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me: you exceed the fame that I heard. 7Happy are your wives,[e] and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you, and hear your wisdom. 8Blessed be YHWH your God, who delighted in you, to set you on his throne, to be king for YHWH your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore he made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."
9She gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. 10The servants also of Hiram;[f] and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from

[a]8:16 LXX Syr. MT reads "until"
[b]8:17 LXX cf. 2 Kings 14:22; 16:6, reading Ailath = Elath, Eilat. MT reads "Eloth"
[c]8:18 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram"
[d]9:4 LXX Syr Vg and 1 Kgs 10:5. MT reads "his ascent"
[e]9:7 LXX(L: be2) LXX(g). MT reads "men." 1 Kings 10:8
[f]9:21 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Huram"

Ophir, brought algum[a] trees and precious stones. [11]The king made of the algum trees steps[b] for the house of YHWH, and for the king's house, and harps and stringed instruments for the singers: and there were none like these seen before in the land of Judah. [12]King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which she had brought to the king. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants. [13]Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, [14]besides that which the traders and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. [15]King Solomon made two hundred large shields of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to each shield. [16]He made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. [17]Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. [18]And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. [19]Twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other on the six steps: there was nothing like it made in any kingdom. [20]All king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: silver was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. [21]For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram; once every three years came the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. [22]So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. [23]All the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. [24]They brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and clothing, armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. [25]Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he stationed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. [26]He ruled over all the kings from the River even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. [27]The king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. [28]They brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt, and out of all lands. [29]Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, aren't they written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? [30]Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty

[a]9:10 Hebrew Mss and 1 Kings 10:1 read "almug"

[b]9:11 LXX Vg. Meaning of MT Hebrew uncertain

years. 31Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

10 Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. 2It happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was in Egypt, where he had fled from the presence of king Solomon), that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 3They sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4"Your father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make you the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, lighter, and we will serve you."

5He said to them, "Come again to me after three days."

The people departed. 6King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, "What counsel do you give me to return answer to this people?"

7They spoke to him, saying, "If you are kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9He said to them, "What counsel do you give, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Make the yoke that your father put on us lighter?'"

10The young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall tell the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but make it lighter on us;' thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. 11Now whereas my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'"

12So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king asked, saying, "Come to me again the third day." 13The king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, 14and spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."

15So the king did not listen to the people; for it was brought about of God, that YHWH might establish his word, which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion have we in David?

Neither have we inheritance in the
son of Jesse. Every man to your
tents, Israel. Now see to your own
house, David." So all Israel
departed to their tents.

17But as for the children of
Israel who lived in the cities of
Judah, Rehoboam reigned over
them. 18Then king Rehoboam sent
Hadoram, who was over the men
subject to forced labor; and the
children of Israel stoned him to
death with stones. King Rehoboam
made speed to get himself up to his
chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19So
Israel rebelled against the house of
David to this day.

11 When Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2But the word of YHWH came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3"Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4'Thus says YHWH, "You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers. Return every man to his house; for this thing is of me."'" So they listened to the word[a] of YHWH, and returned from going against Jeroboam. 5Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. 6He built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, 7Beth Zur, and Soco, and Adullam, 8and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, 10and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities. 11He fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, and oil and wine. 12He put shields and spears in every city, and made them exceeding strong. Judah and Benjamin belonged to him. 13The priests and the Levites who were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their border. 14For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office to YHWH; 15and he appointed him priests for the high places, and for the male goats, and for the calves which he had made. 16After them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek YHWH, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to YHWH, the God of their fathers. 17So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years; for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon. 18Rehoboam took him a wife, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and[b] of Abihail

[a]11:4 LXX Syr Vg 1 Kings 12:24. MT reads "words," having aquired a yod by dittography

[b]11:18 LXX OL Tg Vg. MT lacks "and"

the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; [19]and she bore him sons: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham. [20]After her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.[a] [21]Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his secondary wives: (for he took eighteen wives, and sixty secondary wives, and became the father of twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.) [22]Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, the prince among his brothers; for he intended to make him king. [23]He dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city: and he gave them food in abundance. He sought for them many wives.

12 It happened, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and he was strong, that he forsook the law of YHWH, and all Israel with him. [2]It happened in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against YHWH, [3]with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen. The people were without number who came with him out of Egypt: the Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. [4]He took the fortified cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. [5]And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says YHWH, 'You have forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.'"

[6]Then the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, "YHWH is righteous."

[7]When YHWH saw that they humbled themselves, the word of YHWH came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them; but I will grant them some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. [8]Nevertheless they shall be his servants, that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries."

[9]So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king's house. He took it all away. He also took away the shields of gold which Solomon had made. [10]King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the

[a]11:20 MT LXX(L) OL(109). LXX reads "Shelomoth." Cf. 1 Chronicles 23:9

door of the king's house. 11It was so, that as often as the king entered into the house of YHWH, the guard came and bore them, and brought them back into the guard room. 12When he humbled himself, the wrath of YHWH turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether: and moreover in Judah there were good things found. 13So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which YHWH had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 14He did that which was evil, because he did not set his heart to seek YHWH. 15Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last,[a] aren't they written in the histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, after the way of genealogies? There were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. 16And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers, and he was buried[b] in the City of David. And Abijah his son reigned in his place.

13 In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. 2He reigned three years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah[c] the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men of valor. 4Abijah stood up on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 5Ought you not to know that YHWH, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, even to him and to his descendants by a covenant of salt? 6Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. 7There were gathered to him worthless men, base fellows, who strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8"Now you think to withstand the kingdom of YHWH in the hand of the descendants of David; and you are a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. 9Haven't you driven out the priests of YHWH, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests for yourselves after

[a]12:15 The word for "this" may have dropped out from haplography. Cf. BHS; R. W. Klein, 2 Chronicles: A Commentary, 179

[b]12:16 LXX. MT lacks "with his fathers…buried" from haplography: wyqbr-wyqbr

[c]13:2 LXX Syr, cf. 2Chronicles 11:20-21, 1 Kings 15:2. MT reads "Micaiah"

the ways of the peoples of other lands? so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, the same may be a priest of those who are no gods.

10"But as for us, YHWH is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and we have priests ministering to YHWH, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in their work: 11and they burn to YHWH every morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense. They also set the show bread in order on the pure table; and the lampstand of gold with its lamps, to burn every evening: for we keep the instruction of YHWH our God; but you have forsaken him. 12Look, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. Children of Israel, do not fight against YHWH, the God of your fathers; for you shall not prosper." 13But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush was behind them. 14When Judah looked back, look, the battle was before and behind them; and they cried to YHWH, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 15Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened, that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16The children of Israel fled before Judah; and God delivered them into their hand. 17Abijah and his people killed them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 18Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the people of Judah prevailed, because they relied on YHWH, the God of their fathers. 19Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with its towns, and Jeshanah with its towns, and Ephron[a] with its towns. 20Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah. YHWH struck him, and he died. 21But Abijah grew mighty, and took to himself fourteen wives, and became the father of twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters. 22The rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

14 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David; and Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years. 2Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of YHWH his God: 3for he took away the foreign altars, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, 4and commanded Judah to seek YHWH, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 5Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. 6He built fortified cities in Judah; for the land

[a]13:19 MT Qere. MT Kethib "Ephrain"

was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because YHWH had given him rest. 7For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities, and make walls around them, with towers, gates, and bars. The land is still ours. Since we have sought[a] YHWH our God, he has sought us[b] and he has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered. 8Asa had an army that bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred eighty thousand: all these were mighty men of valor. 9There came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a million troops, and three hundred chariots; and he came to Mareshah. 10Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11Asa cried to YHWH his God, and said, "YHWH, there is none besides you to help, between the mighty and those who have no strength. Help us, YHWH our God; for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. YHWH, you are our God. Do not let man prevail against you."

12So YHWH struck the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before YHWH, and before his army; and they carried away very much booty. 14They struck all the cities around Gerar; for the fear of YHWH came on them: and they plundered all the cities; for there was a great amount of plunder in them. 15They struck also the tents of livestock, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

15 The Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded: 2and he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. YHWH is with you, while you are with him; and if you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. 3Now for a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. 4But when in their distress they turned to YHWH, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. 5In those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in; but great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands. 6They were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God troubled them with all adversity. 7But you be strong, and do not let your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded."

[a]14:7 Cf. LXX Syr. MT reads "For we have sought"

[b]14:7 Revocalization cf. LXX Syr

[8]When Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Azariah the son of[a] Oded the prophet, he took courage and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of YHWH, that was before the vestibule of YHWH. [9]He gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those who lived with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that YHWH his God was with him. [10]So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. [11]They sacrificed to YHWH in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep. [12]They entered into the covenant to seek YHWH, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; [13]and that whoever would not seek YHWH, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. [14]They swore to YHWH with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. [15]All Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and YHWH gave them rest all around. [16]Also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it in the Kidron Valley. [17]But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. [18]He brought into God's house the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. [19]There was no more war to the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. [2]Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of YHWH and of the king's house, and sent to Ben Hadad king of Aram, who lived at Damascus, saying, [3]"Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Look, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me."

[4]Ben Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his

[a]15:8 Syr OL Vg. MT lacks "Azariah the son of" from homoioarcton: ayin-ayin

armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali. 5It happened, when Baasha heard of it, that he left off building Ramah, and let his work cease. 6Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. 7At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you have relied on the king of Aram, and have not relied on YHWH your God, therefore is the army of the king of Aram escaped out of your hand. 8Weren't the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge army, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? Yet, because you relied on YHWH, he delivered them into your hand. 9For the eyes of YHWH run back and forth throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein you have done foolishly; for from now on you shall have wars."

10Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in the prison; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time. 11Look, the acts of Asa, first and last, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he did not seek YHWH, but to the physicians. 13Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. 14They buried him in his own tomb[a] that he had dug out in the City of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with spices and various kinds of sweet-scented herbs[b] prepared by the perfumers' art, and they made a very great fire for him.

17 Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 3YHWH was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David,[c] and did not seek the Baals, 4but sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. 5Therefore YHWH established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat tribute; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6His heart was lifted up in the ways of YHWH: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim out of

[a]16:14 Plural, used of royal or stately sepulchers. LXX Vg singular. Cf. 2 Kings 22:20; 2 Chronicles 35:24
[b]16:14 Tg Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "sweet-scented herbs," a consonantally identical word, from haplography by homoiologon: mrqhym-mrqhym
[c]17:3 Hebrew Mss LXX lack "David"

Judah. 7Also in the third year of his reign he sent his officials, even Ben Hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; 8and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9They taught in Judah, having the scroll of the law of YHWH with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people. 10The fear of YHWH fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 11Some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred male goats. 12Jehoshaphat grew great exceedingly; and he built in Judah fortresses and cities of store. 13He had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, in Jerusalem. 14This was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand; 15and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred eighty thousand; 16and next to him Amasiah the son of Zikri, who willingly offered himself to YHWH; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. 17Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand armed with bow and shield; 18and next to him Jehozabad and with him one hundred eighty thousand ready prepared for war. 19These were those who waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah.

18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he joined affinity with Ahab. 2After certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. Ahab killed sheep and cattle for him in abundance, and for the people who were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead. 3Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?" He answered him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people. We will be with you in the war." 4Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for the word of YHWH."

5Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go to Ramoth Gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?"

They said, "Go up; for God will deliver it into the hand of the king."

6But Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there here a prophet of YHWH besides, that we may inquire of him?"

7The king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man
by whom we may inquire of
YHWH; but I hate him, for he never
prophesies good concerning me,
but always evil. He is Micaiah the
son of Imla."

Jehoshaphat said, "Do not let
the king say so."

8Then the king of Israel
called an officer, and said, "Get
Micaiah the son of Imla quickly."

9Now the king of Israel and
Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat
each on his throne, arrayed in their
robes, and they were sitting in an
open place at the entrance of the
gate of Samaria; and all the
prophets were prophesying before
them. 10Zedekiah the son of
Kenaanah made him horns of iron,
and said, "Thus says YHWH, 'With
these you shall push the Arameans,
until they are consumed.'"

11All the prophets prophesied
so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth
Gilead, and prosper; for YHWH will
deliver it into the hand of the king."

12The messenger who went to
call Micaiah spoke to him, saying,
"Look, the words of the prophets
declare good to the king with one
mouth. Let your word therefore,
please be like one of theirs, and
speak good."

13Micaiah said, "As YHWH
lives, whatever my God says to
me,[a] that I will speak."

14When he had come to the
king, the king said to him,
"Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth
Gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?"

He said, "Go up, and prosper.
They shall be delivered into your
hand."

15The king said to him, "How
many times shall I adjure you that
you speak to me nothing but the
truth in the name of YHWH?"

16He said, "I saw all Israel
scattered on the mountains, as
sheep that have no shepherd.
YHWH said, 'These have no
master. Let them return every man
to his house in peace.'"

17The king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you
that he would not prophesy good
concerning me, but evil?"

18Micaiah said, "Therefore
hear the word of YHWH: I saw
YHWH sitting on his throne, and all
the army of heaven standing on his
right hand and on his left. 19YHWH
said, 'Who shall entice Ahab king
of Israel, that he may go up and fall
at Ramoth Gilead?' One spoke
saying in this way, and another
saying in that way. 20A spirit came

[a]18:13 LXX Vg 1 Kings 22:14. MT lacks "to me" from haplography: 'lhy-'ly

out, stood before YHWH, and said, ‘I will entice him.’

“YHWH said to him, ‘How?’

21“He said, ‘I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.’

“He said, ‘You will entice him, and will prevail also. Go forth, and do so.’

22“Now therefore, look, YHWH has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; and YHWH has pronounced disaster concerning you.”

23Then Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah came near, and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, “Which way did the Spirit of YHWH go from me to speak to you?”

24Micaiah said, “Look, you shall see on that day, when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself.”

25The king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son; 26and say, ‘Thus says the king, “Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.”’”

27Micaiah said, “If you return at all in peace, YHWH has not spoken by me.” He said, “Listen, you peoples, all of you.” 28So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. 29The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but you put on your robes.” So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle. 30Now the king of Aram had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, “Fight neither with small nor[a] great, except only with the king of Israel.”

31It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, “It is the king of Israel.” Therefore they turned around to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and YHWH helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. 32It happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 33A certain man drew his bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the armor. Therefore he said to the driver of the chariot, “Turn your hand, and carry me out of the army; for I am severely wounded.” 34The battle increased that day. However the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot against the Arameans until the evening; and

[a]18:30 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks the conjunction

about the time of the going down of the sun, he died.

19 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. [2]Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked, and love those who hate YHWH? Because of this, wrath is on you from before YHWH. [3]Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have put away the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God."

[4]Jehoshaphat lived at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back to YHWH, the God of their fathers. [5]He set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, [6]and said to the judges, "Consider what you do: for you do not judge for man, but for YHWH; and he is with you in the judgment. [7]Now therefore let the fear of YHWH be on you. Take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with YHWH our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes."

[8]Moreover in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed Levites and priests, and of the heads of the ancestral houses of Israel, for the judgment of YHWH, and for controversies. They returned to Jerusalem. [9]He commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall do in the fear of YHWH, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. [10]Whenever any controversy shall come to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you shall warn them, that they not be guilty towards YHWH, and so wrath come on you and on your brothers. Do this, and you shall not be guilty. [11]Look, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of YHWH; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and may YHWH be with the good."

20 It happened after this, that the people of Moab, and the people of Ammon, and with them some of the Meunites,[a] came against Jehoshaphat to battle. [2]Then some came who told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea from Edom.[b] Look, they are in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). [3]Jehoshaphat was alarmed, and set himself to seek to YHWH. He proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. [4]Judah gathered themselves together, to

[a]20:1 LXX ("Minaiwn"). MT reads "Ammonites." Cf. 1 Chronicles 26:7

[b]20:2 Hebrew Ms OL(109 Leg) cf. v. 10 "Mount Seir." MT reads "Aram," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

seek help from YHWH. They came out of all the cities of Judah to seek YHWH. [5]Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of YHWH, before the new court; [6]and he said, "YHWH, the God of our fathers, aren't you God in heaven? Aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in your hand, so that no one is able to withstand you. [7]Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? [8]They lived in it, and have built you a sanctuary in it for your name, saying, [9]'If evil comes on us—the sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this house, and before you, (for your name is in this house), and cry to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' [10]Now, look, the people of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and did not destroy them; [11]look, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. [12]Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do, but our eyes are on you."

[13]All Judah stood before YHWH, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. [14]Then the Spirit of YHWH came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly; [15]and he said, "Listen, all Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat. Thus says YHWH to you, 'Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. [16]Tomorrow go down against them. Look, they are coming up by the ascent of Ziz. You shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. [17]You will not need to fight this battle. Set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of YHWH with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed. Go out against them tomorrow, for YHWH is with you.'"

[18]Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before YHWH, worshipping YHWH. [19]The Levites, of the descendants of the Kohathites and of the descendants of the Korahites, stood up to praise YHWH, the God of Israel, with an exceeding loud voice. [20]They rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in YHWH your God, so you will be established.

Believe his prophets[a], and you will prosper."

21When he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who should sing to YHWH, and give praise in holy array, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks to YHWH; for his loving kindness endures forever. 22When they began to sing and to praise, YHWH set ambushers against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were struck. 23For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, utterly to kill and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, everyone helped to destroy another. 24When Judah came to the place overlooking the wilderness, they looked at the multitude; and look, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none who escaped. 25When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much. 26On the fourth day they assembled themselves in the Valley of Berachah; for there they blessed YHWH: therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah to this day. 27Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in their forefront, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for YHWH had made them to rejoice over their enemies. 28They came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets to the house of YHWH. 29The fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that YHWH fought against the enemies of Israel. 30So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest all around. 31Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 32He walked in the way of Asa his father, and did not turn aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of YHWH. 33However the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts to the God of their fathers. 34Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, look, they are written in the history of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel. 35After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. The same did very wickedly: 36and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion Geber. 37Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat,

[a]20:20 MT LXX(be2) Mss Tg Vg Arm (pl). LXX (sg)

saying, “Because you have joined yourself with Ahaziah, YHWH has destroyed your works.” The ships were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21 Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David: and Jehoram his son reigned in his place. [2]He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. [3]Their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. [4]Now when Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and various also of the princes of Israel. [5]Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [6]He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab as wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH. [7]However YHWH would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp to him and to his children always. [8]In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. [9]Then Jehoram passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and struck the Edomites who surrounded him, along with the captains of the chariots. [10]So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah to this day: then Libnah revolted at the same time from under his hand, because he had forsaken YHWH, the God of his fathers. [11]Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute, and led Judah astray. [12]A letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, “Thus says YHWH, the God of David your father, ‘Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, [13]but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the prostitute, like the house of Ahab did, and also have slain your brothers of your father’s house, who were better than yourself: [14]look, YHWH will strike with a great plague your people, and your children, and your wives, and all your substance; [15]and you shall have great sickness by disease of your bowels, until your bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, day by day.’”

[16]YHWH stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians who are beside the Ethiopians: [17]and they came up against Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king’s house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him,

except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. [18]After all this YHWH struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease. [19]It happened, in process of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of severe diseases. His people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. [20]Thirty-two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

22 The inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place; for the band of men who came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. [2]Ahaziah was twenty-two[a] years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri. [3]He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. [4]He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, as did the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction. [5]He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth Gilead: and the Arameans wounded Joram. [6]He returned to be healed in Jezreel from[b] the wounds which they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. Ahaziah[c] the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick. [7]Now the destruction of Ahaziah was of God, in that he went to Joram: for when he had come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom YHWH had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. [8]It happened, when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, that he found the princes of Judah, and the sons[d] of the brothers of Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and killed them. [9]He sought Ahaziah, and they caught him (now he was hiding in Samaria), and they brought him to Jehu, and killed him; and they buried him, for they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought YHWH with all his heart." The house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom. [10]Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal family of the house of Judah. [11]But

[a]22:2 LXX(L +107-120-130-321 554) Syr. MT reads "forty-two." The father of Ahaziah died when he was forty. Cf. 2 Chronicles 21:5, 20; Klein, 311

[b]22:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr and 2 Kings 8:29. MT reads "because of"

[c]22:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Azariah"

[d]22:8 MT OL(109). LXX lacks "sons"

Jehosheba,[a] the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and secretly took him away from among the king's sons who were slain, and put him and his nurse in the bedroom. So Jehosheba, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah, so that she did not kill him. [12]He was with them hidden in God's house six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

23 In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zikri, into covenant with him. [2]They went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of ancestral houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. [3]All the assembly made a covenant in the house of God with the king. And he showed them the king's son.[b] And he said to them, "Look, the king's son shall reign, as YHWH has spoken concerning the sons of David. [4]This is the thing that you shall do. A third part of you, who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be gatekeepers of the thresholds. [5]A third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation. All the people shall be in the courts of YHWH's house. [6]But let no one come into the house of YHWH, except the priests, and those who minister of the Levites. They shall come in, for they are holy, but all the people shall follow YHWH's instructions. [7]The Levites shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. Whoever comes into the house, let him be slain. Be with the king when he comes in, and when he goes out."

[8]So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those who were to come in on the Sabbath; with those who were to go out on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss the shift. [9]Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in God's house. [10]He set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, around the king. [11]Then he[c] brought out the

[a]22:11 LXX(BL) "iwsabee" here and the next instance. MT reads "Jehoshabeath." Cf. 2Kings 11:2
[b]23:3 LXX(BL) cf. 2 Kings 11:4. MT lacks "And he showed…son" from haplography: hmlk-hmlk. Cf. Klein, 318
[c]23:11 LXX and 2 Kings 11:12. MT reads "they"

king's son, and put[a] the crown on him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, "Long live the king."

12When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of YHWH: 13and she looked, and, look, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets; the singers also played musical instruments, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes, and said, "Treason. Treason."

14Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out between the ranks; and whoever follows her, let him be slain with the sword." For the priest said, "Do not kill her in YHWH's house." 15So they made way for her. She went to the entrance of the Horse Gate to the king's house; and they killed her there. 16Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be YHWH's people. 17All the people went to the house of Baal, and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of YHWH under the hand of the priests and[b] the Levites, and he appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites,[c] whom David had assigned over the house of YHWH, to offer the burnt offerings of YHWH, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, according to the order of David. 19He set the gatekeepers at the gates of the house of YHWH, that no one who was unclean in anything should enter in. 20He took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of YHWH: and they came through the Upper Gate to the king's house, and set the king on the throne of the kingdom. 21So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. Athaliah they had slain with the sword.

24 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah, of Beersheba. 2Joash did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

[a]23:11 LXX and 2 Kings 11:12. MT reads "they put"
[b]23:18 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "and"
[c]23:18 LXX. MT lacks "and he appointed…Levites" from haplography: whlwym-whlwym. Cf. Klein, 2Chronicles, 320;Gottingen Septuaginta VII, 2 Paralipomenon II, 295: "homoiot"

[3]Jehoiada took for him two wives;
and he became the father of sons
and daughters. [4]It happened after
this, that Joash intended to restore
the house of YHWH. [5]He gathered
together the priests and the Levites,
and said to them, "Go out to the
cities of Judah, and gather money
to repair the house of your God
from all Israel from year to year.
See that you expedite this matter."
However the Levites did not do it
right away. [6]The king called for
Jehoiada the chief, and said to him,
"Why haven't you required of the
Levites to bring in the tax of Moses
the servant of YHWH, and of the
assembly of Israel, out of Judah and
out of Jerusalem, for the tent of the
testimony?" [7]For the sons of
Athaliah, that wicked woman, had
broken up God's house; and they
also gave all the dedicated things of
the house of YHWH to the Baals.
[8]So the king commanded, and they
made a chest, and set it outside at
the gate of the house of YHWH.
[9]They made a proclamation
through Judah and Jerusalem, to
bring in for YHWH the tax that
Moses the servant of God laid on
Israel in the wilderness. [10]And all
the leaders and all the people
rejoiced, and brought in, and threw
it into the chest, until it was full. [11]It
was so, that whenever the chest was
brought to the king's officers by the
hand of the Levites, and when they
saw that there was much money,
the king's scribe and the chief
priest's officer came and emptied
the chest, and took it, and carried it
to its place again. Thus they did day
by day, and gathered money in
abundance. [12]The king and
Jehoiada gave it to such as did the
work of the service of the house of
YHWH; and they hired masons and
carpenters to restore the house of
YHWH, and also such as worked
iron and bronze to repair the house
of YHWH. [13]So the workmen
worked, and the work of repairing
went forward in their hands, and
they set up God's house in its state,
and strengthened it. [14]When they
had made an end, they brought the
rest of the money before the king
and Jehoiada, of which were made
vessels for the house of YHWH,
even vessels with which to minister
and to offer, and spoons, and
vessels of gold and silver. They
offered burnt offerings in the house
of YHWH continually all the days
of Jehoiada. [15]But Jehoiada grew
old and was full of days, and he
died; one hundred thirty years old
was he when he died. [16]They buried
him in the City of David among the
kings, because he had done good in
Israel, and toward God and his
house. [17]Now after the death of
Jehoiada the leaders of Judah came
and paid homage to the king. And
the king listened to them. [18]They
forsook the house of[a] YHWH, the
God of their fathers, and served the
Asherim and the idols: and wrath
came on Judah and Jerusalem for
this their guiltiness. [19]Yet he sent
prophets to them, to bring them
again to YHWH; and they testified
against them: but they would not

[a]24:18 MT LXX(L). LXX(BA) Syr lack "the house of"

give ear. [20]The Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you disobey the commandments of YHWH, so that you can't prosper? Because you have forsaken YHWH, he has also forsaken you.'"

[21]They conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of YHWH. [22]Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but killed his son. When he died, he said, "May YHWH look at it, and repay it." [23]It happened at the end of the year, that the army of the Arameans came up against him. And they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the leaders of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king in[a] Damascus. [24]For the army of the Arameans came with a small company of men; and YHWH delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken YHWH, the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment on Joash. [25]When they were departed for him (for they left him very sick), his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the son[b] of Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in the City of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings. [26]These are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess. [27]Now concerning his sons, and the many[c] oracles against him, and the rebuilding of God's house, look, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. Amaziah his son reigned in his place.

25 Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddan, of Jerusalem. [2]He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, but not with a perfect heart. [3]Now it happened, when the kingdom was firmly in his grasp,[d] that he killed his servants who had killed his father the king. [4]But he did not put their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the scroll of Moses, as YHWH commanded, saying, "The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin." [5]Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses,

[a]24:23 Hebrew Ms. MT reads "of"
[b]24:25 LXX Vg. MT reads bny "sons," the final yod being dittographic
[c]24:27 MT Kethib Syr Vg. MT Qere reads "may he increase"
[d]25:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr and 2 Kings 14:5. MT reads "firmly upon him"

under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go forth to war, who could handle spear and shield. [6]He hired also one hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver. [7]A man of God came to him, saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you; for YHWH is not with Israel, with all the people of Ephraim. [8]But if you will go, take action, be strong for the battle. God will overthrow you before the enemy; for God has power to help, and to overthrow."

[9]Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel?"

The man of God answered, "YHWH is able to give you much more than this."

[10]Then Amaziah separated them, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger. [11]Amaziah took courage, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and struck ten thousand of the people of Seir. [12]The people of Judah carry away ten thousand alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and threw them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were broken in pieces. [13]But the men of the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell on the cities of Judah, from Samaria even to Beth Horon, and struck of them three thousand, and took much spoil. [14]Now it happened, after that Amaziah had come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the people of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense to them. [15]Therefore the anger of YHWH was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent to him a prophet, who said to him, "Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of your hand?"

[16]It happened, as he talked with him, that the king said to him, "Have we made you one of the king's counselors? Stop. Why should you be struck down?"

Then the prophet stopped, and said, "I know that God has determined to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel."

[17]Then Amaziah king of Judah consulted his advisers, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us look one another in the face."

[18]Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in

Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as his wife; then a wild animal that was in Lebanon passed by, and trampled down the thistle. 19You say to yourself that you have struck Edom; and your heart lifts you up to boast. Now stay at home. Why should you meddle with trouble, that you should fall, even you, and Judah with you?'"

20But Amaziah would not listen; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah. 22Judah was defeated by Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. 23Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth Shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate,[a] six hundred eighty-nine feet.[b] 24He took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in God's house with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. 26Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, look, aren't they written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27Now from the time that Amaziah turned away from following YHWH, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem. He fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and killed him there. 28They brought him on horses, and buried him with his fathers in the City of David.[c]

26 All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah. 2He built Eilat,[d] and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. 3Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah,[e] of Jerusalem. 4He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the fear[f] of God, and as long as

[a]25:23 Hebrew Mss LXX and 2 Kings 14:13. MT reads "Happoneh (/turning) Gate"
[b]25:23 Or, 210 meters, using the long cubit of 52.5 centimeters. Lit. four hundred cubits
[c]25:28 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg 2 Kings 14:20. MT reads "City of Judah"
[d]26:2 LXX cf. 2 Kings 14:22; 16:6, reading Ailath = Elath, Eilat. MT reads "Eloth"
[e]26:3 MT Qere Hebrew Mss Tg and 2 Kings 15:2. MT Kethib reads "Jechiliah"
[f]26:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Arab. MT reads "visions," the difference being the loss of a yod

he sought YHWH, God made him prosper. 6He went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the country of Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 7God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal,[a] and[b] the Meunites. 8The Meunites[c] gave tribute to Uzziah, and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he grew exceeding strong. 9Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. 10He built towers in the wilderness, and dug out many cisterns, for he had many cattle;[d] in the Shephelah and in the plain he had farmers, and vinedressers in the hills and in the fertile fields, for he loved the land. 11Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. 12The whole number of the heads of ancestral houses, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand and six hundred. 13Under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, who made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. 14Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the army, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. 15He made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the battlements, with which to shoot arrows and great stones. His name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, until he was strong. 16But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against YHWH his God; for he went into YHWH's temple to burn incense on the altar of incense. 17Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of YHWH, who were valiant men: 18and they resisted Uzziah the king, and said to him, "It isn't for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to YHWH, but for the priests the descendants of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary; for you have trespassed; neither shall it be for your honor from YHWH God."

19Then Uzziah was angry; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy broke forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of YHWH, beside the altar of incense. 20Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked on him, and look, he was leprous in his

[a]26:7 Tg reads "in Gezer." Vg Ms "Tur(baal)"
[b]26:7 LXX reads kai epi = w'l "and against" instead of MT b'l "Baal"
[c]26:8 LXX. MT reads "Ammonites," a metathesis between the second and third letters
[d]26:10 LXX. MT adds "and"

forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from there; yes, himself hurried also to go out, because YHWH had struck him. 21Uzziah the king was a leper to the day of his death, and lived in a separate house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of YHWH: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. 22Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. 23So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, "He is a leper." Jotham his son reigned in his place.

27 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 2He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that his father Uzziah had done: however he did not enter into YHWH's temple. The people still did corruptly. 3He built the Upper Gate of the house of YHWH, and he carried out considerable work on the wall of Ophel. 4Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers. 5He fought also with the king of the people of Ammon, and prevailed against them. The people of Ammon gave him the same year one hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. The people of Ammon gave that much to him in the second year also, and in the third. 6So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before YHWH his God. 7Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

28 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not do that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, like David his father; 2but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for the Baals. 3Moreover he burnt incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, and made his sons pass through[a] the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom YHWH cast out before the children of Israel. 4He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5Therefore YHWH his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Aram; and they struck him,

[a]28:3 Hebrew Ms LXX Tg Syr. cf. 2 Kings 16:3. MT reads "burned," an apparent metathesis of beth and ayin

and carried away of his a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. He was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter. 6For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah one hundred twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken YHWH, the God of their fathers. 7Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah who was next to the king. 8The children of Israel carried away captive of their brothers two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9But a prophet of YHWH was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria, and said to them, "Look, because YHWH, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage which has reached up to heaven. 10Now you purpose to keep under the people of Judah and Jerusalem for bondservants and bondmaids for yourselves. Aren't there even with you trespasses of your own against YHWH your God? 11Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, that you have taken captive from your brothers; for the fierce wrath of YHWH is on you." 12Then some of the heads of the people of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who came from the war, 13and said to them, "You shall not bring in the captives here: for you purpose that which will bring on us a trespass against YHWH, to add to our sins and to our trespass; for our trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel."

14So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the assembly. 15The men who have been mentioned by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all who were naked among them, dressed them, gave them sandals, and gave them something to eat and to drink, anointed them, carried all the feeble of them on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria. 16At that time king Ahaz sent to the king[a] of Assyria to help him. 17For again the Edomites had come and struck Judah, and carried away captives. 18The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the Negev of Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with its towns, and Timnah with its towns, Gimzo also and its towns: and they lived there. 19For YHWH brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he had dealt wantonly in Judah,

[a]28:16 Hebrew Ms LXX Vg. MT reads "kings." Cf. v. 20

and trespassed severely against YHWH. [20]Tilgath Pilneser king of Assyria came to him, and distressed him, but did not strengthen him. [21]For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of YHWH, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria: but it did not help him. [22]In the time of his distress, he trespassed yet more against YHWH, this same king Ahaz. [23]For he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, which struck him; and he said, "Because the gods of the kings of Aram helped them, so I will sacrifice to them, that they may help me." But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. [24]Ahaz gathered together the vessels of God's house, and cut in pieces the vessels of God's house, and shut up the doors of the house of YHWH; and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. [25]In every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger YHWH, the God of his fathers. [26]Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [27]Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem; for they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

29 Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. [2]He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, according to all that David his father had done. [3]He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of YHWH, and repaired them. [4]He brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east, [5]and said to them, "Listen to me, you Levites. Now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of YHWH, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filthiness out of the holy place. [6]For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of YHWH our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of YHWH, and turned their backs. [7]Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel. [8]Therefore the wrath of YHWH was on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has delivered them to be tossed back and forth, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as you see with your eyes. [9]For, look, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. [10]Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with YHWH, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. [11]My sons, do not be negligent now; for YHWH has chosen you to stand before him, to minister to him, and that you should be his ministers, and burn incense."

[12]Then the Levites arose,
Mahath, the son of Amasai, and
Joel the son of Azariah, of the
descendants of the Kohathites; and
of the sons of Merari, Kish the son
of Abdi, and Azariah the son of
Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites,
Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden
the son of Joah; [13]and of the
descendants of Elizaphan, Shimri
and Jeuel; and of the descendants of
Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;
[14]and of the descendants of Heman,
Jehuel and Shimei; and of the
descendants of Jeduthun, Shemaiah
and Uzziel. [15]They gathered their
brothers, and sanctified
themselves, and went in, according
to the commandment of the king by
the words of YHWH, to cleanse the
house of YHWH. [16]The priests went
in to the inner part of the house of
YHWH, to cleanse it, and brought
out all the uncleanness that they
found in YHWH's temple into the
court of the house of YHWH. The
Levites took it, to carry it out
abroad to the Kidron Valley. [17]Now
they began on the first day of the
first month to sanctify, and on the
eighth day of the month came they
to the porch of YHWH; and they
sanctified the house of YHWH in
eight days: and on the sixteenth day
of the first month they made an end.
[18]Then they went in to Hezekiah the
king within the palace, and said,
"We have cleansed all the house of
YHWH, and the altar of burnt
offering, with all its vessels, and the
table of show bread, with all its
vessels. [19]Moreover all the vessels,
which king Ahaz in his reign threw
away when he trespassed, have we
prepared and sanctified; and look,
they are before the altar of YHWH."

[20]Then Hezekiah the king
arose early and gathered the
officials of the city and went up to
the house of YHWH. [21]They
brought seven bulls, and seven
rams, and seven lambs, and seven
male goats, for a sin offering for the
kingdom and for the sanctuary and
for Judah. He commanded the
priests the sons of Aaron to offer
them on the altar of YHWH. [22]So
they killed the bulls, and the priests
received the blood, and sprinkled it
on the altar: and they killed the
rams, and sprinkled the blood on
the altar: they killed also the lambs,
and sprinkled the blood on the altar.
[23]They brought near the male goats
for the sin offering before the king
and the assembly; and they laid
their hands on them: [24]and the
priests killed them, and they made
a sin offering with their blood on
the altar, to make atonement for all
Israel; for the king commanded that
the burnt offering and the sin
offering should be made for all
Israel. [25]He set the Levites in the
house of YHWH with cymbals, with
stringed instruments, and with
harps, according to the
commandment of David, and of
Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the
prophet; for the commandment was
of YHWH by his prophets. [26]The
Levites stood with the instruments
of David, and the priests with the
trumpets. [27]Hezekiah commanded
to offer the burnt offering on the
altar. When the burnt offering
began, the song of YHWH began
also, and the trumpets, together
with the instruments of David king
of Israel. [28]All the assembly
worshiped, and the singers sang,

and the trumpeters sounded; all[a] this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29When they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshiped. 30Moreover Hezekiah the king and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praises to YHWH with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. 31Then Hezekiah answered, "Now you have consecrated yourselves to YHWH; come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of YHWH." The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt offerings. 32The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to YHWH. 33The consecrated things were six hundred head of cattle and three thousand sheep. 34But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: therefore their brothers the Levites helped them, until the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35Also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of YHWH was set in order. 36Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which God had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

30 Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of YHWH at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to YHWH, the God of Israel. 2For the king had taken counsel, and his officials, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month. 3For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4The thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 5So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to YHWH, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it in great numbers in such sort as it is written. 6So the couriers went with the letters from the king and his officers throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, "Children of Israel, turn again to YHWH, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant of you who have escaped out of the hand of the kings of

[a]29:28 LXX Syr Vg lack "all"

Assyria. 7Do not be like your fathers, and like your brothers, who trespassed against YHWH, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as you see. 8Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; but yield yourselves to YHWH, and enter into his sanctuary, which he has sanctified forever, and serve YHWH your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9For if you turn again to YHWH, your brothers and your children shall find[a] compassion before those who led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for YHWH your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him."

10So the couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even to Zebulun: but they ridiculed them, and mocked them. 11Nevertheless some from Asher and from[b] Manasseh and from Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. 12Also in Judah came the hand of God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the leaders by the word of YHWH. 13Many people assembled at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly. 14They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the Kidron Valley. 15Then they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into the house of YHWH. 16They stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites. 17For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites were in charge of killing the Passovers for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to YHWH. 18For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover otherwise than it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, "May the good YHWH pardon everyone 19who sets his heart to seek God, YHWH, the God of his fathers, even if they aren't clean according to the purification of the sanctuary."

20YHWH listened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21The children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised YHWH day by day, singing with loud instruments to YHWH. 22Hezekiah

[a]30:9 LXX. MT lacks "shall find"

[b]30:11 LXX. MT lacks "from" from haplography

spoke comfortably to all the Levites who had good understanding in the service of YHWH. So they completed[a] the seven days of the feast, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and making confession to YHWH, the God of their fathers. 23The whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness. 24For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to the assembly for offerings one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave to the assembly a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. And a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25All the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came out of Israel, and the foreigners who came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced. 26So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. 27Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even to heaven.

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and broke down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities. 2Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of YHWH. 3He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of YHWH. 4Moreover he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the law of YHWH. 5As soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 6The children of Israel and Judah, who lived in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated to YHWH their God, and laid them by heaps. 7In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8And when Hezekiah and the

[a]30:22 LXX OL. MT reads "they ate"

leaders came and saw the heaps, they blessed YHWH, and his people Israel. 9Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. 10Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, "Since people began to bring the offerings into the house of YHWH, we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty: for YHWH has blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store." 11Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare rooms in the house of YHWH; and they prepared them. 12They brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second. 13Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismakiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of God's house. 14Kore the son of Jimnah the Levite, the keeper at the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the offerings of YHWH, and the most holy things. 15Under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, alongside[a] the priests, to faithfully make disbursements to their brothers by divisions, as well to the great as to the small: 16besides those who were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even everyone who entered into the house of YHWH, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their divisions. 17This is[b] the enrollment of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their divisions; 18and those who were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in holiness. 19Also for the descendants of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every city, there were men who were mentioned by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were reckoned by genealogy among the Levites. 20Hezekiah did so throughout all Judah; and he worked that which was good and right and faithful before YHWH his God. 21In every work that he began in the service of God's house, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

32 After these things, and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and camped against the fortified cities, and thought to win

[a]31:15 Lit. "by the hand of." LXX OL. MT reads "in the cities"

[b]31:17 LXX. MT reads "And," an apparent zayin-waw confusion

them for himself. [2]When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that he intended to fight against Jerusalem, [3]he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the springs which were outside of the city; and they helped him. [4]So many people gathered together, and they stopped all the springs, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?"

[5]He took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised towers upon it,[a] and the other wall outside, and strengthened Millo in the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. [6]He set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spoke comfortably to them, saying, [7]"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude who is with him; for there is a greater with us than with him. [8]With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is YHWH our God to help us, and to fight our battles." The people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. [9]After this, Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying, [10]Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, "In whom do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem? [11]Doesn't Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, 'YHWH our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?' [12]Hasn't the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall burn incense?' [13] Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in any way able to deliver their land out of my hand? [14]Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? [15]Now therefore do not let Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you in this way, neither believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you out of my hand?"

[16]His servants spoke yet more against YHWH God, and against his servant Hezekiah. [17]He also wrote letters insulting YHWH, the God of Israel, and to speak

[a]Tg Vg. MT reads "upon the towers," an incorrect word division

against him, saying, “As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall the God of Hezekiah not deliver his people out of my hand.” 18They cried with a loud voice in the Judean language to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. 19They spoke of the God of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men’s hands. 20Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven. 21YHWH sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. When he had come into the house of his god, some of his own offspring killed him there with the sword. 22Thus YHWH saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and gave them rest[a] on every side. 23Many brought gifts to YHWH to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth. 24In those days Hezekiah was sick even to death: and he prayed to YHWH; and he spoke to him, and gave him a sign. 25But Hezekiah did not render again according to the benefit done to him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath on him, and on Judah and Jerusalem. 26Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of YHWH did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah. 27Hezekiah had a very great amount of riches and honor: and he provided him treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all kinds of goodly vessels; 28storehouses also for the increase of grain and new wine and oil; and stalls for all kinds of animals, and flocks in folds. 29Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much substance. 30This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31However concerning the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart. 32Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, look, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 33Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried

[a]32:22 LXX cf. Vg, reading “gave them rest.” MT reads “provided for them”

him in the ascent of the tombs of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

33 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. [2]He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, after the abominations of the nations whom YHWH cast out before the children of Israel. [3]For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. [4]He built altars in the house of YHWH, of which YHWH said, "My name shall be in Jerusalem forever." [5]He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of YHWH. [6]He also made his children to pass through the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom; and he practiced sorcery, divination, and witchcraft, and consulted mediums, and spiritists: he worked much evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger. [7]He set the engraved image of the idol, which he had made, in God's house, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever: [8]neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances given by Moses." [9]Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did more evil than the nations whom YHWH destroyed before the children of Israel did. [10]YHWH spoke to Manasseh, and to his people; but they gave no heed. [11]Therefore YHWH brought on them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. [12]When he was in distress, he begged YHWH his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. [13]He prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and heard his petition, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that YHWH was God. [14]Now after this he built an outer wall to the City of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the Fish Gate; and he encircled Ophel with it, and raised it up to a very great height: and he put valiant captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. [15]He took away the foreign gods, and the idol out of the house of YHWH, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of YHWH, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. [16]He built up the altar of YHWH, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve YHWH, the God of Israel. [17]Nevertheless the people sacrificed still in the high places, but only to YHWH their God.

[18]Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of YHWH, the God of Israel, look, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. [19]His prayer also, and how God was entreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the engraved images, before he humbled himself, look, they are written in the Record of the Seers.[a] [20]So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the garden[b] of his own house. And Amon his son reigned in his place. [21]Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. [22]He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed to all the engraved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. [23]He did not humble himself before YHWH, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more. [24]His servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. [25]But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

34 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. [2]He did that which was right in the eyes of YHWH, and walked in the ways of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. [3]For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and the molten images. [4]They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and the incense altars that were on high above them he cut down; and the Asherim, and the engraved images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. [5]He burnt the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. [6]He did this in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even to Naphtali, around in their ruins. [7]He broke down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the engraved images into powder, and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem. [8]Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had[c] purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son

[a]33:19 Hebrew Ms and LXX. Most Hebrew Mss "of Hozai"

[b]33:20 LXX cf. 2 Kings 21:18 and Syr. MT lacks “in the garden” from haplography by homoioarcton: b-b

[c]34:8 LXX(AN) add “finished”

of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of YHWH his God. 9They came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into God's house, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10They delivered it into the hand of the workers[a] who had the oversight of the house of YHWH; and the workmen who labored in the house of YHWH gave it to mend and repair the house; 11even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy cut stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. 12The men did the work faithfully: and their overseers were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and others of the Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music. 13Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all who did the work in every kind of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and gatekeepers. 14When they brought out the money that was brought into the house of YHWH, Hilkiah the priest found the scroll of the law of YHWH given by Moses. 15Hilkiah answered Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the scroll of the law in the house of YHWH." Hilkiah delivered the scroll to Shaphan.

16Shaphan carried the scroll to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, "All that was committed to your servants, they are doing. 17They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of YHWH, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen." 18Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll." Shaphan read it before the king.
19It happened, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he tore his clothes. 20The king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Acbor[b] the son of Micaiah,[c] and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, 21"Go inquire of YHWH for me, and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of YHWH that is poured out[d] on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of YHWH, to do according to all that is written in this scroll." 22So Hilkiah and those whom the

[a]34:10 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads sg
[b]34:20 Cf. Syr OL (Abchor) and 2Kings 22:12 parallel. MT reads "Abdon," a misreading involving a kb-bd confusion in an early square script, e.g., DSS Isaiah
[c]34:20 LXX and 2 Kings 22:12. MT has lost a yod, reading "Micah"
[d]34:21 LXX reads "is kindled"

king had sent[a] went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah,[b] the son of Harhas,[c] keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they spoke to her to that effect. 23She said to them, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, 24"Thus says YHWH, 'Look, I will bring disaster on this place, and on its inhabitants, even all the curses that are written in the scroll which they have read before the king of Judah. 25Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched.'"' 26But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of YHWH, thus you shall tell him, 'Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: "As touching the words which you have heard, 27because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and have humbled yourself before me, and have torn your clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard you," says YHWH. 28"Look, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the disaster that I will bring on this place, and on its inhabitants."'"

They brought back word to the king. 29Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30The king went up to the house of YHWH, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant that was found in the house of YHWH. 31The king stood in his place, and made a covenant before YHWH, to walk after YHWH, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this scroll. 32He caused all who were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand. The inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all who were found in Israel to serve, even to serve YHWH their God. All his days they did not depart from following YHWH, the God of their fathers.

[a]34:22 Hebrew Ms Syr Vg. MT lacks "had sent"
[b]34:22 LXX Mss Syr and 2Kings 22:14. MT reads "Tokhath"
[c]34:22 Syr(A) and 2Kings 22:14. MT reads "Hasrah"

35 Josiah kept a Passover to YHWH in Jerusalem: and they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2He set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of YHWH. 3He said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to YHWH, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. There shall no more be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve YHWH your God, and his people Israel. 4Prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses and[a] by your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. 5Stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the lay people, and let there be for each a portion of a fathers' house of the Levites. 6Kill the Passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of YHWH by Moses."

7Josiah gave to the lay people, of the flock, lambs and young goats, all of them for the Passover offerings, to all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls: these were of the king's substance. 8And his officials gave for a freewill offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites; and[b] Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of God's house, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small livestock, and three hundred head of cattle. 9Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand small livestock, and five hundred head of cattle. 10So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the king's commandment. 11They killed the Passover lamb, and the priests sprinkled the blood[c] from their hand, and the Levites flayed them. 12They removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to YHWH, as it is written in the scroll of Moses. So they did with the cattle. 13They roasted the Passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings boiled they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the lay people. 14Afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the descendants of Aaron were busy with offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night: therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the descendants of

[a]35:4 Hebrew Mss Syr Vg cf. LXX. MT lacks "and"
[b]35:8 Cf. Syr Vg. MT lacks "and"
[c]35:11 LXX cf. Tg Vg. MT lacks "blood" from haplography: hdm-mydm

Aaron. [15]The singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate: they did not need to depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them. [16]So all the service of YHWH was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of YHWH, according to the commandment of king Josiah. [17]The children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. [18]There was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [19]In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this Passover kept. [20]After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Perath: and Josiah went out against him. [21]But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? I come not against you this day, but against the house with which I have war. God has commanded me to make haste. Beware that it is God who is with me, that he not destroy you."

[22]Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. [23]The archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, because I am seriously wounded."

[24]So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. [25]Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spoke of Josiah in their lamentations to this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and look, they are written in the lamentations. [26]Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of YHWH, [27]and his acts, first and last, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

36 Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and they anointed him and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem. [2]Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. [3]The king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and fined the land one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. [4]The king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. Neco took

Joahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt. [5]Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH his God. [6]Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. [7]Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of YHWH to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. [8]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, look, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place. [9]Jehoiachin was eighteen[a] years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH. [10]At the return of the year king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of YHWH, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. [11]Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: [12]and he did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH his God; he did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of YHWH. [13]He also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning to YHWH, the God of Israel. [14]Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of YHWH which he had made holy in Jerusalem. [15]YHWH, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: [16]but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of YHWH arose against his people, until there was no remedy. [17]Therefore he brought on them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or gray-headed: he gave them all into his hand. [18]All the vessels of God's house, great and small, and the treasures of the house of YHWH, and the treasures of the king, and of his officials, all these he brought to Babylon. [19]They burnt God's house, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels of it. [20]He carried those who had escaped from the sword away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: [21]to fulfill the word of YHWH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. As long as it

[a]36:9 Hebrew Ms LXX(AL) Syr cf. 2 Kings 24:8. MT reads "eight"

lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to
fulfill seventy years. 22Now in the
first year of Koresh[a] king of Persia,
that the word of YHWH by the
mouth of Jeremiah might be
accomplished, YHWH stirred up the
spirit of Koresh king of Persia, so
that he made a proclamation
throughout all his kingdom, and put
it also in writing, saying, 23"Thus
says Koresh king of Persia,
'YHWH, the God of heaven, has
given all the kingdoms of the earth
to me; and he has commanded me
to build him a house in Jerusalem,
which is in Judah. Whoever there is
among you of all his people, YHWH
his God be with him, and let him go
up.'"

Ezra

1 Now in the first year of Koresh[b] king of Persia, that the word of YHWH by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, YHWH stirred up the spirit of Koresh king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2"Thus says Koresh king of Persia, 'YHWH, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has commanded me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of YHWH, the God of Israel (he is God), which is in Jerusalem.

4Whoever is left, in any place where he lives, let the men of his place help him with silver, with gold, with goods, and with animals, besides the freewill offering for God's house which is in Jerusalem.'"

5Then the heads of ancestral houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up rose up to build the house of YHWH which is in Jerusalem. 6All those who were around them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver,[c] with gold, with goods, and with animals, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered.

7Also Koresh the king brought forth the vessels of the house of YHWH, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought out of Jerusalem, and had put in the house of his gods; 8even those, Koresh king of Persia brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them to

[a]36:22 Vocalized in Old Persian as Kurush. MT scribal vocalization: Koresh. Latinized as Cyrus. He reigned over Babylon ca. 539-530 BC

[b]1:1 Vocalized in Old Persian as Kurush. MT scribal vocalization: Koresh. Latinized as Cyrus

[c]1:6 LXX reads "hands in every way, with silver"

Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.
9This is the number of them: thirty
platters of gold, one thousand
platters of silver, twenty-nine
knives, 10thirty bowls of gold,
silver bowls of a second sort four
hundred and ten, and other vessels
one thousand. 11All the vessels of
gold and of silver were five
thousand and four hundred.
Sheshbazzar brought all these up,
when the captives were brought up
from Babylon to Jerusalem.

2 Now these are the
people of the province,
who went up out of the
captivity of those who had been
carried away, whom
Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon had carried away to
Babylon, and who returned to
Jerusalem and Judah, everyone to
his city; 2who came with
Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah,
Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai,
Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum,
Baanah. The number of the men of
the people of Israel:

3The descendants of Parosh,
two thousand one hundred seventy-
two. 4The descendants of
Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-
two. 5The descendants of Arah,
seven hundred seventy-five. 6The
descendants of Pahath-Moab, of
the descendants of Jeshua and Joab,
two thousand eight hundred twelve.
7The descendants of Elam, one
thousand two hundred fifty-four.
8The descendants of Zattu, nine
hundred forty-five. 9The
descendants of Zaccai, seven
hundred sixty. 10The descendants
of Bani, six hundred forty-two.
11The descendants of Bebai, six
hundred twenty-three. 12The
descendants of Azgad, one
thousand two hundred twenty-two.
13The descendants of Adonikam,
six hundred sixty-six.

14The descendants of Bigvai, two
thousand fifty-six. 15The
descendants of Adin, four hundred
fifty-four. 16The descendants of
Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight.
17The descendants of Bezai, three
hundred twenty-three. 18The
descendants of Jorah, one hundred
twelve. 19The descendants of
Hashum, two hundred twenty-
three. 20The descendants of Gibbar,
ninety-five. 21The men[a] of
Bethlehem, one hundred twenty-
three. 22The men of Netophah,
fifty-six. 23The men of Anathoth,
one hundred twenty-eight. 24The
descendants of Beth[b] Azmaveth,
forty-two. 25The descendants of
Kiriath Jearim,[c] Kephirah, and
Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three.
26The descendants of Ramah and
Geba, six hundred twenty-one.
27The men of Michmas, one
hundred twenty-two. 28The men of
Bethel and Ai, two hundred twenty-
three.

[a]2:21 Nehemiah 7:26 parallel. MT reads “the descendants”
[b]2:24 Nehemiah 7:28 parallel. MT lacks “Beth”
[c]2:25 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads “Arim”

29 The descendants of Nebo,
fifty-two. 30 The descendants of
Magbish, one hundred fifty-six.
31 The descendants of the other
Elam, one thousand two hundred
fifty-four. 32 The descendants of
Harim, three hundred twenty. 33 The
descendants of Lod, Hadid, and
Ono, seven hundred twenty-five.
34 The descendants of Jericho, three
hundred forty-five. 35 The
descendants of Senaah, three
thousand six hundred thirty. 36 The
priests: the descendants of Jedaiah,
of the house of Jeshua, nine
hundred seventy-three. 37 The
descendants of Immer, one
thousand fifty-two. 38 The
descendants of Pashhur, one
thousand two hundred forty-seven.

39 The descendants of Harim, one
thousand seventeen. 40 The Levites:
the descendants of Jeshua and
Kadmiel, of the descendants of
Hodaviah, seventy-four. 41 The
singers: the descendants of Asaph,
one hundred twenty-eight. 42 The
descendants of the gatekeepers: the
descendants of Shallum, the
descendants of Ater, the
descendants of Talmon, the
descendants of Akkub, the
descendants of Hatita, the
descendants of Shobai, in all one
hundred thirty-nine. 43 The
Nethinim: the descendants of Ziha,
the descendants of Hasupha, the
descendants of Tabbaoth, 44 the
descendants of Keros, the
descendants of Siaha, the
descendants of Padon, 45 the
descendants of Lebanah, the
descendants of Hagabah, the
descendants of Akkub, 46 the
descendants of Hagab, the
descendants of Shalmai,[a] the
descendants of Hanan, 47 the
descendants of Giddel, the
descendants of Gahar, the
descendants of Reaiah, 48 the
descendants of Rezin, the
descendants of Nekoda, the
descendants of Gazzam, 49 the
descendants of Uzza, the
descendants of Paseah, the
descendants of Besai, 50 the
descendants of Asnah, the
descendants of Meunim, the
descendants of Nephusim, 51 the
descendants of Bakbuk, the
descendants of Hakupha, the
descendants of Harhur, 52 the
descendants of Bazluth, the
descendants of Mehida, the
descendants of Harsha, 53 the
descendants of Barkos, the
descendants of Sisera, the
descendants of Temah, 54 the
descendants of Neziah, the
descendants of Hatipha. 55 The
descendants of Solomon's
servants: the descendants of Sotai,
the descendants of Hassophereth,
the descendants of Peruda, 56 the
descendants of Jaalah, the
descendants of Darkon, the
descendants of Giddel, 57 the
descendants of Shephatiah, the
descendants of Hattil, the
descendants of Pokereth
Hazzebaim, the descendants of

[a] 2:46 MT Qere LXX Mss Syr
Nehemiah 7:48. MT Kethib "Shamlai,"
a metathesis

Ami. 58All the Nethinim, and the descendants of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety-two. 59These were those who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show whether their fathers' house, and their descent, were from Israel: 60the descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, the descendants of Nekoda, six hundred fifty-two. 61Of the descendants of the priests: the descendants of Habaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, the descendants of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 62These sought their place among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 63The governor said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, until there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim. 64The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, 65besides their male servants and their female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. 66Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 67their camels, four hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 68Some of the heads of ancestral houses, when they came to the house of YHWH which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for God's house to set it up in its place: 69they gave after their ability into the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. 70So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

3 When the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in their[a] cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak stood up with his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers, and built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3In spite of their fear because of the peoples of the surrounding lands, they set the altar on its base; and they offered burnt offerings on it to YHWH, even burnt offerings morning and evening. 4They kept the feast of tents, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required; 5and afterward the continual burnt offering, the offerings of the new moons, of all the set feasts of YHWH that were

[a]3:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "the"

consecrated, and of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to YHWH. 6From the first day of the seventh month, they began to offer burnt offerings to YHWH; but the foundation of YHWH's temple was not yet laid. 7They also gave money to the masons, and to the carpenters. They also gave food, drink, and oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from Koresh King of Persia.

8Now in the second year of their coming to God's house at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began the work and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of YHWH's house. 9Then Jeshua stood with his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Hodaviah[a], together, to have the oversight of the workmen in God's house: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brothers the Levites. 10When the builders laid the foundation of YHWH's temple, they set the priests in their clothing with trumpets, with the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise YHWH, according to the directions of David king of Israel. 11They sang to one another in praising and giving thanks to YHWH, "For he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever toward Israel." All the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised YHWH, because the foundation of the house of YHWH had been laid.

12But many of the priests and Levites and heads of ancestral houses, the old men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice. Many also shouted aloud for joy, 13so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard far away.

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people from the exile were building a temple to YHWH, the God of Israel; 2then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of ancestral houses, and said to them, "Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as you do; and we sacrifice to him[b] since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

3But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of ancestral houses of Israel, said to them, "You have nothing to do with

[a]3:9 Ezra 2:40. MT reads "Judah"

[b]4:2 MT Qere DSS Ms LXX Syr. MT Kethib reads "and not"

us in building a house to our God;
but we ourselves together will build
to YHWH, the God of Israel, as king
Koresh the king of Persia has
commanded us."
4Then the people of the land
weakened the hands of the people
of Judah, and troubled them in
building, 5and hired counselors
against them, to frustrate their
purpose, all the days of Koresh
king of Persia, even until the reign
of Darayavush[a] king of Persia. 6In
the reign of Achashyerosh,[b] in the
beginning of his reign, they wrote
an accusation against the
inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.
7In the days of Artachshasta[c] wrote
Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and
the rest of his companions, to
Artachshasta king of Persia; and
the writing of the letter was written
in Aramean, and set forth in the
Aramaic language. 8Rehum the
chancellor and Shimshai the scribe
wrote a letter against Jerusalem to
Artachshasta the king as follows:
9[From] Rehum the commander,
and Shimshai the scribe, and the
rest of their companions, the
Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites,
the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the
Archevites, the Babylonians, the
Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the
Elamites, 10and the rest of the
nations whom the great and noble
Asnappar brought over, and set in
the cities[d] of Samaria, and in the
rest of the country beyond the
River. 11This is the copy of the
letter that they sent to Artachshasta
the king: Your servants the men
beyond the River. And now, 12be it
known to the king, that the Jews
who came up from you have come
to us to Jerusalem; they are
building the rebellious and wicked
city, and have finished the walls,
and repaired the foundations.
12Be it known to the king, that the
Jews who came up from you have
come to us to Jerusalem; they are
building the rebellious and wicked
city, and have finished the walls,
and repaired the foundations. 13Be
it known now to the king that if this
city is built, and the walls finished,
they will not pay tribute, custom, or
toll, and in the end it will be hurtful
to the kings. 14Now because we eat
the salt of the palace, and it is not
appropriate for us to see the king's
dishonor, therefore have we sent
and informed the king; 15that search
may be made in the book of the
records of your fathers: so you shall
find in the book of the records, and
know that this city is a rebellious
city, and hurtful to kings and
provinces, and that they have

[a]4:5 MT consonantal text, vocalized to reflect the Old Persian pronunciation. MT scribal vocalization: Daryavesh. Latinized as Darius. He ruled Persia ca. 521-486 BC
[b]4:6 Syriac consonantal text reflects the Old Persian, the latter vocalized as Achshayarsh. MT reads "Achashverosh," a yod-waw confusion. Latinized as Ahasuerus (Vulgate: Asueri, Asuerus). Known in Greek as Xerxes I, who reigned ca. 486-465 BC
[c]4:7 The Hebrew consonantal text and MT vocalization reflects the Old Persian pronunciation. Gk. Artaxerxes. He reigned 465-425 BC
[d]4:10 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "city"

moved sedition within the same of
old time; for which cause was this
city laid waste. 16We inform the
king that, if this city be built, and
the walls finished, by this means
you shall have no portion beyond
the River. 17Then the king sent an
answer to Rehum the chancellor,
and to Shimshai the scribe, and to
the rest of their companions who
dwell in Samaria, and in the rest of
the country beyond the River:
Peace, and so forth. 18The letter
which you sent to us has been
plainly read before me. 19I decreed,
and search has been made, and it is
found that this city of old time has
made insurrection against kings,
and that rebellion and sedition have
been made in it. 20There have been
mighty kings also over Jerusalem,
who have ruled over all the country
beyond the River; and tribute,
custom, and toll, was paid to them.
21Make a decree now to cause these
men to cease, and that this city not
be built, until a decree shall be
made by me. 22Take heed that you
not be slack herein: why should
damage grow to the hurt of the
kings? 23Then when the copy of
king Artachshasta' letter was read
before Rehum, and Shimshai the
scribe, and their companions, they
went in haste to Jerusalem to the
Jews, and made them to cease by
force and power. 24Then ceased the
work of God's house which is at
Jerusalem; and it ceased until the
second year of the reign of
Darayavush king of Persia.

5 Now the prophets,
Haggai the prophet, and
Zechariah the son of
Iddo, prophesied to the
Jews who were in Judah and
Jerusalem; in the name of the God
of Israel they prophesied to them.
2Then rose up Zerubbabel the son
of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of
Jozadak, and began to build God's
house which is at Jerusalem; and
with them were the prophets of
God, helping them. 3At the same
time came to them Tattenai, the
governor beyond the River, and
Shetharbozenai, and their
companions, and said thus to them,
"Who gave you a decree to build
this house, and to finish this wall?"
4Then they[a] asked them, "What are
the names of the men who are
constructing this building? 5But the
eye of their God was on the elders
of the Jews, and they did not make
them cease, until the matter should
come to Darayavush, and then
answer should be returned by letter
concerning it. 6The copy of the
letter that Tattenai, the governor
beyond the River, and
Shetharbozenai, and his
companions the Apharsachites,
who were beyond the River, sent to
Darayavush the king; 7they sent a
letter to him, in which was written
thus: To Darayavush the king, all
peace. 8Be it known to the king,
that we went into the province of
Judah, to the house of the great
God, which is built with great
stones, and timber is laid in the
walls; and this work goes on with

[a]5:4 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr. MT
Aramaic reads "we"

diligence and prospers in their hands. [9]Then we asked those elders, and said to them thus, "Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall?" [10]We asked them their names also, to inform you that we might write the names of the men who were at their head. [11]Thus they returned us answer, saying, "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and are building the house that was built these many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished. [12]But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. [13]But in the first year of Koresh king of Babylon, Koresh the king made a decree to build this house of God. [14]The gold and silver vessels also of God's house, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought into the temple of Babylon, those Koresh the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; [15]and he said to him, 'Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let God's house be built in its place.' [16]Then the same Sheshbazzar came, and laid the foundations of God's house which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now has it been in building, and yet it is not completed. [17]Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let a search be made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Koresh the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter."

6 Then Darayavush the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. [2]There was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a scroll, and there was written in it as follows: "Memorandum: [3]In the first year of Koresh the king, Koresh the king made a decree: Concerning God's house at Jerusalem, let the house be built, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let its foundations be strongly laid; its height one hundred three feet and four inches;[a] and its breadth one hundred three feet and four inches; [4]with three layers of great stones, and one[b] layer of timber. And let the expenses be given out of the king's house. [5]Also let the gold and silver vessels of God's house, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be restored, and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem,

[a]6:3 Or, 31.5 meters, using the Royal cubit. Lit. sixty cubits

[b]6:4 LXX. MT reads "new"

everyone to its place; and you shall put them in God's house. 6Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and your companions the Apharsachites, who are beyond the River, you must stay far from there. 7Leave the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. 8Moreover I make a decree what you shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence to these men, that they be not hindered. 9That which they have need of, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the God of heaven; also wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail; 10that they may offer sacrifices of pleasant aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. 11Also I have made a decree, that whoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: 12and the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples who shall put forth their hand to alter the same, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darayavush have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence. 13Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, Shetharbozenai, and their companions, because Darayavush the king had sent a decree, did accordingly with all diligence. 14The elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Koresh, and Darayavush, and Artachshasta king of Persia. 15This house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darayavush the king. 16The children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the people from the exile, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. 17They offered at the dedication of this house of God one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18They set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. 19The people from the exile kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 20For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure: and they killed the Passover lamb for all the people from the exile, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. 21The children of Israel who had come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves to them from the filthiness of the nations of the land, to seek YHWH, the God of Israel, ate, 22and kept the feast of

unleavened bread seven days with joy: for YHWH had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to strengthen their hands in the work of God's house, the God of Israel.

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artachshasta king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, [2]the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, [3]the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, [4]the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, [5]the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest; [6]this Ezra went up from Babylon: and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which YHWH, the God of Israel, had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of YHWH his God on him. [7]There went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artachshasta the king. [8]He came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. [9]For on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was on him. [10]For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of YHWH, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and ordinances. [11]Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artachshasta gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of YHWH, and of his statutes to Israel: [12]Artachshasta, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect and so forth. [13]I make a decree, that all those of the people of Israel, and their priests and the Levites, in my realm, who are minded of their own free will to go to Jerusalem, go with you. [14]Because you are sent of the king and his seven counselors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God which is in your hand, [15]and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, [16]and all the silver and gold that you shall find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; [17]therefore you shall with all diligence buy with this money bulls, rams, lambs, with their meal offerings and their drink offerings, and shall offer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. [18]Whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that after the will of your God. [19]The vessels that are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver before the God of Jerusalem. [20]Whatever more shall be needful for the house of your God, which you shall have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house. [21]I, even I Artachshasta the

king, do make a decree to all the treasurers who are beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done with all diligence, 22to one hundred talents of silver, and to one hundred measures of wheat, and to one hundred baths of wine, and to one hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much.

23Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? 24Also we inform you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, the singers, doorkeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or toll, on them. 25You, Ezra, after the wisdom of your God who is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges, who may judge all the people who are beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God; and teach him who doesn't know them.

26Whoever will not do the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed on him with all diligence, whether it be to death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment. 27Blessed be YHWH, the God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of YHWH which is in Jerusalem; 28and has extended loving kindness to me before the king, and his counselors, and before all the king's powerful officers. I was strengthened according to the hand of YHWH my God on me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

8 Now these are the heads of their ancestral houses, and this is the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artachshasta the king: 2Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush 3the son[a] of Shecaniah; of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males one hundred fifty.
4Of the sons of Pahath-Moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah; and with him two hundred males. 5Of the sons of Zattu,[b] Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. 6Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7Of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah; and with him seventy males. 8Of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael; and with him eighty males. 9Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; and with him two hundred and eighteen males. 10Of the sons of Bani,[c] Shelomoth[d] the son of Josiphiah, and with him one

[a]8:3 LXX. MT reads "of the sons"
[b]8:5 LXX. MT lacks "of Zattu"
[c]8:10 LXX Mss. MT lacks "Bani"
[d]8:10 LXX Syr. MT reads "Shelomith," a feminine name, reflecting a waw-yod confusion

hundred sixty males. 11Of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him twenty-eight males.

12Of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and with him one hundred ten males. 13Of the sons of Adonikam, who were the last; and these are their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah; and with them sixty males. 14Of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zakkur;[a] and with them seventy males. 15I gathered them together to the river that runs to Ahava; and there we camped three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. 16Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, who were teachers.

17I sent them forth to Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should tell Iddo, and his brothers[b] the temple servants, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God. 18According to the good hand of our God on us they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen; 19and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty; 20and from the temple servants, whom David and the officials had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty temple servants. All of them were mentioned by name.

21Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. 22For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, "The hand of our God is on all those who seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath is against all those who forsake him."

23So we fasted and begged our God for this: and he was entreated of us. 24Then I set apart twelve of the chiefs of the priests, namely, Sherebiah, and Hashabiah, and ten of their brothers with them, 25and weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counselors, and his officials, and all Israel there present, had offered: 26I weighed into their hand six hundred fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels one hundred talents; of gold one hundred talents; 27and twenty bowls of gold, of one thousand

[a]8:14 MT Qere LXX Mss Syr Vg. MT Kethib reads "Zabbud," a misreading involving kaph-beth and resh-dalet confusions

[b]8:17 LXX Vg. MT reads "his brother"

darics; and two vessels of fine bright bronze, precious as gold. [28]I said to them, "You are holy to YHWH, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to YHWH, the God of your fathers.

[29]Watch, and keep them, until you weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and the leaders of ancestral houses of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the rooms of the house of YHWH." [30]So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem to the house of our God. [31]Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the bandit by the way.

[32]We came to Jerusalem, and stayed there three days. [33]On the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, the Levite; [34]the whole by number and by weight: and all the weight was written at that time. [35]The exiles who had returned from captivity offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, and twelve male goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering to YHWH. [36]They delivered the king's commissions to the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the River: and they furthered the people and God's house.

9 Now when these things were completed, the leaders approached me and said, "The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, following their abominations, even those of the Canaanites, the Hethites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. [2]For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy seed have mixed themselves with the peoples of the lands. Indeed, the hand of the officials and leaders has been foremost in this trespass."

[3]When I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down confounded. [4]Then were assembled to me everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of their trespass of the captivity; and I sat confounded until the evening offering. [5]At the evening offering I arose up from my humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn; and I fell on my knees, and spread out my hands to YHWH my God; [6]and I said, "My God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to you, my God; for our iniquities have increased over our head, and our guiltiness has grown

up to the heavens. [7]Since the days of our fathers we have been exceeding guilty to this day; and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. [8]Now for a little moment grace has been shown from YHWH our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. [9]For we are bondservants; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended loving kindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

[10]"Now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments, [11]which you have commanded by your servants the prophets, saying, 'The land, to which you go to possess it, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness. [12]Now therefore do not give your daughters to their sons, neither take their daughters to your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity forever; that you may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children forever.'

[13]"After all that has come on us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, since you, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and have given us such a remnant, [14]shall we again break your commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples that do these abominations? Wouldn't you be angry with us until you had consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? [15]YHWH, the God of Israel, you are righteous; for we are left a remnant that has escaped, as it is this day. Look, we are before you in our guiltiness; for none can stand before you because of this."

10 Now while Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before God's house, there was gathered together to him out of Israel a very great assembly of men and women and children; for the people wept very bitterly. [2]Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land. Yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing. [3]Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God. Let it be done according to the law. [4]Arise; for the matter belongs to you, and we are with you. Be courageous, and do it."

5Then Ezra arose, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they swore. 6Then Ezra rose up from before God's house, and went into the room of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib. And while he stayed[a] there, he ate no bread, nor drank water; for he mourned because of their trespass of the captivity. 7They made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the descendants of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem; 8and that whoever did not come within three days, according to the counsel of the officials and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the assembly of the captivity. 9Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together to Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month: and all the people sat in the broad place before God's house, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

10Ezra the priest stood up, and said to them, "You have trespassed, and have married foreign women, to increase the guilt of Israel. 11Now therefore make confession to YHWH, the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign women."

12Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, "As you have said concerning us, so must we do. 13But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand outside; neither is this a work of one day or two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14Let now our leaders represent the whole assembly, and let all those who are in our cities who have married foreign women come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God be turned from us, until this matter is resolved."
15Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this; and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. 16But the descendants of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest selected for himself[b] men, heads of fathers' houses, according to their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names. So they began their sessions[c] on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17And they finished with all the men who had married foreign women by the first day of the first month. 18Among the sons of the priests there were found who had married foreign women: of the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and

[a]10:6 LXX(L) Syr. MT reads "and he went"

[b]10:16 Syr. MT reads "priest and men were selected," from haplography: l-l

[c]10:16 Lit. "they sat down"

his brothers, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. 19They gave their hand that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their guilt. 20Of the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah. 21Of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah. 22Of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah. 23Of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24Of the singers: Eliashib. Of the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25Of Israel: Of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Hashabiah,[a] and Benaiah. 26Of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah. 27Of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. 28Of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. 29Of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Jeremoth.[b] 30Of the sons of Pahath-Moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 31Of[c] the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon, 32Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah. 33Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 34Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel, 35Benaiah, Bedeiah, Keluhi,[d] 36Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib, 37Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu. 38And from the sons[e] of Binnui: Shimei, 39and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, 40Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 41Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah, 42Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. 43Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, and Joel, Benaiah. 44All these had taken foreign wives; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

Nehemiah

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. Now it happened in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2that Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and certain men out of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3They said to me, “The remnant who are left of the

[a]10:25 LXX. MT reads “Malchijah”
[b]10:29 MT Kethib Syr. MT Qere LXX Vg read “and Ramoth”
[c]10:31 Hebrew Mss Vrs. MT reads “And the sons”
[d]10:35 MT Kethib. MT Qere “Keluhu. LXX = “Keliah.” BHS “Kelayah”
[e]10:38 LXX. MT reads “and Bani”

captivity there in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire." [4]It happened, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, [5]and said, "I beg you, YHWH, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments: [6]Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may listen to the prayer of your servant, which I pray before you at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel your servants while I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned. [7]We have dealt very corruptly against you, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances, which you commanded your servant Moses.

[8]"Remember, I beg you, the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples; [9]but if you return to me, and keep my commandments and do them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest horizon, yet will I gather them from there, and will bring them to the place that I have chosen, to cause my name to dwell there.'[a]

[10]"Now these are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power, and by your strong hand. [11]Lord, I beg you, let your ear be attentive now to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants, who delight to fear your name; and please prosper your servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

Now I was cup bearer to the king.

2 It happened in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artachshasta[b] the king, when[c] wine was before me,[d] that I took up the wine, and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad before in his presence. [2]The king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart."

Then I was very much afraid. [3]I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why shouldn't my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates have been consumed with fire?"

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[a]1:9 Leviticus 26:39-42; Deuteronomy 30:2, 3

[b]2:1 The Hebrew consonantal text and MT vocalization reflects the Old Persian pronunciation. Gk. Artaxerxes. He reigned 465-425 BC

[c]2:1 LXX Vg. MT lacks "and/when"

[d]2:1 LXX Syr. MT reads "him," having aquired a waw from dittography

[4]Then the king said to me, "For what do you make request?"

So I prayed to the God of heaven. [5]I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may build it."

[6]The king said to me (the queen was also sitting by him), "For how long shall your journey be? And when will you return?"

So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. [7]Moreover I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah; [8]and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into."

The king granted my requests, because of the good hand of my God on me. [9]Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. [10]When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, because a man had come to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. [11]So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. [12]I arose in the night, I and some few men with me. And I told no one what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem; neither was there any animal with me, except the animal that I rode on. [13]I went out by night by the Valley Gate, even toward the Serpent's Well, and to the Dung Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and its gates were consumed with fire. [14]Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass. [15]Then went I up in the night by the wadi, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. [16]The rulers did not know where I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest who did the work. [17]Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we won't be disgraced." [18]I told them of the hand of my God which was good on me, as also of the king's words that he had spoken to me.

They said, "Let's rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

[19]But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they ridiculed us, and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

[20]Then answered I them, and said to them, “The God of heaven will prosper us. Therefore we, his servants, will arise and build; but you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.”

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified it and set up its doors; they sanctified it as far as the Tower of the Hundred and[a] as far as the Tower of Hananel. [2]And the men of Jericho built next to him. And next to them Zaccur son of Imri built. [3]The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. [4]Next to them, Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz made repairs. Next to them, Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel made repairs. Next to them, Zadok the son of Baana made repairs. [5]Next to them, the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their lord. [6]Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate. They laid its beams, and set up its doors, and its bolts, and its bars. [7]Next to them, Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, repaired the residence of the governor beyond the River. [8]Next to him, Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, made repairs. Next to him, Hananiah one of the perfumers made repairs, and they fortified Jerusalem even to the Broad Wall. [9]Next to them, Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. [10]Next to them, Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs[b] across from his house. Next to him, Hattush the son of Hashabneiah made repairs. [11]Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-Moab, repaired another portion, and the Tower of the Ovens. [12]Next to him, Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters, made repairs. [13]Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and one thousand seven hundred twenty-two feet six inches[c] of the wall to the Dung Gate. [14]Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth Haccherem repaired the Dung Gate. He built it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars. [15]Shallum[d] the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah repaired the Fountain Gate. He built it, and covered it, and set up its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and

[a]3:1 The waw “and” was apparently lost from haplography
[b]3:10 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Vg. MT adds “and”
[c]3:13 Or, 525 meters, using the Royal cubit of 52.5 centimeters, or 20.67 inches. Lit. one thousand cubits
[d]3:15 Hebrew Mss Syr. MT reads “Shallun”

the wall of the Pool of Shiloah[a] by the king's garden, even to the stairs that go down from the City of David. 16After him, Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth Zur, made repairs to the place opposite the tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty men. 17After him, the Levites made repairs: Rehum the son of Bani, and[b] next to him, Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, made repairs for his district.

18After him, their brothers, Binnui[c] the son of Henadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah made repairs. 19Next to him, Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another portion, across from the ascent to the armory at the turning of the wall. 20After him, Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning of the wall to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21After him, Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz repaired another portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. 22After him, the priests, the men of the Plain made repairs. 23After them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs across from their house. After them, Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah made repairs beside his own house. 24After him, Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another portion, from the house of Azariah to the turning of the wall, and to the corner. 25Palal the son of Uzai made repairs opposite the turning of the wall, and the tower that stands out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. And after him Pedaiah the son of Parosh made repairs. 26(Now the Nethinim lived in Ophel, to the place over against the Water Gate toward the east, and the tower that stands out.) 27After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that stands out, and to the wall of Ophel. 28Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, everyone across from his own house. 29After them, Zadok the son of Immer made repairs across from his own house. After him, Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate made repairs. 30After him,[d] Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another portion. After him, Meshullam the son of Berechiah made repairs across from his room. 31After him, Malchijah one of the goldsmiths to the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, made repairs over against the Miphkad Gate, and to the ascent of the corner. 32Between the ascent of the corner and the Sheep Gate, the

[a] 3:15 Vocalization according to Isaiah 8:6 MT (LXX: "Siloam") MT vocalizes as "Shelah"
[b] 3:17 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss
[c] 3:18 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "Bavvai," an apparent nun-waw confusion. Cf. v.24, 10:9
[d] 3:30 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT Kethib reads "after me"

goldsmiths and the merchants made repairs.

4 But it happened that when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. [2]And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these[a] feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, which are burned?"
[3]Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, "What they are building, if a fox climbed up it, he would break down their stone wall."

[4]"Hear, our God; for we are despised; and turn back their insults on their own head, give them up for a spoil in a land of captivity; [5]do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before you; for they have insulted the builders."

[6]So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together to half its height: for the people had a mind to work. [7]But it happened that when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the breaches began to be filled, then they were very angry; [8]and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion in it. [9]But we made our prayer to our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. [10]Judah said, "The strength of the bearers of burdens is fading, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall." [11]Our adversaries said, "They shall not know, neither see, until we come into their midst, and kill them, and cause the work to cease."

[12]It happened that when the Jews who lived by them came, they said to us ten times from all places, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us." [13]Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. [14]I looked, and rose up, and said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." [15]It happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and God had brought their counsel to nothing, that we returned all of us to the wall, everyone to his work.

[a]4:2 (3:34) LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "these" from haplography: h'-h'

16It happened from that time
forth that half of my servants would
do the work and half of them held[a]
the spears, and[b] the shields, and the
bows, and the body armor; and the
rulers stood behind the whole
house of Judah 17who were
building the wall. And those who
carried loads held their load with
one hand and with the other held a
weapon; 18and the builders,
everyone wore his sword at his
side, and so built. He who sounded
the trumpet was by me. 19I said to
the nobles, and to the rulers and to
the rest of the people, "The work is
great and large, and we are
separated on the wall, one far from
another. 20Wherever you hear the
sound of the trumpet, rally there to
us.[c] Our God will fight for us."

21So we worked in the work:
and half of them held the spears
from the rising of the morning until
the stars appeared. 22Likewise at
the same time said I to the people,
"Let everyone with his servant
lodge within Jerusalem, that in the
night they may be a guard to us, and
may labor in the day." 23So neither
I, nor my brothers, nor my servants,
nor the men of the guard who
followed me, none of us took off
our clothes. Everyone took his
weapon to the water.

5 Then there arose a great
cry of the people and of
their wives against their
brothers the Jews. 2For there were
that said, "We, our sons and our
daughters, are many. Let us get
grain, that we may eat and live."
3Some also there were that said,
"We are mortgaging our fields, and
our vineyards, and our houses. Let
us get grain, because of the
famine." 4There were also some
who said, "We have borrowed
money for the king's tribute using
our fields and our vineyards as
collateral. 5Yet now our flesh is as
the flesh of our brothers, our
children as their children. Look, we
bring into bondage our sons and our
daughters to be servants, and some
of our daughters have been brought
into bondage. Neither is it in our
power to help it; for other men have
our fields and our vineyards."

6I was very angry when I
heard their cry and these words.
7Then I consulted with myself, and
contended with the nobles and the
rulers, and said to them, "You exact
usury, everyone of his brother." I
held a great assembly against them.
8I said to them, "We, after our
ability, have redeemed our brothers
the Jews that were sold to the
nations; and would you even sell
your brothers, and should they be
sold to us?" Then they held their
peace, and found never a word.
9Also I said, "The thing that you do
is not good. Ought you not to walk
in the fear of our God, to prevent
the taunts of the nations our

[a]4:16 (4:10) Hebrew Mss Syr. MT adds "and"
[b]4:16 (4:10) Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks "and"
[c]4:20 (4:14) LXX Syr cf. BHS add "and"

enemies? 10I likewise, my brothers
and my servants, lend them money
and grain. Please let us stop this
usury. 11Please restore to them,
even this day, their fields, their
vineyards, their olive groves, and
their houses, also the hundredth
part of the money, and of the grain,
the new wine, and the oil, that you
are charging them."

12Then they said, "We will
restore them, and will require
nothing of them; so will we do,
even as you say."

Then I called the priests, and
took an oath of them, that they
would do according to this promise.
13Also I shook out my lap, and said,
"So may God shake out every man
from his house, and from his labor,
that doesn't perform this promise;
even thus be he shaken out, and
emptied."

All the assembly said,
"Amen," and praised YHWH. The
people did according to this
promise.
14Moreover from the time that I was
appointed to be their governor in
the land of Judah, from the
twentieth year even to the two and
thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the
king, that is, twelve years, I and my
brothers have not eaten the bread of
the governor. 15But the former
governors who were before me
were supported by the people, and
took bread and wine from them,
besides forty shekels of silver; yes,
even their servants ruled over the
people: but I did not do so, because
of the fear of God. 16Yes, also I
continued in the work of this wall,
neither bought we any land: and all
my servants were gathered there to
the work. 17Moreover there were at
my table, of the Jews and the rulers,
one hundred fifty men, besides
those who came to us from among
the nations that were around us.
18Now that which was prepared for
one day was one ox and six choice
sheep; also fowls were prepared for
me, and once in ten days store of all
sorts of wine: yet for all this I did
not demand the bread of the
governor, because the bondage was
heavy on this people. 19Remember
to me, my God, for good, all that I
have done for this people.

6 Now it happened, when
it was reported to
Sanballat and Tobiah,
and to Geshem the Arabian, and to
the rest of our enemies, that I had
built the wall, and that there was no
breach left in it; (though even to
that time I had not set up the doors
in the gates;) 2that Sanballat and
Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come,
let us meet together at Ha-
Kephirim in the plain of Ono." But
they intended to harm me.

3I sent messengers to them,
saying, "I am doing a great work,
so that I can't come down. Why
should the work cease, while I
leave it, and come down to you?"
4They sent to me four times after
this sort; and I answered them the
same way. 5Then Sanballat sent his
servant to me the same way the
fifth time with an open letter in his
hand, 6in which was written, "It is
reported among the nations, and

Gashmu says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel. Because of that, you are building the wall. You would be their king, according to these words. 7You have also appointed prophets to preach of you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah.' Now it will be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together."

8Then I sent to him, saying, "There are no such things done as you say, but you imagine them out of your own heart." 9For they all would have made us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened from the work, that it not be done. But now, strengthen my hands."

10I went to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home; and he said, "Let us meet together in God's house, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to kill you; yes, in the night will they come to kill you."

11I said, "Should such a man as I flee? Who is there that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." 12I discerned, and look, God had not sent him; but he pronounced this prophecy against me. Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13He hired so that I would be afraid, do so, and sin, and that they might have material for an unfavorable report, that they might taunt me. 14"Remember, my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear."

15So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the surrounding nations saw it, that they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work was done by our God. 17Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them. 18For there were many in Judah sworn to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah as wife. 19Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

7 Now it happened, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2that I put my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the commander of the fortress, in charge of Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot; and while they stand guard, let them shut the doors, and you bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, everyone in his watch, with everyone near his house."

4Now the city was wide and large;
but the people were few in it, and
the houses were not built. 5My God
put into my heart to gather together
the nobles, and the rulers, and the
people, that they might be reckoned
by genealogy. I found the book of
the genealogy of those who came
up at the first, and I found written
in it: 6These are the people of the
province, who went up out of the
captivity of those who had been
carried away, whom
Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon had carried away, and who
returned to Jerusalem and to Judah,
everyone to his city; 7who came
with Zerubbabel, Jeshua,
Nehemiah, Seraiah,[a] Reelaiah,[b]
Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan,
Mispar,[c] Bigvai, Rehum,[d] Baanah.
The number of the men of the
people of Israel: 8The descendants
of Parosh, two thousand one
hundred seventy-two. 9The
descendants of Shephatiah, three
hundred seventy-two. 10The
descendants of Arah, six hundred
fifty-two. 11The descendants of
Pahath-Moab, of the descendants
of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand
eight hundred eighteen. 12The
descendants of Elam, one thousand
two hundred fifty-four. 13The
descendants of Zattu, eight hundred
forty-five. 14The descendants of
Zaccai, seven hundred sixty. 15The
descendants of Bani,[e] six hundred
forty-eight. 16The descendants of
Bebai, six hundred twenty-eight.
17The descendants of Azgad, two
thousand three hundred twenty-
two. 18The descendants of
Adonikam, six hundred sixty-
seven. 19The descendants of
Bigvai, two thousand sixty-seven.
20The descendants of Adin, six
hundred fifty-five. 21The
descendants of Ater, of Hezekiah,
ninety-eight. 22The descendants of
Hashum, three hundred Twenty-
eight. 23The descendants of Bezai,
three hundred twenty-four. 24The
descendants of Hariph,[f] one
hundred twelve. 25The descendants
of Gibbar,[g] ninety-five. 26The men
of Bethlehem and Netophah, one
hundred eighty-eight. 27The men of
Anathoth, one hundred twenty-
eight. 28The men of Beth
Azmaveth, forty-two. 29The men of
Kiriath Jearim, Kephirah, and
Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three.
30The men of Ramah and Geba, six
hundred twenty-one. 31The men of
Michmas, one hundred and twenty-
two. 32The men of Bethel and Ai, a
hundred twenty-three. 33The men
of the other Nebo, fifty-two. 34The
descendants of the other Elam, one
thousand two hundred fifty-four.
35The descendants of Harim, three
hundred twenty. 36The descendants
of Jericho, three hundred forty-five.

[a]7:7 Ezra 2:2 parallel. MT reads "Azariah"
[b]7:7 Ezra 2:2 parallel. MT reads "Raamiah"
[c]7:7 Ezra 2:2 parallel. MT reads "Mispereth"
[d]7:7 Ezra 2:2 parallel. MT reads "Nehum"
[e]7:15 Ezra 2:10 parallel. MT reads "Binnui"
[f]7:24 Cf. 10:19
[g]7:25 Ezra 2:20 parallel. MT reads "Gibeon"

37 The descendants of Lod, Hadid,
and Ono, seven hundred twenty-
one. 38 The descendants of Senaah,
three thousand nine hundred thirty.
39 The priests: The descendants of
Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua,
nine hundred seventy-three. 40 The
descendants of Immer, one
thousand fifty-two. 41 The
descendants of Pashhur, one
thousand two hundred forty-seven.
42 The descendants of Harim, one
thousand seventeen. 43 The Levites:
the descendants of Jeshua, of
Kadmiel, of the descendants of
Hodaviah,[a] seventy-four. 44 The
singers: the descendants of Asaph,
one hundred forty-eight. 45 The
gatekeepers: the descendants of
Shallum, the descendants of Ater,
the descendants of Talmon, the
descendants of Akkub, the
descendants of Hatita, the
descendants of Shobai, one
hundred thirty-eight. 46 The
Nethinim: the descendants of Ziha,
the descendants of Hasupha, the
descendants of Tabbaoth, 47 the
descendants of Keros, the
descendants of Siaha,[b] the
descendants of Padon, 48 the
descendants of Lebana, the
descendants of Hagaba, the
descendants of Salmai, 49 the
descendants of Hanan, the
descendants of Giddel, the
descendants of Gahar, 50 the
descendants of Reaiah, the
descendants of Rezin, the
descendants of Nekoda, 51 the
descendants of Gazzam, the
descendants of Uzza, the
descendants of Paseah. 52 The
descendants of Besai, the
descendants of Meunim, the
descendants of Nephusim,[c] 53 the
descendants of Bakbuk, the
descendants of Hakupha, the
descendants of Harhur, 54 the
descendants of Bazluth,[d] the
descendants of Mehida, the
descendants of Harsha, 55 the
descendants of Barkos, the
descendants of Sisera, the
descendants of Temah, 56 the
descendants of Neziah, the
descendants of Hatipha. 57 The
descendants of Solomon's
servants: the descendants of Sotai,
the descendants of Hassophereth,[e]
the descendants of Peruda,[f] 58 the
descendants of Jaalah,[g] the
descendants of Darkon, the
descendants of Giddel, 59 the
descendants of Shephatiah, the
descendants of Hattil, the
descendants of Pokereth
Hazzebaim, the descendants of
Amon. 60 All the Nethinim, and the
descendants of Solomon's
servants, were three hundred
ninety-two. 61 These were those

[a] 7:43 Ezra 2:40 parallel. MT reads "Hodevah"
[b] 7:47 Ezra 2:44 parallel. MT reads "Sia"
[c] 7:52 Ezra 2:50 parallel. MT reads "Nephushesim"
[d] 7:54 Ezra 2:52 parallel. MT reads "Bazlith"
[e] 7:57 LXX Mss and Ezra 2:55 parallel. MT reads "Sophereth"
[f] 7:57 Ezra 2:55 parallel. MT reads "perida"
[g] 7:58 Ezra 2:56 paralel. MT reads "Jaala"

who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan,[a] and Immer; but they could not prove their ancestral houses, nor their descent, whether they were of Israel: 62The descendants of Delaiah, the descendants of Tobiah, the descendants of Nekoda, six hundred forty-two. 63Of the priests: the descendants of Hobaiah, the descendants of Hakkoz, the descendants of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 64These searched for their genealogical records, but couldn't find them. Therefore were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 65The governor said to them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, until there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim. 66The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, 67besides their male servants and their female servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two hundred forty-five singing men and singing women. 68Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 69their camels, four hundred thirty-five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred twenty. 70Some from among the heads of ancestral houses gave to the work. The governor gave to the treasury one thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, and five hundred thirty priests' garments. 71Some of the heads of ancestral houses gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred minas of silver. 72That which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand minas of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments. 73So the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, lived in their cities. When the seventh month had come, the children of Israel were in their cities.

8 All the people gathered themselves together as one man into the square that was before the Water Gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the scroll of the law of Moses, which YHWH had commanded to Israel. 2Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. 3And he read it before the square that was before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the scroll of the law. 4Ezra the scribe stood on a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah,

[a]7:61 Ezra 2:59 parallel. MT reads "Addon"

and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam. 5Ezra opened the scroll in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: 6and Ezra blessed YHWH, the great God. All the people answered, "Amen, Amen," with the lifting up of their hands. They bowed their heads, and worshiped YHWH with their faces to the ground. 7Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah,[a] the Levites, explained the law to the people, and the people stayed in their place. 8They read in the scroll, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading. 9Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said to all the people, "This day is holy to YHWH your God. Do not mourn, nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved; for the joy of YHWH is your strength."

11So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be grieved."

12All the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared to them. 13On the second day were gathered together the heads of ancestral houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, to Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the law. 14They found written in the law, how that YHWH had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; 15and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and get olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16So the people went out, and brought them, and made themselves booths, everyone on the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of God's house, and in the broad place of the Water Gate, and in the broad place of the Ephraim Gate. 17All the assembly of those who had come again out of the captivity made booths, and lived in the booths; for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the children of Israel had not done so. There was

[a]8:7 Vg. MT adds "and"

very great gladness. 18Also day by day, from the first day to the last day, he read in the scroll of the law of God. They kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance.

9 Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth on them. 2The descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. 3They stood up in their place, and read in the scroll of the law of YHWH their God a fourth part of the day; and a fourth part they confessed, and worshiped YHWH their God. 4Then Jeshua, and Binnui,[a] Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani of the Levites stood up on the stairs, and cried with a loud voice to YHWH their God. 5Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless YHWH your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6You are YHWH, even you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their army, the earth and all things that are on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all. The army of heaven worships you. 7You are YHWH, the God who chose Abram, and brought him out of Ur Kasdim, and gave him the name of Abraham, 8and found his heart faithful before you, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hethite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give it to his descendants, and have performed your words; for you are righteous.

9"You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red Sea, 10and showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, and against all his servants, and against all the people of his land; for you knew that they dealt proudly against them, and made a name for yourself, as it is this day. 11You divided the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and you cast their pursuers into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12Moreover, in a pillar of cloud you led them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way in which they should go.

13"You came down also on Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, 14and made known to them your holy Sabbath, and commanded them commandments, and statutes, and a

[a]9:4 10:10. MT reads Bani

law, by Moses your servant, 15and
gave them bread from the sky for
their hunger, and brought forth
water for them out of the rock for
their thirst, and commanded them
that they should go in to possess the
land which you had sworn to give
them.

16"But they and our fathers
dealt proudly and hardened their
neck, did not listen to your
commandments, 17and refused to
obey, neither were they mindful of
your wonders that you did among
them, but hardened their neck, and
appointed a leader to return to their
slavery in Egypt.[a] But you are a
God ready to pardon, gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and
abundant in loving kindness, and
did not forsake them. 18Yes, when
they had made them a molten calf,
and said, 'This is your God who
brought you up out of Egypt,' and
had committed awful blasphemies;
19yet you in your manifold mercies
did not forsake them in the
wilderness: the pillar of cloud did
not depart from over them by day,
to lead them in the way; neither the
pillar of fire by night, to show them
light, and the way in which they
should go. 20You gave also your
good Spirit to instruct them, and
did not withhold your manna from
their mouth, and gave them water
for their thirst.

21"Yes, forty years you
sustained them in the wilderness.
They lacked nothing. Their clothes
did not grow old, and their feet did
not swell. 22Moreover you gave
them kingdoms and peoples, which
you allotted according to their
portions. So they possessed the
land of Sihon[b] king of Heshbon,
and the land of Og king of Bashan.
23You also multiplied their children
as the stars of the sky, and brought
them into the land concerning
which you said to their fathers, that
they should go in to possess it.

24"So the children went in
and possessed the land, and you
subdued before them the
inhabitants of the land, the
Canaanites, and gave them into
their hands, with their kings, and
the peoples of the land, that they
might do with them as they pleased.
25They took fortified cities, and a
rich land, and possessed houses full
of all good things, cisterns dug out,
vineyards, and olive groves, and
fruit trees in abundance. So they
ate, were filled and became fat, and
delighted themselves in your great
goodness.

26"Nevertheless they were
disobedient, and rebelled against
you, and cast your law behind their
back, and killed your prophets that
testified against them to turn them
again to you, and they committed
awful blasphemies. 27Therefore
you delivered them into the hand of
their adversaries, who distressed
them. In the time of their trouble,

[a]9:17 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "in their rebellion"

[b]9:22 Hebrew Ms LXX Vg. MT adds "the land of the"

when they cried to you, you heard from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them saviors who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28But after they had rest, they did evil again before you; therefore left you them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them; yet when they returned, and cried to you, you heard from heaven; and many times you delivered them according to your mercies, 29and testified against them, that you might bring them again to your law. Yet they dealt proudly, and did not listen to your commandments, but sinned against your ordinances, (which if a man does, he shall live in them), turned their backs, stiffened their neck, and would not hear. 30Yet many years you put up with them, and testified against them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet would they not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

31"Nevertheless in your manifold mercies you did not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for you are a gracious and merciful God. 32Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness, do not let all the travail seem little before you, that has come on us, on our kings, on our leaders, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day. 33However you are just in all that has come on us; for you have dealt truly, but we have done wickedly; 34neither have our kings, our leaders, our priests, nor our fathers, kept your law, nor listened to your commandments and your testimonies with which you testified against them. 35For they have not served you in their kingdom, and in your great goodness that you gave them, and in the large and rich land which you gave before them, neither did they turn from their wicked works.

36"Look, we are servants this day, and as for the land that you gave to our fathers to eat its fruit and its good, look, we are servants in it. 37It yields much increase to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our livestock, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. 38Yet for all this, we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our leaders, our Levites, and our priests, seal it."

10 Now those who sealed were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, 2Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests. 9The Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10and their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 11Mica,

Rehob, Hashabiah, [12]Zakkur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, [13]Hodiah, Bani, Beninu. [14]The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, [15]Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, [16]Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, [17]Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, [18]Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai, [19]Hariph, Anathoth, Nobai, [20]Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, [21]Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, [22]Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, [23]Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, [24]Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, [25]Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, [26]and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, [27]Malluch, Harim, Baanah. [28]The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, everyone who had knowledge, and understanding— [29]they joined with their brothers, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of YHWH,[a] and his ordinances and his statutes; [30]and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; [31]and if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt. [32]Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God; [33]for the show bread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. [34]We cast lots, the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of YHWH our God, as it is written in the law; [35]and to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruits of all fruit of all kinds of trees, year by year, to the house of YHWH; [36]also the firstborn of our sons, and of our livestock, as it is written in the law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; [37]and that we should bring the first fruits of our coarse meal, our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the new wine and the oil to the priests to the storerooms of the house of our God; and the tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites take the tithes in all the cities where we work. [38]The priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the

[a]10:29 Hebrew Ms LXX. MT adds "our Lord"

rooms, into the treasure house.
39For the children of Israel and the
descendants of Levi shall bring the
wave offering of the grain, of the
new wine, and of the oil, to the
rooms, where are the vessels of the
sanctuary, and the priests who
minister, and the gatekeepers, and
the singers. We will not forsake the
house of our God.

11 And the princes of the people lived in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the other cities.
2The people blessed all the men
who willingly offered themselves
to dwell in Jerusalem. 3Now these
are the chiefs of the province who
lived in Jerusalem; but in the cities
of Judah everyone lived in his
possession in their cities: Israel, the
priests, and the Levites, and the
Nethinim, and the descendants of
Solomon's servants. 4In Jerusalem
lived certain of the people of Judah,
and of the people of Benjamin. Of
the people of Judah: Athaiah the
son of Uzziah, the son of
Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the
son of Shephatiah, the son of
Mahalalel, of the descendants of
Perez; 5and Maaseiah the son of
Baruch, the son of Colhozeh, the
son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah,
the son of Joiarib, the son of
Zechariah, the son of a Shelanite.[a]
6All the sons of Perez who lived in
Jerusalem were four hundred sixty-
eight valiant men. 7These are the
sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of
Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son
of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the
son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel,
the son of Jeshaiah. 8After him
Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred
twenty-eight. 9Joel the son of Zikri
was their overseer; and Judah the
son of Hassenuah was second over
the city. 10Of the priests: Jedaiah
the son of Joiarib, Jakin, 11Azariah[b]
the son of Hilkiah, the son of
Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the
son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub,
the ruler of God's house, 12and their
brothers who did the work of the
house, eight hundred twenty-two;
and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the
son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi,
the son of Zechariah, the son of
Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,
13and his brothers, chiefs of
ancestral houses, two hundred
forty-two; and Amashsai the son of
Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of
Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,
14and his[c] brothers, mighty men of
valor, one hundred twenty-eight;
and their overseer was Zabdiel, the
son of Haggedolim. 15Of the
Levites: Shemaiah the son of
Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the
son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;
16and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of
the chiefs of the Levites, who had
the oversight of the outward
business of God's house; 17and
Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son

[a]11:5 Cf Numbers 26:20; 1Chronicles 4:21, 9:5. MT reads "Shilonite"

[b]11:11 1Chronicles 9:11. MT reads "Seraiah," where ayin zayin was confused with the letter sin

[c]11:14 LXX. MT reads "their"

of Zikri,[a] the son of Asaph, the praise[b] leader who led in thanksgiving and prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brothers; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. 18All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred eighty-four. 19Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, who kept watch at the gates, were one hundred seventy-two. 20The residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. 21But the temple servants lived on Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were in charge of the temple servants. 22The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the business of God's house. 23For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a settled provision for the singers, as every day required. 24Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the descendants of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. 25As for the villages, with their fields, some of the people of Judah lived in Kiriath Arba and its towns, and in Dibon and its towns, and in Jekabzeel and its villages, 26and in Jeshua, and in Moladah, and Beth Pelet, 27and in Hazar Shual, and in Beersheba and its towns, 28and in Ziklag, and in Meconah and in its towns, 29and in En Rimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth, 30Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields, Azekah and its towns. So they camped from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom. 31And some[c] of the people of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aiah, and at Bethel and its towns, 32at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, 33Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 34Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 35Lod, and Ono, Ge-harashim. 36Of the Levites, certain divisions in Judah settled in Benjamin's territory.

12 Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 3Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, 4Iddo, Ginnethon,[d] Abijah, 5Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 6Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah. 7Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jeshua. 8Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

[a]11:17 LXX(L) 1 Chronicles 9:15. MT reads "Zabdi," a kaph-beth and resh-dalet confusion

[b]11:17 LXX Mss Vg = hattehilliah "the praise." MT reads hattechilliah "the beginning," a hey-chet confusion in a square script

[c]11:31 Hebrew Mss Syr cf. v.25. MT lacks the mem: "some (of the children)"

[d]12:4 Hebrew Mss Vg v.16. MT reads "Ginnethoi"

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni,[a] their
brothers, were over against them
according to their offices. 10 Jeshua
became the father of Joiakim, and
Joiakim became the father of
Eliashib, and Eliashib became the
father of Joiada, 11 and Joiada
became the father of Jonathan, and
Jonathan became the father of
Jaddua. 12 In the days of Joiakim
were priests, heads of ancestral
houses: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of
Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13 of Ezra,
Meshullam; of Amariah,
Jehohanan; 14 of Malluch,[b]
Jonathan; of Shecaniah,[c] Joseph;
15 of Harim, Adna; of Meremoth,[d]
Helkai; 16 of Iddo,[e] Zechariah; of
Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 of
Abijah, Zikri; of Minjamin, of
Moadiah, Piltai; 18 of Bilgah,
Shammua; of Shemaiah,
Jehonathan; 19 and of Joiarib,
Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 20 of
Sallu,[f] Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 of
Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah,
Nethanel. 22 As for the Levites, in
the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and
Johanan, and Jaddua, there were
recorded the heads of ancestral
houses; also the priests, in the reign
of Daryavesh[g] the Persian. 23 The
sons of Levi, heads of ancestral
houses, were written in the scroll of
the chronicles, even until the days
of Johanan the son of Eliashib.
24 The chiefs of the Levites:
Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua
the son of Kadmiel, with their
brothers over against them, to
praise and give thanks, according to
the commandment of David the
man of God, watch next to watch.
25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah,
Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon,
Akkub, were gatekeepers keeping
the watch at the storehouses of the
gates. 26 These were in the days of
Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son
of Jozadak, and in the days of
Nehemiah the governor, and of
Ezra the priest the scribe. 27 At the
dedication of the wall of Jerusalem
they sought the Levites out of all
their places, to bring them to
Jerusalem, to keep the dedication
with gladness, both with giving
thanks, and with singing, with
cymbals, stringed instruments, and
with harps. 28 The sons of the
singers gathered themselves
together, both out of the plain
around Jerusalem, and from the
villages of the Netophathites; 29 also
from Beth Gilgal, and out of the
fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for
the singers had built them villages
around Jerusalem. 30 The priests and
the Levites purified themselves;
and they purified the people, and

[a] 12:9 MT Qere Hebrew Mss Vg. MT reads "Unno," a yod-waw confusion
[b] 12:14 LXX and v.2. MT reads "Malluchi," a possible dittography of the following yod
[c] 12:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "Shebaniah." Cf. Nehemiah 12:3
[d] 12:15 LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "Meraioth"
[e] 12:16 MT Qere Syr. MT reads "Adaia"
[f] 12:20 v.7. MT reads Sallai, a yod-waw confusion
[g] 12:22 Old Persian vocalizes as Darayavush. MT scribal vocalization: Daryavesh. Latinized as Darius. He ruled Persia ca. 521-486 BC

the gates, and the wall. 31Then I brought up the leaders of Judah onto the wall, and appointed two great companies who gave thanks and went in procession. One went on the right hand on the wall toward the Dung Gate; 32and after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the leaders of Judah, 33and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, 35and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zakkur, the son of Asaph; 36and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them. 37By the Fountain Gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the City of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even to the Water Gate eastward. 38The other company of those who gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, on the wall, above the Tower of the Ovens, to the Broad Wall, 39and above the Ephraim Gate, and by the Jeshanah Gate, and by the Fish Gate, and the Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred, and as far as the Sheep Gate. And they stood still in the Gate of the Guard. 40So stood the two companies of those who gave thanks in God's house, and I, and the half of the rulers with me; 41and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. 43They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off. 44On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, for the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from[a] the fields of the cities the portions appointed by the law for the priests and Levites, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. 45They performed the duty of their God, and the duty of the purification, and so did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. 46For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors[b] of the singers and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. 47All Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, as every day required: and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

[a]12:44 Cf. LXX Mss and BHS. MT reads "to the fields"

[b]12:46 MT Qere Hebrew Mss Vg. MT reads "director"

13 On that day they read in the scroll of Moses in the audience of the people; and in it was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of God forever, 2because they did not meet the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: however our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3It came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. 4Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the rooms of the house of our God, being allied to Tobiah, 5had prepared for him a great room, where before they laid the meal offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers; and the wave offerings for the priests. 6But in all this, I was not at Jerusalem; for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king: and after certain days asked I leave of the king, 7and I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a room in the courts of God's house. 8It grieved me severely: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the room. 9Then I commanded, and they cleansed the rooms: and there brought I again the vessels of God's house, with the meal offerings and the frankincense. 10I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled everyone to his field. 11Then I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is God's house forsaken?" I gathered them together, and set them in their place. 12Then brought all Judah the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the treasuries. 13And I commanded[a] Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites be in charge of the storerooms. And next to them was Hanan the son of Zakkur, the son of Mattaniah, for they were considered trustworthy, and their responsibility was the distribution to their brothers. 14Remember me, my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its observances. 15In those days I saw in Judah some men treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day in which they sold food. 16There lived men of Tyre also in it, who brought in fish, and all kinds of wares, and sold on the Sabbath to the people of

[a]13:13 LXX Mss Syr Vg, reading And I commanded." MT reads "and I appointed over the storeroom"

Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is this that you do, and profane the Sabbath day? 18Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us, and on this city? Yet you bring more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

19It came to pass that, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. I set some of my servants over the gates, that no burden should be brought in on the Sabbath day. 20So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside of Jerusalem once or twice. 21Then I testified against them, and said to them, "Why do you stay around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on, they did not come on the Sabbath. 22I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember to me, my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of your loving kindness. 23In those days also saw I the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: 24and their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Judean language, but according to the language of each people. 25I contended with them, and cursed them, and struck certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. 26Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless foreign women caused even him to sin. 27Shall we then listen to you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying foreign women?"
28One of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. 29Remember them, my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priests,[a] and of the Levites. 30Thus I cleansed them from all foreigners, and appointed duties for the priests and for the Levites, everyone in his work; 31and for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the first fruits. Remember me, my God, for good.

Esther

1 Now it happened in the days of Achashyerosh[b] (this is Achashyerosh

[a]13:29 Hebrew Ms LXX Mss Syr. MT reads sg

[b]1:1 Syriac consonantal text reflects the Old Persian, the latter vocalized as

who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over one hundred twenty-seven provinces), [2]that in those days, when the King Achashyerosh sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace, [3]in the third year of his reign, he made a feast for all his officials and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him. [4]He displayed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even one hundred eighty days. [5]When these days were fulfilled, the king made a seven day feast for all the people who were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. [6]There were hangings of white, green, and blue material, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and marble pillars. The couches were of gold and silver, on a pavement of red, white, yellow, and black marble. [7]They gave them drinks in golden vessels of various kinds, including royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. [8]In accordance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had instructed all the officials of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. [9]Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to King Achashyerosh.

[10]On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcass, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of Achashyerosh the king, [11]to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, to show the people and the officials her beauty; for she was beautiful. [12]But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by the eunuchs. Therefore the king was very angry, and his anger burned in him. [13]Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times, (for it was the king's custom to consult those who knew law and judgment; [14]and the next to him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven officials of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom), [15]"What shall we do to the queen Vashti according to law, because she has not done the bidding of the King Achashyerosh by the eunuchs?"

[16]Memucan answered before the king and the officials, "Vashti the queen has not done wrong to just the king, but also to all the officials, and to all the people who are in all the provinces of the King Achashyerosh. [17]For this deed of the queen will become known to all women, causing them to show

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Achshayarsh. MT reads "Achashverosh," a yod-waw confusion. Latinized as Ahasuerus (Vulgate: Asueri, Asuerus). Known in Greek as Xerxes I, who reigned ca. 486-465 BC

contempt for their husbands, when it is reported, 'King Achashyerosh commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she did not come.' [18]Today, the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's deed will tell all the king's officials. This will cause much contempt and wrath. [19]If it please the king, let a royal commandment go from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it cannot be altered, that Vashti may never again come before King Achashyerosh; and let the king give her royal estate to another who is better than she. [20]When the king's decree which he shall make is published throughout all his kingdom (for it is great), all the wives will give their husbands honor, both great and small."

[21]And this advice pleased the king and the officials, and the king did according to the word of Memucan: [22]for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to its writing, and to every people in their language, that every man should rule his own house, speaking in the language of his own people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of King Achashyerosh was pacified, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. [2]Then the king's servants who served him said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. [3]Let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the beautiful young virgins to the citadel of Shushan, to the women's house, to the custody of Hegai the king's eunuch, keeper of the women. Let cosmetics be given them; [4]and let the maiden who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." The thing pleased the king, and he did so.

[5]There was a certain Jew in the citadel of Shushan, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, [6]who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives who had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. [7]He brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother. The maiden was fair and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter. [8]So it happened, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together to the citadel of Shushan, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken into the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. [9]The maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness from him. He quickly gave her cosmetics and her portions of food, and the seven choice maidens who were to be given her out of the king's house. He moved her and her maidens to the best place in the women's house. [10]Esther had not made known her people nor her

relatives, because Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make it known. 11Mordecai walked every day in front of the court of the women's house, to find out how Esther did, and what would become of her.

12Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Achashyerosh after her purification for twelve months (for so were the days of their purification accomplished, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet fragrances and with preparations for beautifying women). 13The young woman then came to the king like this: whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the women's house to the king's house. 14In the evening she went, and on the next day she returned into the second women's house, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch, who kept the secondary wives. She came in to the king no more, unless the king delighted in her, and she was called by name. 15Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, came to go in to the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's eunuch, the keeper of the women, advised. Esther obtained favor in the sight of all those who looked at her. 16So Esther was taken to King Achashyerosh into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she obtained favor and kindness in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown on her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18Then the king made a great feast for all his officials and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces, and gave gifts according to the king's bounty.

19When the virgins were gathered together the second time, Mordecai was sitting in the King's Gate. 20Esther had not yet made known her relatives nor her people, as Mordecai had commanded her; for Esther obeyed Mordecai, like she did when she was brought up by him. 21In those days, while Mordecai was sitting in the King's Gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, who were doorkeepers, were angry, and sought to lay hands on the King Achashyerosh. 22This thing became known to Mordecai, who informed Esther the queen; and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's name. 23When this matter was investigated, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree; and it was written in the book of the chronicles in the king's presence.

3 After these things King Achashyerosh promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. 2All the king's servants who were in the King's Gate bowed down, and paid homage to Haman;

for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or pay him homage. [3]Then the king's servants, who were in the King's Gate, said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's commandment?" [4]Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily to him, and he did not listen to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. [5]When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down, nor pay him homage, Haman was full of wrath. [6]But he scorned the thought of laying hands on Mordecai alone, for they had made known to him Mordecai's people. Therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Achashyerosh, even Mordecai's people.

[7]In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Achashyerosh, they cast Pur (that is, the lot) before Haman from day to day, and from month to month,[a] and chose the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. [8]Haman said to King Achashyerosh, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom, and their laws are different than other people's. They do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not for the king's profit to allow them to remain. [9]If it pleases the king, let it be written that they be destroyed; and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who are in charge of the king's business, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

[10]The king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. [11]The king said to Haman, "The silver is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you." [12]Then the king's scribes were called in on the first month, on the thirteenth day of the month; and all that Haman commanded was written to the king's satraps, and to the governors who were over every province, and to the officials of every people, to every province according its writing, and to every people in their language. It was written in the name of King Achashyerosh, and it was sealed with the king's ring. [13]Letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to plunder their possessions. [14]A copy of the letter, that the decree should be given out in every province, was published to all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. [15]The couriers went forth in haste by the

[a]3:7 LXX adds "to destroy in one day the race of Mordecai. And the lot fell on the fourteenth day of the month," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: lhds-lhds

king's commandment, and the decree was given out in the citadel of Shushan. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

4 Now when Mordecai found out all that was done, Mordecai tore his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and wailed loudly and a bitterly. [2]He came even before the King's Gate, for no one is allowed inside the King's Gate clothed with sackcloth. [3]In every province, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. [4]Esther's maidens and her eunuchs came and told her this, and the queen was exceedingly grieved. She sent clothing to Mordecai, to replace his sackcloth; but he did not receive it. [5]Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, whom he had appointed to attend her, and commanded him to go to Mordecai, to find out what this was, and why it was. [6]So Hathach went out to Mordecai, to city square which was before the King's Gate. [7]Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. [8]He also gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given out in Shushan to destroy them, to show it to Esther, and to declare it to her, and to urge her to go in to the king, to make petition to him, and to make request before him, for her people.

[9]Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. [10]Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a message to Mordecai: [11]"All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, know, that whoever, whether man or woman, comes to the king into the inner court without being called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death, except those to whom the king might hold out the golden scepter, that he may live. I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

[12]They told to Mordecai Esther's words. [13]Then Mordecai asked them return answer to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that you will escape in the king's house any more than all the Jews. [14]For if you remain silent now, then relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Who knows if you haven't come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

[15]Then Esther asked them to answer Mordecai, [16]"Go, gather together all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day. I and my maidens will also fast the same way. Then I will go in to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." [17]So Mordecai went his way, and

did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal clothing, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, next to the king's house. The king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, next to the entrance of the house. [2]When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther came near, and touched the top of the scepter. [3]Then the king asked her, "What would you like, queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you even to the half of the kingdom."

[4]Esther said, "If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

[5]Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that it may be done as Esther has said." So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

[6]The king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed."

[7]Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and my request is this. [8]If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I will prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said."

[9]Then Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart, but when Haman saw Mordecai in the King's Gate, that he did not stand up nor move for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. [10]Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and went home. There, he sent and called for his friends and Zeresh his wife. [11]Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, the multitude of his children, all the things in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king. [12]Haman also said, "Yes, Esther the queen let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow I am also invited by her together with the king. [13]Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the King's Gate."
[14]Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made seventy-three feet eight inches[a] high, and in the morning speak to the king about hanging

[a]5:14 Or, 22.5 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters. Lit. fifty cubits

Mordecai on it. Then go in merrily with the king to the banquet." This pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

6 On that night, the king couldn't sleep. He commanded the book of records of the chronicles to be brought, and they were read to the king. [2]It was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who were doorkeepers, who had tried to lay hands on the King Achashyerosh. [3]The king said, "What honor and dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?"

Then the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

[4]The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

[5]The king's servants said to him, "Look, Haman stands in the court."

The king said, "Let him come in." [6]So Haman came in. The king said to him, "What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?"

Now Haman said in his heart, "Who would the king delight to honor more than myself?" [7]Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, [8]let royal clothing be brought which the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides on, and on the head of which a crown royal is set. [9]And let the clothing and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble officials, and let him[a] clothe the man whom the king delights to honor with them, and have him ride on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him, 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.'"

[10]Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry and take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do this for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the King's Gate. Let nothing fail of all that you have spoken."

[11]Then Haman took the clothing and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and had him ride through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor."

[12]Mordecai came back to the King's Gate, but Haman hurried to his house, mourning and having his head covered. [13]Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to

[a]6:9 LXX. MT reads "they"

him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before him." [14]While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hurried to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. [2]The king said again to Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, "What is your petition, queen Esther? It shall be granted you. What is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed."

[3]Then Esther the queen answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. [4]For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondservants and bondmaids, I would have held my peace, although the adversary could not have compensated for the king's loss."

[5]Then King Achashyerosh said to Esther the queen, "Who is he, and where is he who dared presume in his heart to do so?"

[6]Esther said, "An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman."

Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. [7]The king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden. Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. [8]Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman had fallen on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he even assault the queen in front of me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.
[9]Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were with the king said, "Look, the gallows seventy-three feet eight inches[a] high, which Haman has made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, is standing at Haman's house."

The king said, "Hang him on it."

[10]So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

8 On that day, King Achashyerosh gave the house of Haman, the Jews' enemy, to Esther the queen.

[a]7:9 Or, 22.5 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters. Lit. fifty cubits

Mordecai came before the king; for
Esther had told what he was to her.
2The king took off his ring, which
he had taken from Haman, and
gave it to Mordecai. Esther set
Mordecai over the house of Haman.
3Esther spoke yet again before the
king, and fell down at his feet, and
begged him with tears to put away
the mischief of Haman the Agagite,
and his plot that he had devised
against the Jews. 4Then the king
held out to Esther the golden
scepter. So Esther arose, and stood
before the king. 5She said, "If it
pleases the king, and if I have found
favor in his sight, and the thing
seem right to the king, and I am
pleasing in his eyes, let it be written
to reverse the letters devised by
Haman, the son of Hammedatha the
Agagite, which he wrote to destroy
the Jews who are in all the king's
provinces. 6For how can I endure to
see the disaster that would come to
my people? How can I endure to
see the destruction of my
relatives?"

7Then King Achashyerosh
said to Esther the queen and to
Mordecai the Jew, "See, I have
given Esther the house of Haman,
and him they have hanged on the
gallows, because he laid his hand
on the Jews. 8Write also to the
Jews, as it pleases you, in the king's
name, and seal it with the king's
ring; for the writing which is
written in the king's name, and
sealed with the king's ring, may not
be reversed by any man."

9Then the king's scribes were
called at that time, in the third
month Sivan, on the twenty-third
day of the month; and it was written
according to all that Mordecai
commanded to the Jews, and to the
satraps, and the governors and
officials of the provinces which are
from India to Ethiopia, one hundred
twenty-seven provinces, to every
province according to its writing,
and to every people in their
language, and to the Jews in their
writing, and in their language. 10He
wrote in the name of King
Achashyerosh, and sealed it with
the king's ring, and sent letters by
courier on horseback, riding on
royal horses that were bread from
swift steeds. 11In those letters, the
king granted the Jews who were in
every city to gather themselves
together, and to defend their life, to
destroy, to kill, and to cause to
perish, all the power of the people
and province that would assault
them, their little ones and women,
and to plunder their possessions,
12on one day in all the provinces of
King Achashyerosh, on the
thirteenth day of the twelfth month,
which is the month Adar. 13A copy
of the letter, that the decree should
be given out in every province, was
published to all the peoples, that the
Jews should be ready for that day to
avenge themselves on their
enemies. 14So the couriers who
rode on royal horses went out,
hastened and pressed on by the
king's commandment. The decree
was given out in the citadel of
Shushan.

15Mordecai went out of the
presence of the king in royal
clothing of blue and white, and

with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad. 16The Jews had light, gladness, joy, and honor. 17In every province, and in every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness, joy, a feast, and a good day. Many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen on them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the month, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to conquer them, (but it was turned out the opposite happened, that the Jews conquered those who hated them), 2the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the King Achashyerosh, to lay hands on those who wanted to harm them. No one could withstand them, because the fear of them had fallen on all the people. 3And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and those who did the king's business helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them. 4For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai grew greater and greater. 5The Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and destruction, and did what they wanted to those who hated them. 6In the citadel of Shushan, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7They killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, 8Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, 9Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha, 10the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jew's enemy, but they did not lay their hand on the plunder. 11On that day, the number of those who were slain in the citadel of Shushan was brought before the king. 12The king said to Esther the queen, "The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in the citadel of Shushan, including the ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces. Now what is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your further request? It shall be done."

13Then Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

14The king commanded this to be done. A decree was given out in Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. 15The Jews who were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and killed three hundred men in Shushan; but they did not lay their hand on the spoil. 16The other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, defended their lives, had rest from their enemies, and killed

seventy-five thousand of those who hated them; but they did not lay their hand on the plunder. 17This was done on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of that month they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 18But the Jews who were in Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth and on the fourteenth days of the month; and on the fifteenth day of that month, they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 19Therefore the Jews of the villages, who live in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, a good day, and a day of sending presents of food to one another. 20Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Achashyerosh, both near and far, 21to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month Adar yearly, 22as the days in which the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending presents of food to one another, and gifts to the needy. 23The Jews accepted the custom that they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them; 24because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast "Pur," that is the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; 25but when this became known to the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. 26Therefore they called these days "Purim,[a]" from the word "Pur." Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and that which had come to them, 27the Jews established, and imposed on themselves, and on their descendants, and on all those who joined themselves to them, so that it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to what was written, and according to its appointed time, every year; 28and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memory of them perish among their descendants.

29Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30He sent letters to all the Jews, to the hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Achashyerosh, with words of peace

[a]9:26 Purim is the Hebrew plural for pur, which means lot

and truth, [31]to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had decreed, and as they had imposed upon themselves and their descendants, in the matter of the fastings and their cry. [32]The commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 King Achashyerosh laid a tribute on the land, and on the islands of the sea. [2]All the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, aren't they written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? [3]For Mordecai the Jew was next to King Achashyerosh, and great among the Jews, and accepted by the multitude of his brothers, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his descendants.

Job

1 There was a man in the land of Uz,[a] whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God, and turning away from evil. [2]There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. [3]His possessions also were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. [4]His sons went and held a feast in the house of each one on his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. [5]It was so, when the days of their feasting had run their course, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed[b] God in their hearts." Job did so continually.

[6]Now it happened on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before YHWH, that Satan also came among them. [7]YHWH said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Then Satan answered YHWH, and said, "From going back and forth on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

[8]YHWH said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant, Job? For there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright

[a]1:1 Located in Edom, along with Teman, in North Arabia. Cf. Lamentations 4:21

[b]1:5 Syr = קלל (Heb.). MT reads ברך "bless"

man, one who fears God, and turns
away from evil."
9Then Satan answered YHWH, and
said, "Does Job fear God for
nothing? 10Haven't you made a
hedge around him, and around his
household, and around all that he
has, on every side? You have
blessed the work of his hands, and
his livestock have increased in the
land. 11But put forth your hand
now, and strike all that he has, and
he will curse[a] you to your face."

12YHWH said to Satan,
"Look, all that he has is in your
power. Only do not put forth your
hand on him."

So Satan went forth from the
presence of YHWH. 13Now the day
came when his sons and his
daughters were eating and drinking
wine in their eldest brother's house,
14that there came a messenger to
Job, and said, "The oxen were
plowing, and the donkeys grazing
beside them, 15and Sheba attacked,
and took them away. Yes, they
have killed the servants with the
edge of the sword, and I alone have
escaped to tell you."

16While he was still speaking,
there also came another, and said,
"The fire of God has fallen from the
sky, and has burned up the sheep
and the young men, and consumed
them, and I alone have escaped to
tell you."

17While he was still speaking,
there came also another, and said,
"The Kasdim made three bands,
and swept down on the camels, and
have taken them away, and killed
the young men with the edge of the
sword; and I alone have escaped to
tell you."

18While he was still speaking,
there came also another, and said,
"Your sons and your daughters
were eating and drinking wine in
their eldest brother's house, 19and
look, there came a great wind from
the wilderness, and struck the four
corners of the house, and it fell on
the young people, and they are
dead. I alone have escaped to tell
you."

20Then Job arose, and tore his
robe, and shaved his head, and fell
down with his face to the ground.
21He said, "Naked I came out of my
mother's womb, and naked shall I
return there. YHWH gave, and
YHWH has taken away. Blessed be
the name of YHWH." 22In all this,
Job did not sin, nor charge God
with wrongdoing.

2 Again it happened on
the day when the sons
of God came to present
themselves before YHWH, that
Satan came also among them to
present himself before YHWH.
2YHWH said to Satan, "Where have
you come from?"

[a]1:11 Cf. v. 5 fn

Satan answered YHWH, and said, “From going back and forth on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.”

3 YHWH said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? For there is none like him in the earth, a blameless and an upright man, one who fears God, and turns away from evil. And he still holds firmly to his integrity, although you incited me against him, to ruin him without cause.”
4 Then Satan answered YHWH, and said, “Skin for skin. Indeed, all that a man has he will give for his life.
5 But put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse[a] you to your face.”

6 YHWH said to Satan, “Look, he is in your power. Only preserve his life.”
7 So Satan went forth from the presence of YHWH, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. 8 And he took for himself a potsherd to scrape himself with while he sat among the ashes. 9 Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold firmly to your integrity? Curse[b] God, and die.”

10 But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we indeed accept good at the hand of God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

In all this Job did not sin with his lips. 11 Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this adversity that had come on him, they each came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite, and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him. 12 When they lifted up their eyes from a distance, and did not recognize him, they raised their voices, and wept; and they each tore his robe, and threw dust in the air over their heads. 13 So they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great.

3 After this Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day. 2 Job answered:
3 “Let the day perish in which I was born,
the night which said, ‘A man is conceived.’
4 Let that day be darkness.
Do not let God from above seek for it,
neither let the light shine on it.
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own.
Let a cloud dwell on it.
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.
6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize on it.

[a] 2:5 Cf. 1:5 fn

[b] 2:9 Ibid

Let it not rejoice among the
days of the year.
Let it not come into the
number of the months.
7 Look, let that night be barren.
Let no joyful voice come in
it.
8 Let them curse it who curse the
day,[a]
who are ready to rouse up
leviathan.
9 Let the stars of its twilight be
dark.
Let it look for light, but have
none,
neither let it see the eyelids
of the morning,
10 because it did not shut up the
doors of my mother's
womb,
nor did it hide trouble from
my eyes.

11 "Why did I not die from the
womb?
Why did I not give up the
spirit when my mother
bore me?
12 Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breast, that I
should suck?
13 For now should I have lain down
and been quiet.
I should have slept, then I
would have been at
rest,
14 with kings and counselors of the
earth,
who built up waste places
for themselves;
15 or with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with
silver:
16 or as a hidden untimely birth I
had not been,
as infants who never saw
light.
17 There the wicked cease from
troubling.
There the weary are at rest.
18 There the prisoners are at ease
together.
They do not hear the voice
of the taskmaster.
19 The small and the great are there.
The servant is free from his
master.

20 "Why is light given to him who
is in misery,
life to the bitter in soul,
21 Who long for death, but it
doesn't come;
and dig for it more than for
hidden treasures,
22 who rejoice exceedingly,
and are glad, when they can
find the grave?
23 Why is light given to a man
whose way is hid,
whom God has hedged in?
24 For my sighing comes before I
eat.
My groanings are poured out
like water.
25 For the thing which I fear comes
on me,
That which I am afraid of
comes to me.
26 I am not at ease, neither am I
quiet, neither have I
rest;
but trouble comes."

[a] 3:8 Or, "Yamm," a Canaanite deity of the sea

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered,
2 "If someone ventures to talk with you, will you be grieved?
But who can withhold himself from speaking?
3 Look, you have instructed many,
you have strengthened the weak hands.
4 Your words have supported him who was falling,
You have made firm the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come to you, and you faint.
It touches you, and you are troubled.
6 Isn't your piety your confidence?
Isn't the integrity of your ways your hope?

7 "Remember, now, whoever perished, being innocent?
Or where were the upright cut off?
8 According to what I have seen,
those who plow iniquity,
and sow trouble,
reap the same.
9 By the breath of God they perish.
By the blast of his anger are they consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion,
and the voice of the fierce lion,
the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
11 The old lion perishes for lack of prey.
The cubs of the lioness are scattered abroad.

12 "Now a thing was secretly brought to me.
My ear received a whisper of it.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night,
when deep sleep falls on men,
14 fear came on me, and trembling,
which made all my bones shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face.
The hair of my flesh stood up.
16 It stood still, but I couldn't discern its appearance.
A form was before my eyes.
Silence, then I heard a voice, saying,
17 'Shall mortal man be more just than God?
Shall a man be more pure than his Maker?
18 Look, he puts no trust in his servants.
He charges his angels with error.
19 How much more, those who dwell in houses of clay,
whose foundation is in the dust,
who are crushed before the moth.
20 Between morning and evening they are destroyed.
They perish forever without any regarding it.
21 Isn't their tent cord plucked up within them?
They die, and that without wisdom.'

5 “Call now; is there any
who will answer you?
To which of the holy
ones will you turn?
2For resentment kills the foolish
man,
and jealousy kills the simple.
3I have seen the foolish taking
root,
but suddenly I cursed his
habitation.
4His children are far from safety.
They are crushed in the gate.
Neither is there any to
deliver them,
5whose harvest the hungry eats up,
and take it even out of the
thorns.
And the thirsty[a] swallow up their
wealth.
6For affliction doesn’t come forth
from the dust,
neither does trouble spring
out of the ground;
7but man is born to trouble,
as the sparks fly upward.

8“But as for me, I would seek God.
I would commit my cause to
God,
9who does great things that can’t
be fathomed,
marvelous things without
number;
10who gives rain on the earth,
and sends waters on the
fields;
11so that he sets up on high those
who are low,
those who mourn are exalted
to safety.
12He frustrates the devices of the
crafty,
So that their hands can’t
perform their
enterprise.
13He traps the wise in their own
craftiness;
the counsel of the cunning is
carried headlong.
14They meet with darkness in the
day time,
and grope at noonday as in
the night.
15But he saves from the sword of
their mouth,
even the needy from the
hand of the mighty.
16So the poor has hope,
and injustice shuts her
mouth.

17“Look, blessed is the man whom
God corrects.
Therefore do not despise the
chastening of
Shaddai.
18For he wounds, and binds up.
He injures, and his hands
make whole.
19He will deliver you in six
troubles;
yes, in seven there shall no
evil touch you.
20In famine he will redeem you
from death;
in war, from the power of
the sword.
21You shall be hidden from the
scourge of the tongue,
neither shall you be afraid of
destruction when it
comes.

[a]5:5 Syriac Vg Aquilla Symmachus.
MT reads “snares”

22 At destruction and famine you shall laugh,
neither shall you be afraid of the animals of the earth.
23 For you shall be in league with the stones of the field.
The animals of the field shall be at peace with you.
24 You shall know that your tent is in peace.
You shall visit your fold, and shall miss nothing.
25 You shall know also that your descendants shall be great,
and your offspring as the grass of the earth.
26 You shall come to your grave in a full age,
like a shock of grain comes in its season.
27 Look this, we have searched it, so it is.
Hear it, and know it for your good."

6 Then Job answered,
2 "Oh that my anguish were weighed,
and all my calamity laid in the balances.
3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas,
therefore have my words been rash.
4 For the arrows of Shaddai are within me.
My spirit drinks up their poison.
The terrors of God set themselves in array against me.
5 Does the wild donkey bray when he has grass?
Or does the ox low over his fodder?
6 Can that which has no flavor be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?
7 My soul refuses to touch them.
They are as loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh that I might have my request,
that God would grant the thing that I long for,
9 even that it would please God to crush me;
that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off.
10 Be it still my consolation,
yes, let me exult in pain that doesn't spare,
that I have not denied the words of the Holy One.
11 What is my strength, that I should wait?
What is my end, that I should be patient?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of bronze?
13 Isn't it that I have no help in me,
That wisdom is driven quite from me?

14 "To the despairing, kindness should be shown from his friend;
even to him who forsakes the fear of Shaddai.
15 My brothers have dealt deceitfully as a brook,
as the channel of brooks that pass away;
16 Which are black by reason of the ice,

in which the snow hides itself.
[17]In the dry season, they vanish.
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.
[18]The caravans that travel beside them turn aside.
They go up into the waste, and perish.
[19]The caravans of Tema looked.
The companies of Sheba waited for them.
[20]They were distressed because they were confident.
They came there, and were confounded.
[21]For now you are nothing.
You see a terror, and are afraid.
[22]Did I say, 'Give to me?'
or, 'Offer a present for me from your substance?'
[23]or, 'Deliver me from the adversary's hand?'
or, 'Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?'

[24]"Teach me, and I will hold my peace.
Cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
[25]How forcible are words of uprightness.
But your reproof, what does it reprove?
[26]Do you intend to reprove words,
seeing that the speeches of one who is desperate are as wind?
[27]Yes, you would even cast lots for the fatherless,
and make merchandise of your friend.
[28]Now therefore be pleased to look at me,
for surely I shall not lie to your face.
[29]Please return.
Let there be no injustice.
Yes, return again.
My cause is righteous.
[30]Is there injustice on my tongue?
Can't my taste discern mischievous things?

7 "Isn't a man forced to labor on earth?
Aren't his days like the days of a hired hand?
[2]As a servant who earnestly desires the shadow,
as a hireling who looks for his wages,
[3]so am I made to possess months of misery,
wearisome nights are appointed to me.
[4]When I lie down, I say,
'When shall I arise, and the night be gone?'
I toss and turn until the dawning of the day.
[5]My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust.
My skin closes up, and breaks out afresh.
[6]My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
and are spent without hope.
[7]Oh remember that my life is a breath.
My eye shall no more see good.
[8]The eye of him who sees me shall see me no more.
Your eyes shall be on me, but I shall not be.

9 As the cloud is consumed and
vanishes away,
so he who goes down to
Sheol shall come up
no more.
10 He shall return no more to his
house,
neither shall his place know
him any more.

11 "Therefore I will not keep silent.
I will speak in the anguish of
my spirit.
I will complain in the
bitterness of my soul.
12 Am I a sea, or a sea monster,
that you put a guard over
me?
13 When I say, 'My bed shall
comfort me.
My couch shall ease my
complaint;'
14 then you scare me with dreams,
and terrify me through
visions:
15 so that my soul chooses
strangling,
death rather than my bones.
16 I loathe my life.
I do not want to live forever.
Leave me alone, for my days
are but a breath.
17 What is man, that you should
magnify him,
that you should set your
mind on him,
18 that you should visit him every
morning,
and test him every moment?
19 How long will you not look
away from me,
nor leave me alone until I
swallow down my
spittle?
20 If I have sinned, what do I do to
you, you watcher of
men?
Why have you set me as a
mark for you,
so that I am a burden to
myself?
21 Why do you not pardon my
disobedience, and take
away my iniquity?
For now shall I lie down in
the dust.
You will seek me diligently,
but I shall not be."

8 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
2 "How long will you
speak these things?
Shall the words of your
mouth be a mighty
wind?
3 Does God pervert justice?
Or does Shaddai pervert
righteousness?
4 If your children have sinned
against him,
He has delivered them into
the hand of their
disobedience.
5 If you want to seek God
diligently,
make your petition to
Shaddai.
6 If you were pure and upright,
surely now he would awaken
for you,
and make the habitation of your
righteousness
prosperous.
7 Though your beginning was
small,
yet your latter end would greatly
increase.

8 "Please inquire of past
generations.
Find out about the learning
of their fathers.
9 (For we are but of yesterday, and
know nothing,
because our days on earth
are a shadow.)
10 Shall they not teach you, tell
you,
and utter words out of their
heart?

11 "Can the papyrus grow up
without mire?
Can the rushes grow without
water?
12 While it is yet in its greenness,
not cut down,
it withers before any other
reed.
13 So are the paths of all who forget
God.
The hope of the godless man
shall perish,
14 Whose confidence shall break
apart,
Whose trust is a spider's
web.
15 He shall lean on his house, but it
shall not stand.
He shall cling to it, but it
shall not endure.
16 He is green before the sun.
His shoots go forth over his
garden.
17 His roots are wrapped around the
rock pile.
He sees the place of stones.
18 If he is destroyed from his place,
then it shall deny him,
saying, 'I have not
seen you.'
19 Look, this is the joy of his way:
out of the earth, others shall
spring.

20 "Look, God will not cast away a
blameless man,
neither will he uphold the
evildoers.
21 He will still fill your mouth with
laughter,
your lips with shouting.
22 Those who hate you shall be
clothed with shame.
The tent of the wicked shall
be no more."

9 Then Job answered,
2 "Truly I know that it is
so,
but how can man be just
with God?
3 If he is pleased to contend with
him,
he can't answer him one
time in a thousand.
4 God who is wise in heart, and
mighty in strength:
who has hardened himself
against him, and
prospered?
5 He removes the mountains, and
they do not know it,
when he overturns them in
his anger.
6 He shakes the earth out of its
place.
Its pillars tremble.
7 He commands the sun, and it
doesn't rise,
and seals up the stars.
8 He alone stretches out the
heavens,

and treads on the waves of
the sea.[a]
9He makes Osh, Kesil, and
Kimah,[b]
and the chambers of the
south.
10He does great things past finding
out;
yes, marvelous things
without number.
11Look, he goes by me, and I do
not see him.
He passes on also, but I do
not perceive him.
12Look, he snatches away.
Who can hinder him?
Who will ask him, 'What are
you doing?'

13"God will not withdraw his
anger.
The helpers of Rahab stoop
under him.
14How much less shall I answer
him,
And choose my words to
argue with him?
15Though I were righteous, yet I
wouldn't answer him.
I would make petition to my
judge.
16If I had called, and he had
answered me,
yet I wouldn't believe that
he listened to my
voice.
17For he bruises me with a storm,
and multiplies my wounds
without cause.
18He will not allow me to catch my
breath,
but fills me with bitterness.
19If it is a matter of strength, look,
he is mighty.
And if of justice, who will
summon him[c]?
20Though I am righteous, my own
mouth shall condemn
me.
Though I am blameless, it
shall prove me
perverse.
21I am blameless.
I do not regard myself.
I despise my life.

22"It is all the same.
Therefore I say he destroys
the blameless and the
wicked.
23If the scourge kills suddenly,
he will mock at the trial of
the innocent.
24The earth is given into the hand
of the wicked.
He covers the faces of its
judges.
If not he, then who is it?

25"Now my days are swifter than a
runner.
They flee away, they see no
good,
26They have passed away as the
swift ships,
as the eagle that swoops on
the prey.
27If I say, 'I will forget my
complaint,
I will put off my sad face,
and cheer up;'
28I am afraid of all my sorrows,

[a]9:8 Matthew 14:26; Mark 6:49; John 6:19

[b]9:9 Or, "He makes the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades"

[c]9:19 Cf. LXX. MT reads "me"

I know that you will not hold
me innocent.
29 I shall be condemned.
Why then do I labor in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow
water,[a]
and cleanse my hands with
lye,
31 yet you will plunge me in the
ditch.
My own clothes shall abhor
me.
32 For he is not a man, as I am, that
I should answer him,
that we should come
together in judgment.
33 There is no umpire between us,
that might lay his hand on us
both.
34 Let him take his rod away from
me.
Let his terror not make me
afraid;
35 then I would speak, and not fear
him,
for I am not so in myself.

10 "My soul is weary of
my life.
I will give free
course to my
complaint.
I will speak in the bitterness
of my soul.
2 I will tell God, 'Do not condemn
me.
Show me why you contend
with me.
3 Is it good to you that you should
oppress,
that you should despise the
work of your hands,
and smile on the counsel of
the wicked?
4 Do you have eyes of flesh?
Or do you see as man sees?
5 Are your days as the days of
mortals,
or your years as man's years,
6 that you inquire after my iniquity,
and search after my sin?
7 Although you know that I am not
wicked,
there is no one who can
deliver out of your
hand.

8 "'Your hands have framed me
and fashioned me
altogether,
yet you destroy me.
9 Remember, I beg you, that you
have fashioned me as
clay.
Will you bring me into dust
again?
10 Haven't you poured me out like
milk,
and curdled me like cheese?
11 You have clothed me with skin
and flesh,
and knit me together with
bones and sinews.
12 You have granted me life and
loving kindness.
Your visitation has
preserved my spirit.
13 Yet you hid these things in your
heart.
I know that this is with you:
14 if I sin, then you mark me.

[a] 9:30 Heb. kethib bemo, which may reflect the ancient Semitic spelling for water, as found in the Ebla tablets

You will not acquit me from
my iniquity.
15If I am wicked, woe to me.
If I am righteous, I still shall
not lift up my head,
being filled with disgrace,
and conscious of my
affliction.
16And if I lift myself up, you hunt
me like a lion.
Again you show yourself
powerful to me.
17You renew your witnesses
against me,
and increase your
indignation on me.
Changes and warfare are
with me.

18"'Why, then, have you brought
me forth out of the
womb?
I wish I had given up the
spirit, and no eye had
seen me.
19I should have been as though I
had not been.
I should have been carried
from the womb to the
grave.
20Aren't my days few?
Cease then.
Leave me alone, that I may
find a little comfort,
21before I go where I shall not
return from,
to the land of darkness and
of the shadow of
death;
22the land dark as midnight,
of the shadow of death,
without any order,
where the light is as
midnight.'"

11 Then Zophar, the
Naamathite,
answered,
2"Shouldn't the
multitude of words be
answered?
Should a man full of talk be
justified?
3Should your boastings make men
hold their peace?
When you mock, shall no
man make you
ashamed?
4For you say, 'My doctrine is pure.
I am clean in your eyes.'
5But oh that God would speak,
and open his lips against
you,
6that he would show you the
secrets of wisdom.
For true wisdom has two
sides.
Know therefore that God
exacts of you less than
your iniquity deserves.

7"Can you fathom the mystery of
God?
Or can you probe the limits
of Shaddai?
8They are high as heaven. What
can you do?
They are deeper than Sheol.
What can you know?
9Its measure is longer than the
earth,
and broader than the sea.
10If he passes by, or confines,
or convenes a court, then
who can oppose him?
11For he knows false men.
He sees iniquity also, even
though he doesn't
consider it.
12An empty-headed man becomes
wise

when a man is born as a wild
donkey's colt.

13"If you set your heart aright,
stretch out your hands
toward him.
14If iniquity is in your hand, put it
far away.
Do not let unrighteousness
dwell in your tents.
15Surely then you shall lift up your
face without spot;
Yes, you shall be steadfast,
and shall not fear:
16for you shall forget your misery.
You shall remember it as
waters that are passed
away.
17Life shall be clearer than the
noonday.
Though there is darkness, it
shall be as the
morning.
18You shall be secure, because
there is hope.
Yes, you shall search, and
shall take your rest in
safety.
19Also you shall lie down, and
none shall make you
afraid.
Yes, many shall court your
favor.
20But the eyes of the wicked shall
fail.
They shall have no way to
flee.
Their hope shall be the
giving up of the
spirit."

12 Then Job answered,
2"No doubt, but you
are the people,
and wisdom shall
die with you.
3But I have understanding as well
as you;
I am not inferior to you.
Yes, who doesn't know such
things as these?
4I am like one who is a joke to his
neighbor,
I, who called on God, and he
answered.
The just, the blameless man
is a joke.
5In the thought of him who is at
ease there is contempt
for misfortune.
It is ready for them whose
foot slips.
6The tents of robbers prosper.
Those who provoke God are
secure,
who carry their god in their
hands.

7"But ask the animals, now, and
they shall teach you;
the birds of the sky, and they
shall tell you.
8Or speak to the earth, and it shall
teach you.
The fish of the sea shall
declare to you.
9Who doesn't know that in all
these,
the hand of YHWH[a] has done
this,
10in whose hand is the life of every
living thing,

[a]12:9 MT LXX Syr. Five Hebrew Mss read "God." Cf. Isaiah 41:20

and the breath of all
humankind?
[11]Doesn't the ear try words,
even as the palate tastes its
food?
[12]With aged men is wisdom,
in length of days
understanding.

[13]"With him is wisdom and might.
He has counsel and
understanding.
[14]Look, he breaks down, and it
can't be built again.
He imprisons a man, and
there can be no
release.
[15]Look, he withholds the waters,
and they dry up.
Again, he sends them out,
and they overturn the
earth.
[16]With him is strength and
wisdom.
The deceived and the
deceiver are his.
[17]He leads counselors away
stripped.
He makes judges fools.
[18]He loosens the bond of kings.
He binds their waist with a
belt.
[19]He leads priests away stripped,
and overthrows the mighty.
[20]He removes the speech of those
who are trusted,
and takes away the
understanding of the
elders.
[21]He pours contempt on princes,
and loosens the belt of the
strong.
[22]He uncovers deep things out of
darkness,
and brings out to light the
shadow of death.
[23]He increases the nations, and he
destroys them.
He enlarges the nations, and
he leads them captive.
[24]He takes away understanding
from the chiefs of the
people of the earth,
and causes them to wander
in a wilderness where
there is no way.
[25]They grope in the dark without
light.
He makes them stagger like
a drunken man.

13 "Look, my eye has
seen all this.
My ear has heard
and understood it.
[2]What you know, I know also.
I am not inferior to you.

[3]"Surely I would speak to Shaddai.
I desire to reason with God.
[4]But you are forgers of lies.
You are all physicians of no
value.
[5]Oh that you would be completely
silent.
Then you would be wise.
[6]Hear now my reasoning.
Listen to the pleadings of
my lips.
[7]Will you speak unrighteously for
God,
and talk deceitfully for him?
[8]Will you show partiality to him?
Will you contend for God?
[9]Is it good that he should search
you out?
Or as one deceives a man,
will you deceive him?
[10]He will surely reprove you
if you secretly show
partiality.

[11]Shall not his majesty make you
afraid,
And his dread fall on you?
[12]Your memorable sayings are
proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses are defenses
of clay.

[13]"Be silent, leave me alone, that I
may speak.
Let come on me what will.
[14]Why should I take my flesh in
my teeth,
and put my life in my hand?
[15]Look, though he should kill me,
I will hope in him.[a]
Nevertheless, I will argue
my ways before him.
[16]This also shall be my salvation,
that a godless man shall not
come before him.
[17]Hear diligently my speech.
Let my declaration be in
your ears.
[18]See now, I have set my cause in
order.
I know that I am righteous.
[19]Who is he who will contend with
me?
For then would I hold my
peace and give up the
spirit.

[20]"Only do not do two things to
me;
then I will not hide myself
from your face:
[21]withdraw your hand far from me;
and do not let your terror
make me afraid.
[22]Then call, and I will answer;
or let me speak, and you
answer me.
[23]How many are my iniquities and
sins?
Make me know my
disobedience and my
sin.
[24]Why hide you your face,
and hold me for your
enemy?
[25]Will you harass a driven leaf?
Will you pursue the dry
stubble?
[26]For you write bitter things
against me,
and make me inherit the
iniquities of my youth:
[27]You also put my feet in the
stocks,
and mark all my paths.
You set a bound to the soles
of my feet,
[28]though I am decaying like a
rotten thing,
like a garment that is moth-
eaten.

14 "Man, who is born
of a woman,
is of few days, and
full of trouble.
[2]He comes forth like a flower, and
is cut down.
He also flees like a shadow,
and doesn't continue.
[3]Do you open your eyes on such a
one,
and bring me into judgment
with you?
[4]Who can bring a clean thing out
of an unclean?

[a]13:15 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg, reading lw "(hope) to/in him." MT Kethib reads l' "no (hope)"

Not one.
[5]Seeing his days are
determined,
the number of his months is
with you,
and you have appointed his
bounds that he can't
pass;
[6]Look away from him, that he may
rest,
until he shall accomplish, as
a hireling, his day.

[7]"For there is hope for a tree,
If it is cut down, that it will
sprout again,
that the tender branch of it
will not cease.
[8]Though its root grows old in the
earth,
and its stock dies in the
ground,
[9]yet through the scent of water it
will bud,
and put forth boughs like a
plant.
[10]But man dies, and is laid low.
Yes, man gives up the spirit,
and where is he?
[11]As the waters fail from the sea,
and the river wastes and
dries up,
[12]so man lies down and doesn't
rise.
Until the heavens are no
more, they shall not
awake,
nor be roused out of their
sleep.

[13]"Oh that you would hide me in
Sheol,
that you would keep me
secret, until your wrath
is past,
that you would appoint me a
set time, and
remember me.
[14]If a man dies, shall he live again?
All the days of my warfare
would I wait,
until my release should
come.
[15]You would call, and I would
answer you.
You would have a desire to
the work of your
hands.
[16]But now you number my steps.
Do you not watch over my
sin?
[17]My disobedience is sealed up in
a bag.
You fasten up my iniquity.

[18]"But the mountain falling comes
to nothing.
The rock is removed out of
its place;
[19]The waters wear the stones.
The torrents of it wash away
the dust of the earth.
So you destroy the hope of
man.
[20]You forever prevail against him,
and he departs.
You change his face, and
send him away.
[21]His sons come to honor, and he
doesn't know it.
They are brought low, but he
doesn't perceive it of
them.
[22]But his flesh on him has pain,
and his soul within him
mourns."

15 Then Eliphaz the
Temanite answered,

[2]“Should a wise man answer with
vain knowledge,
and fill himself with the east
wind?
[3]Should he reason with
unprofitable talk,
or with speeches with which
he can do no good?
[4]Yes, you do away with fear,
and hinder devotion before
God.
[5]For your iniquity teaches your
mouth,
and you choose the language
of the crafty.
[6]Your own mouth condemns you,
and not I.
Yes, your own lips testify
against you.

[7]“Are you the first man who was
born?
Or were you brought forth
before the hills?
[8]Have you heard the secret counsel
of God?
Do you limit wisdom to
yourself?
[9]What do you know, that we do
not know?
What do you understand,
which is not in us?
[10]With us are both the gray-headed
and the very aged
men,
much elder than your father.
[11]Are the consolations of God too
small for you,
even the word that is gentle
toward you?
[12]Why does your heart carry you
away?
Why do your eyes flash,
[13]That you turn your spirit against
God,
and let such words go out of
your mouth?
[14]What is man, that he should be
clean?
What is he who is born of a
woman, that he should
be righteous?
[15]Look, he puts no trust in his holy
ones.
Yes, the heavens are not
clean in his sight;
[16]how much less one who is
abominable and
corrupt,
a man who drinks iniquity
like water.

[17]“I will show you, listen to me;
that which I have seen I will
declare:
[18](Which wise men have told by
their fathers,
and have not hidden it;
[19]to whom alone the land was
given,
and no stranger passed
among them):
[20]the wicked man writhes in pain
all his days,
even the number of years
that are laid up for the
oppressor.
[21]A sound of terrors is in his ears.
In prosperity the destroyer
shall come on him.
[22]He doesn’t believe that he shall
return out of darkness.
He is waited for by the
sword.
[23]He wanders abroad for bread,
saying, ‘Where is it?’
He knows that the day of
darkness is ready at his
hand.
[24]Distress and anguish make him
afraid.

They prevail against him, as
a king ready to the
battle.
25Because he has stretched out his
hand against God,
and behaves himself proudly
against Shaddai;
26he runs at him with a stiff neck,
with the thick shields of his
bucklers;
27because he has covered his face
with his fatness,
and gathered fat on his
thighs.
28He has lived in desolate cities,
in houses which no one
inhabited,
which were ready to become
heaps.
29He shall not be rich, neither shall
his substance continue,
neither shall their
possessions be
extended on the earth.
30He shall not depart out of
darkness.
The flame shall dry up his
branches.
By the breath of God's
mouth shall he go
away.
31Let him not trust in emptiness,
deceiving himself;
for emptiness shall be his
reward.
32It shall be accomplished before
his time.
His branch shall not be
green.
33He shall shake off his unripe
grape as the vine,
and shall cast off his flower
as the olive tree.
34For the company of the godless
shall be barren,
and fire shall consume the
tents of bribery.
35They conceive mischief, and
bring forth iniquity.
Their heart prepares deceit."

16 Then Job answered,
2"I have heard many
such things.
You are all miserable
comforters.
3Shall vain words have an end?
Or what provokes you that
you answer?
4I also could speak as you do.
If your soul were in my
soul's place,
I could join words together
against you,
and shake my head at you,
5but I would strengthen you with
my mouth.
The solace of my lips would
relieve you.

6"Though I speak, my grief is not
subsided.
Though I forbear, what am I
eased?
7But now he has worn me out.
You have laid waste all my
company.
8You have shriveled me up. This is
a witness against me.
My leanness rises up against
me.
It testifies to my face.
9He has torn me in his wrath, and
persecuted me.
He has gnashed on me with
his teeth.
My adversary sharpens his
eyes on me.
10They have gaped on me with
their mouth.

They have struck me on the
cheek reproachfully.
They gather themselves
together against me.
[11]God delivers me to the ungodly,
and casts me into the hands
of the wicked.
[12]I was at ease, and he broke me
apart.
Yes, he has taken me by the
neck, and dashed me
to pieces.
He has also set me up for his
target.
[13]His archers surround me.
He splits my kidneys apart,
and does not spare.
He pours out my gall on the
ground.
[14]He breaks me with breach on
breach.
He runs on me like a giant.
[15]I have sewed sackcloth on my
skin,
and have thrust my horn in
the dust.
[16]My face is red with weeping.
Deep darkness is on my
eyelids.
[17]Although there is no violence in
my hands,
and my prayer is pure.

[18]"Earth, do not cover my blood.
Let my cry have no place to
rest.
[19]Even now, look, my witness is in
heaven.
He who vouches for me is
on high.
[20]My friends scoff at me.
My eyes pour out tears to
God,
[21]that he would maintain the right
of a man with God,
of a son of man with his
neighbor.
[22]For when a few years have
come,
I shall go the way from
where I shall not
return.

17 "My spirit is
consumed.
My days are extinct,
And the grave is ready for
me.
[2]Surely there are mockers with me.
My eye dwells on their
provocation.

[3]"Now give a pledge, be collateral
for me with yourself.
Who is there who will strike
hands with me?
[4]For you have hidden their heart
from understanding,
Therefore you shall not exalt
them.
[5]He who denounces his friends for
a prey,
Even the eyes of his children
shall fail.

[6]"But he has made me a byword of
the people.
They spit in my face.
[7]My eye also is dim by reason of
sorrow.
All my members are as a
shadow.
[8]Upright men shall be astonished
at this.
The innocent shall stir up
himself against the
godless.
[9]Yet shall the righteous hold on his
way.

He who has clean hands
shall grow stronger
and stronger.
10But as for you all, come on now
again;
I shall not find a wise man
among you.
11My days are past, my plans are
broken off,
as are the thoughts of my
heart.
12They change the night into day,
saying ‘The light is near’ in
the presence of
darkness.
13If I look for Sheol as my house,
if I have spread my couch in
the darkness,
14If I have said to corruption, ‘You
are my father;’
to the worm, ‘My mother,’
and ‘my sister;’
15where then is my hope?
As for my hope, who shall
see it?
16Shall it go down with me to the
gates of Sheol,
or descend together into the
dust?”

18 Then Bildad the
Shuhite answered,
2“How long will
you hunt for words?
Consider, and afterwards we
will speak.
3Why are we counted as animals,
which have become unclean
in your sight?
4You who tear yourself in your
anger,
shall the earth be forsaken
for you?
Or shall the rock be removed
out of its place?
5“Yes, the light of the wicked shall
be put out,
The spark of his fire shall
not shine.
6The light shall be dark in his tent.
His lamp above him shall be
put out.
7The steps of his strength shall be
shortened.
His own counsel shall cast
him down.
8For he is cast into a net by his
own feet,
and he wanders into its
mesh.
9A snare will take him by the heel.
A trap will catch him.
10A noose is hidden for him in the
ground,
a trap for him in the way.
11Terrors shall make him afraid on
every side,
and shall chase him at his
heels.
12His strength shall be famished.
Calamity shall be ready at
his side.
13The members of his body shall
be devoured.
The firstborn of death shall
devour his members.
14He shall be rooted out of his tent
where he trusts.
He shall be brought to the
king of terrors.
15There shall dwell in his tent that
which is none of his.
Sulfur shall be scattered on
his habitation.
16His roots shall be dried up
beneath.
Above shall his branch be
cut off.
17His memory shall perish from
the earth.

He shall have no name in the
street.
18He shall be driven from light into
darkness,
and chased out of the world.
19He shall have neither son nor
grandson among his
people,
nor any remaining where he
sojourned.
20Those who come after shall be
astonished at his day,
as those who went before
were frightened.
21Surely such are the dwellings of
the unrighteous.
This is the place of him who
doesn't know God."

19 Then Job answered,
2"How long will
you torment me,
and crush me with words?
3You have reproached me ten
times.
You aren't ashamed that you
attack me.
4If it is true that I have erred,
my error remains with
myself.
5If indeed you will magnify
yourselves against me,
and plead against me my
reproach;
6know now that God has subverted
me,
and has surrounded me with
his net.

7"Look, I cry out 'Injustice.' but
there is no justice.
8He has walled up my way so that
I can't pass,
and has set darkness in my
paths.
9He has stripped me of my glory,
and taken the crown from
my head.
10He has broken me down on
every side, and I am
gone.
My hope he has plucked up
like a tree.
11He has also kindled his wrath
against me.
He counts me among his
adversaries.
12His troops come on together,
build a siege ramp against
me,
and camp around my tent.

13"He has put my brothers far from
me.
My acquaintances are
wholly estranged from
me.
14My relatives have gone away.
My familiar friends have
forgotten me.
15Those who dwell in my house,
and my maids, count
me for a stranger.
I am a foreigner in their
sight.
16I call to my servant, and he gives
me no answer.
I beg him with my mouth.
17My breath is offensive to my
wife.
I am loathsome to the
children of my own
mother.
18Even young children despise me.
If I arise, they speak against
me.
19All my familiar friends abhor
me.
They whom I loved have
turned against me.

[20]My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh.
I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

[21]"Have pity on me, have pity on me, you my friends;
for the hand of God has touched me.
[22]Why do you persecute me as God,
and are not satisfied with my flesh?

[23]"Oh that my words were now written.
Oh that they were inscribed in a scroll.
[24]That with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever.
[25]But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives.
In the end, he will stand upon the earth.
[26]After my skin is destroyed,
then in my flesh shall I see God,
[27]Whom I, even I, shall see on my side.
My eyes shall see, and not as a stranger.

My heart is consumed within me.
[28]If you say, 'How we will persecute him,
because the root of the matter is found in him.'[a]
[29]Be afraid of the sword,
for wrath brings the punishments of the sword,
that you may know there is a judgment."

20 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered,
[2]"Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me,
even by reason of my haste that is in me.
[3]I have heard the reproof which puts me to shame.
The spirit of my understanding answers me.
[4]Do you not know this from old time,
since humankind was placed on earth,
[5]that the triumphing of the wicked is short,
the joy of the godless but for a moment?
[6]Though his height mount up to the heavens,
and his head reach to the clouds,
[7]yet he shall perish forever like his own dung.
Those who have seen him shall say, 'Where is he?'
[8]He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found.
Yes, he shall be chased away like a vision of the night.

[a]19:28 Hebrew Mss Versions. MT reads "in me"

[9]The eye which saw him shall see
him no more,
neither shall his place any
more see him.
[10]His children shall seek the favor
of the poor.
His hands shall give back his
wealth.
[11]His bones are full of his youth,
but youth shall lie down
with him in the dust.

[12]"Though wickedness is sweet in
his mouth,
though he hide it under his
tongue,
[13]though he spare it, and will not
let it go,
but keep it still within his
mouth;
[14]yet his food in his bowels is
turned.
It is cobra venom within
him.
[15]He has swallowed down riches,
and he shall vomit
them up again.
God will cast them out of his
belly.
[16]He shall suck cobra venom.
The viper's tongue shall kill
him.
[17]He shall not look at the rivers,
the flowing streams of honey
and butter.
[18]That for which he labored he
shall restore, and shall
not swallow it down.
According to the substance
that he has gotten, he
shall not rejoice.
[19]For he has oppressed and
forsaken the poor.
He has violently taken away
a house, and he shall
not build it up.

[20]"Because he knew no quietness
within him,
he shall not save anything of
that in which he
delights.
[21]There was nothing left that he
did not devour,
therefore his prosperity shall
not endure.
[22]In the fullness of his sufficiency,
distress shall overtake
him.
The hand of everyone who is
in misery shall come
on him.
[23]When he is about to fill his belly,
he will cast the
fierceness of his wrath
on him.
It will rain on him while he
is eating.
[24]He shall flee from the iron
weapon.
The bronze arrow shall
strike him through.
[25]He draws it forth, and it comes
out of his body.
Yes, the glittering point
comes out of his liver.
Terrors are on him.
[26]All darkness is laid up for his
treasures.
An unfanned fire shall
devour him.
It shall consume that which
is left in his tent.
[27]The heavens shall reveal his
iniquity.
The earth shall rise up
against him.
[28]The increase of his house shall
depart.
They shall rush away in the
day of his wrath.

[29]This is the portion of a wicked man from God,
the heritage appointed to him by God."

21 Then Job answered,
[2]"Listen diligently to my speech.
Let this be your consolation.
[3]Allow me, and I also will speak;
After I have spoken, mock on.
[4]As for me, is my complaint to man?
Why shouldn't I be impatient?
[5]Look at me, and be astonished.
Lay your hand on your mouth.
[6]When I remember, I am troubled.
Horror takes hold of my flesh.

[7]"Why do the wicked live,
become old, yes, and grow mighty in power?
[8]Their child is established with them in their sight,
their offspring before their eyes.
[9]Their houses are safe from fear,
neither is the rod of God upon them.
[10]Their bulls breed without fail.
Their cows calve, and do not miscarry.
[11]They send forth their little ones like a flock.
Their children dance.
[12]They sing to the tambourine and harp,
and rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
[13]They spend their days in prosperity.
In an instant they go down to Sheol.
[14]They tell God, 'Depart from us,
for we do not want to know about your ways.
[15]Who is Shaddai, that we should serve him?
What profit should we have, if we pray to him?'
[16]Look, their prosperity is not in their hand.
The counsel of the wicked is far from me.

[17]"How often is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out,
that their calamity comes on them,
that he distributes sorrows in his anger?
[18]How often is it that they are as stubble before the wind,
as chaff that the storm carries away?
[19]You say, 'God lays up his iniquity for his children.'
Let him recompense it to himself, that he may know it.
[20]Let his own eyes see his destruction.
Let him drink of the wrath of Shaddai.
[21]For what does he care for his house after him,
when the number of his months is cut off?

[22]"Shall any teach God knowledge,
seeing he judges those who are high?
[23]One dies in his full strength,

being wholly at ease and
quiet.
[24]His pails are full of milk.
The marrow of his bones is
moistened.
[25]Another dies in bitterness of
soul,
and never tastes of good.
[26]They lie down alike in the dust.
The worm covers them.

[27]"Look, I know your thoughts,
the devices with which you
would wrong me.
[28]For you say, 'Where is the house
of the prince?
Where is the tent in which
the wicked lived?'
[29]Haven't you asked wayfaring
men?
Do you not know their
evidences,
[30]that the evil man is reserved to
the day of calamity,
That they are led forth to the
day of wrath?
[31]Who shall declare his way to his
face?
Who shall repay him what
he has done?
[32]Yet he will be borne to the grave.
Men shall keep watch over
the tomb.
[33]The clods of the valley shall be
sweet to him.
All men shall draw after
him,
as there were innumerable
before him.
[34]So how can you comfort me with
nonsense,
seeing that in your answers
there remains only
falsehood?"

22 Then Eliphaz the
Temanite answered,
[2]"Can a man be
profitable to God?
Surely he who is wise is
profitable to himself.
[3]Is it any pleasure to Shaddai, that
you are righteous?
Or does it benefit him, that
you make your ways
perfect?
[4]Is it for your piety that he
reproves you,
that he enters with you into
judgment?
[5]Isn't your wickedness great?
Neither is there any end to
your iniquities.
[6]For you have taken pledges from
your brother for
nothing,
and stripped the naked of
their clothing.
[7]You haven't given water to the
weary to drink,
and you have withheld bread
from the hungry.
[8]But as for the mighty man, he had
the earth.
The honorable man, he lived
in it.
[9]You have sent widows away
empty,
and the arms of the
fatherless have been
broken.
[10]Therefore snares are around you.
Sudden fear troubles you,
[11]or darkness, so that you can not
see,
and floods of waters cover
you.

[12]"Isn't God in the heights of
heaven?

See the height of the stars,
how high they are.
13You say, ‘What does God know?
Can he judge through the
thick darkness?
14Thick clouds are a covering to
him, so that he doesn’t
see.
He walks on the vault of the
sky.’
15Will you keep the old way,
which wicked men have
trodden,
16who were snatched away before
their time,
whose foundation was
poured out as a stream,
17who said to God, ‘Depart from
us;’
and, ‘What can Shaddai do
for us?’
18Yet he filled their houses with
good things,
but the counsel of the
wicked is far from me.
19The righteous see it, and are
glad.
The innocent ridicule them,
20saying, ‘Surely those who rose
up against us are cut
off.
The fire has consumed the
remnant of them.’

21“Acquaint yourself with him,
now, and be at peace.
Thereby good shall come to
you.
22Please receive instruction from
his mouth,
and lay up his words in your
heart.
23If you return to Shaddai, you
shall be built up,
if you put away
unrighteousness far
from your tents.
24Lay your treasure in the dust,
the gold of Ophir among the
stones of the brooks.
25Shaddai will be your treasure,
and precious silver to you.
26For then you will delight
yourself in Shaddai,
and shall lift up your face to
God.
27You shall make your prayer to
him, and he will hear
you.
You shall pay your vows.
28And you will also decree a thing,
and it will be
established for you,
and
light will shine on your
ways.
29When they cast down, you shall
say, ‘be lifted up.’
And he will save the
humble.
30He will even deliver him who is
not innocent.
Yes, he shall be delivered
through the cleanness
of your hands.”

23 Then Job answered,
2“Even today my
complaint is
rebellious.
His hand is heavy in spite of
my groaning.
3Oh that I knew where I might find
him.
That I might come even to
his seat.
4I would set my cause in order
before him,

and fill my mouth with
arguments.
5I would know the words which he
would answer me,
and understand what he
would tell me.
6Would he contend with me in the
greatness of his
power?
No, but he would listen to
me.
7There the upright might reason
with him,
so I should be delivered
forever from my
judge.

8"If I go east, he is not there;
if west, I can't find him;
9He works to the north, but I can't
see him.
He turns south, but I can't
catch a glimpse of
him.
10But he knows the way that I take.
When he has tried me, I
shall come forth like
gold.
11My foot has held fast to his
steps.
I have kept his way, and not
turned aside.
12I haven't gone back from the
commandment of his
lips.
I have treasured up the
words of his mouth
more than my
necessary food.
13But he stands alone, and who can
oppose him?
What his soul desires, even
that he does.
14For he performs that which is
appointed for me.
Many such things are with
him.
15Therefore I am terrified at his
presence.
When I consider, I am afraid
of him.
16For God has made my heart
faint.
Shaddai has terrified me.
17Because I was not cut off before
the darkness,
neither did he cover the
thick darkness from
my face.

24 "Why aren't times
made known by
Shaddai?
Why do not those who know
him see his days?
2There are people who remove the
landmarks.
They violently take away
flocks, and feed them.
3They drive away the donkey of
the fatherless,
and they take the widow's
ox for a pledge.
4They turn the needy out of the
way.
The poor of the earth all hide
themselves.
5Look, as wild donkeys in the
desert,
they go forth to their work,
seeking diligently for
food.
The wilderness yields them bread
for their children.
6They cut their provender in
the field.
They glean the vineyard of the
wicked.
7They lie all night naked
without clothing,

and have no covering in the cold.
[8]They are wet with the
showers of the
mountains,
and embrace the rock for lack of a
shelter.
[9]There are those who pluck
the fatherless from the
breast,
and take a pledge of the poor,
[10]So that they go around
naked without
clothing.
Being hungry, they carry the
sheaves.
[11]They make oil within the walls
of these men.
They tread wine presses, and
suffer thirst.
[12]From out of the populous city,
men groan.
The soul of the wounded
cries out,
yet God doesn't regard the
folly.

[13]"These are of those who rebel
against the light.
They do not know its ways,
nor abide in its paths.
[14]The murderer rises with the light.
He kills the poor and needy.
In the night he is like a thief.
[15]The eye also of the adulterer
waits for the twilight,
saying, 'No eye shall see
me.'
He disguises his face.
[16]In the dark they dig through
houses.
They shut themselves up in
the daytime.
They do not know the light.
[17]For the morning is to all of them
like thick darkness,
for they know the terrors of
the thick darkness.

[18]"They are foam on the surface of
the waters.
Their portion is cursed in the
earth.
They do not turn into the
way of the vineyards.
[19]Drought and heat consume the
snow waters,
so does Sheol those who
have sinned.
[20]The womb shall forget him.
The worm shall feed sweetly
on him.
He shall be no more
remembered.
Unrighteousness shall be
broken as a tree.
[21]He devours the barren who do
not bear.
He shows no kindness to the
widow.
[22]Yet he preserves the mighty by
his power.
He rises up who has no
assurance of life.
[23]He gives them security, and they
rest in it.
His eyes are on their ways.
[24]They are exalted; yet a little
while, and they are
gone.
Yes, they are brought low,
they are taken out of
the way as all others,
and are cut off as the tops of
the ears of grain.
[25]If it isn't so now, who will prove
me a liar,
and make my speech worth
nothing?"

25 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered,
2 "Dominion and fear are with him.
He makes peace in his high places.
3 Can his armies be counted?
On whom does his light not arise?
4 How then can man be just with God?
Or how can he who is born of a woman be clean?
5 Look, even the moon has no brightness,
and the stars are not pure in his sight;
6 How much less man, who is a worm,
the son of man, who is a worm."

26 Then Job answered,
2 "How have you helped him who is without power.
How have you saved the arm that has no strength.
3 How have you counseled him who has no wisdom,
and plentifully declared sound knowledge.
4 To whom have you uttered words?
Whose spirit came forth from you?

5 "Those who are deceased tremble,
those beneath the waters and all that live in them.
6 Sheol[a] is naked before him,
and Abaddon[b] has no covering.
7 He stretches out the north over empty space,
and hangs the earth on nothing.
8 He binds up the waters in his thick clouds,
and the cloud is not burst under them.
9 He encloses the face of his throne,
and spreads his cloud on it.
10 He has described a boundary on the surface of the waters,
and to the confines of light and darkness.
11 The pillars of heaven tremble
and are astonished at his rebuke.
12 He stirs up the sea with his power,
and by his understanding he strikes through Rahab.
13 By his Spirit the heavens are garnished.
His hand has pierced the swift serpent.
14 Look, these are but the outskirts of his ways.
How small a whisper do we hear of him.
But the thunder of his power who can understand?"

27 Job again took up his parable, and said,
2 "As God lives, who has taken away my right,

[a] 26:6 Sheol is the lower world or the grave

[b] 26:6 Abaddon means Destroyer

Shaddai, who has made my
soul bitter.
3(For the length of my life is still
in me,
and the spirit of God is in
my nostrils);
4surely my lips shall not speak
unrighteousness,
neither shall my tongue utter
deceit.
5Far be it from me that I should
justify you.
Until I die I will not put
away my integrity
from me.
6I hold fast to my righteousness,
and will not let it go.
My conscience will not
accuse me as long as I
live.

7"Let my enemy be as the wicked.
Let him who rises up against
me be as the
unrighteous.
8For what is the hope of the
godless, when he is cut
off, when God takes
away his life?
9Will God hear his cry when
trouble comes on him?
10Will he delight himself in
Shaddai,
and call on God at all times?
11I will teach you about the hand
of God.
That which is with Shaddai
will I not conceal.
12Look, all of you have seen it
yourselves;
why then have you become
altogether vain?

13"This is the portion of a wicked
man with God,
the heritage of oppressors,
which they receive
from Shaddai.
14If his children are multiplied, it
is for the sword.
His offspring shall not be
satisfied with bread.
15Those who remain of him shall
be buried in death.
His widows shall make no
lamentation.
16Though he heap up silver as the
dust,
and prepare clothing as the
clay;
17he may prepare it, but the just
shall put it on,
and the innocent shall divide
the silver.
18He builds his house as the moth,
as a booth which the
watchman makes.
19He lies down rich, but he shall
not do so again.
He opens his eyes, and it is
gone.
20Terrors overtake him like waters.
A storm steals him away in
the night.
21The east wind carries him away,
and he departs.
It sweeps him out of his
place.
22For it hurls at him, and does not
spare,
as he flees away from his
hand.
23Men shall clap their hands at
him,
and shall hiss him out of his
place.

28 "Surely there is a
mine for silver,

and a place for gold which
they refine.
2 Iron is taken out of the earth,
and copper is smelted out of
the ore.
3 Man sets an end to darkness,
and searches out, to the
furthest bound,
the stones of obscurity and
of thick darkness.
4 He breaks open a shaft away from
where people live.
They are forgotten by the
foot.
They hang far from men,
they swing back and
forth.
5 As for the earth, out of it comes
bread;
Underneath it is turned up as
it were by fire.
6 Sapphires come from its rocks.
It has dust of gold.
7 That path no bird of prey knows,
neither has the falcon's eye
seen it.
8 The proud animals have not
trodden it,
nor has the fierce lion passed
by there.
9 He puts forth his hand on the
flinty rock,
and he overturns the
mountains by the
roots.
10 He cuts out channels among the
rocks.
His eye sees every precious
thing.
11 He binds the streams that they do
not trickle.
The thing that is hidden he
brings forth to light.

12 "But where shall wisdom be
found?
Where is the place of
understanding?
13 Man doesn't know its price;
Neither is it found in the
land of the living.
14 The deep says, 'It isn't in me.'
The sea says, 'It isn't with
me.'
15 It can't be gotten for gold,
neither shall silver be
weighed for its price.
16 It can't be valued with the gold
of Ophir,
with the precious onyx, or
the sapphire[a].
17 Gold and glass can't equal it,
neither shall it be exchanged
for jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of
coral or of crystal.
Yes, the price of wisdom is
above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not
equal it,
Neither shall it be valued
with pure gold.
20 From where then comes
wisdom?
Where is the place of
understanding?
21 Seeing it is hidden from the eyes
of all living,
and kept close from the birds
of the sky.
22 Destruction and Death say,
'We have heard a rumor of it
with our ears.'

23 "God understands its way,
and he knows its place.

[a] 28:16 Or, lapis lazuli

[24]For he looks to the farthest parts
of the earth,
and sees under the whole
sky.
[25]He establishes the force of the
wind.
Yes, he measures out the
waters by measure.
[26]When he made a decree for the
rain,
and a way for the lightning
of the thunder;
[27]then he saw it, and declared it.
He established it, yes, and
searched it out.
[28]To man he said,
'Look, the fear of the Lord,
that is wisdom.
To depart from evil is
understanding.'"

29 Job again took up his parable, and said,
[2]"Oh that I were as in the months
of old,
as in the days when God
watched over me;
[3]when his lamp shone on my head,
and by his light I walked
through darkness,
[4]as I was in the ripeness of my
days,
when the friendship of God
was in my tent,
[5]when Shaddai was yet with me,
and my children were
around me,
[6]when my steps were washed with
butter,
and the rock poured out
streams of oil for me,
[7]when I went forth to the city gate,
when I prepared my seat in
the street.
[8]The young men saw me and hid
themselves.
The aged rose up and stood.
[9]The princes refrained from
talking,
and laid their hand on their
mouth.
[10]The voice of the nobles was
hushed,
and their tongue stuck to the
roof of their mouth.
[11]For when the ear heard me, then
it blessed me;
and when the eye saw me, it
commended me:
[12]Because I delivered the poor
who cried,
and the fatherless also, who
had none to help him,
[13]the blessing of him who was
ready to perish came
on me,
and I caused the widow's
heart to sing for joy.
[14]I put on righteousness, and it
clothed me.
My justice was as a robe and
a diadem.
[15]I was eyes to the blind,
and feet to the lame.
[16]I was a father to the needy.
The cause of him who I did
not know, I searched
out.
[17]I broke the jaws of the
unrighteous,
and plucked the prey out of
his teeth.
[18]Then I said, 'I shall die in my
own house,
I shall number my days as
the sand.
[19]My root is spread out to the
waters.
The dew lies all night on my
branch.

[20]My glory is fresh in me.
My bow is renewed in my hand.'

[21]"Men listened to me, waited,
and kept silence for my counsel.
[22]After my words they did not speak again.
My speech fell on them.
[23]They waited for me as for the rain.
Their mouths drank as with the spring rain.
[24]I smiled on them when they had no confidence.
They did not reject the light of my face.
[25]I chose out their way, and sat as chief.
I lived as a king in the army,
as one who comforts the mourners.

30 "But now those who are younger than I have me in derision,
whose fathers I would have disdained to put with my sheep dogs.
[2]Of what use is the strength of their hands to me,
men in whom ripe age has perished?
[3]They are gaunt from lack and famine.
They gnaw the dry ground, in the gloom of waste and desolation.
[4]They pluck salt herbs by the bushes.
The roots of the broom are their food.
[5]They are driven out from the midst of men.
They cry after them as after a thief;
[6]So that they dwell in frightful valleys,
and in holes of the earth and of the rocks.
[7]Among the bushes they bray;
and under the nettles they are gathered together.
[8]They are children of fools, yes, children of base men.
They were flogged out of the land.

[9]"Now I have become their song.
Yes, I am a byword to them.
[10]They abhor me, they keep their distance from me,
and do not hesitate to spit in my face.
[11]For he has untied his cord, and afflicted me;
and they have thrown off restraint before me.
[12]On my right hand rise the rabble.
They thrust aside my feet,
They cast up against me their ways of destruction.
[13]They mar my path,
They set forward my calamity,
without anyone's help.
[14]As through a wide breach they come,
in the midst of the ruin they roll themselves in.
[15]Terrors have turned on me.
They chase my honor as the wind.
My welfare has passed away as a cloud.

[16]"Now my soul is poured out within me.

Days of affliction have taken
hold on me.
17In the night season my bones are
pierced in me,
and the pains that gnaw me
take no rest.
18By great force is my garment
disfigured.
It binds me about as the
collar of my coat.
19He has cast me into the mire.
I have become like dust and
ashes.
20I cry to you, and you do not
answer me.
I stand up, and you gaze at
me.
21You have turned to be cruel to
me.
With the might of your hand
you persecute me.
22You lift me up to the wind, and
drive me with it.
You dissolve me in the
storm.
23For I know that you will bring
me to death,
To the house appointed for
all living.

24"However doesn't one stretch
out a hand in his fall?
Or in his calamity therefore
cry for help?
25Did I not weep for him who was
in trouble?
Wasn't my soul grieved for
the needy?
26When I looked for good, then
evil came;
When I waited for light,
there came darkness.
27My heart is troubled, and doesn't
rest.
Days of affliction have come
on me.
28I go mourning without the sun.
I stand up in the assembly,
and cry for help.
29I am a brother to jackals,
and a companion to
ostriches.
30My skin grows black and peels
from me.
My bones are burned with
heat.
31Therefore my harp has turned to
mourning,
and my pipe into the voice
of those who weep.

31 "I made a covenant
with my eyes,
how then should I
look lustfully at a
young woman?
2For what is the portion from God
above,
and the heritage from
Shaddai on high?
3Is it not calamity for the
unrighteous,
and disaster for evildoers?
4Doesn't he see my ways,
and number all my steps?

5"If I have walked with falsehood,
and my foot has hurried to
deceit
6(let me be weighed in an even
balance,
that God may know my
integrity);
7if my step has turned out of the
way,
if my heart walked after my
eyes,
if any defilement has stuck
to my hands,
8then let me sow, and let another
eat.

Yes, let the produce of my
field be rooted out.

9"If my heart has been enticed to a
woman,
and I have lain in wait at my
neighbor's door,
10then let my wife grind for
another,
and let others sleep with her.
11For that would be a heinous
crime.
Yes, it would be an iniquity
to be punished by the
judges:
12For it is a fire that consumes to
destruction,
and would root out all my
increase.

13"If I have despised the cause of
my male servant
or of my female servant,
when they contended with
me;
14What then shall I do when God
rises up?
When he visits, what shall I
answer him?
15Did not he who made me in the
womb make him?
Did not the same one
fashion us in the
womb?

16"If I have withheld the poor from
their desire,
or have caused the eyes of
the widow to fail,
17or have eaten my morsel alone,
and the fatherless has not
eaten of it
18(no, from my youth he grew up
with me as with a
father,
her have I guided from my
mother's womb);
19if I have seen any perish for want
of clothing,
or that the needy had no
covering;
20if his heart hasn't blessed me,
if he hasn't been warmed
with my sheep's
fleece;
21if I have lifted up my hand
against the fatherless,
because I saw my help in the
gate,
22then let my shoulder fall from
the shoulder blade,
and my arm be broken from
the bone.
23For calamity from God is a terror
to me.
Because his majesty, I can
do nothing.

24"If I have made gold my hope,
and have said to the fine
gold, 'You are my
confidence;'
25If I have rejoiced because my
wealth was great,
and because my hand had
gotten much;
26if I have seen the sun when it
shined,
or the moon moving in
splendor,
27and my heart has been secretly
enticed,
and my hand threw a kiss
from my mouth,
28this also would be an iniquity to
be punished by the
judges;
for I should have denied the
God who is above.

29 "If I have rejoiced at the
destruction of him
who hated me,
or lifted up myself when evil
found him;
30 (yes, I have not allowed my
mouth to sin
by asking his life with a
curse);
31 if the men of my tent have not
said,
'Who can find one who has
not been filled with his
meat?'
32 (the foreigner has not lodged in
the street,
but I have opened my doors
to the traveler);
33 if like Adam I have covered my
transgressions,
by hiding my iniquity in my
heart,
34 because I feared the great
multitude,
and the contempt of families
terrified me,
so that I kept silence, and
did not go out of the
door—
35 oh that I had one to hear me.
(look, here is my signature,
let Shaddai answer
me);
let the accuser write my
indictment.
36 Surely I would carry it on my
shoulder;
and I would bind it to me as
a crown.
37 I would declare to him the
number of my steps;
as a prince would I go near
to him.
38 If my land cries out against me,
and its furrows weep
together;
39 if I have eaten its fruits without
money,
or have caused its owners to
lose their life,
40 let briars grow instead of wheat,
and stinkweed instead of
barley."

The words of Job are ended.

32 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then the wrath of Elihu the son of Barakel, the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was kindled against Job. His wrath was kindled because he justified himself rather than God. 3 Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job, because they were elder than he. 5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

6 Elihu the son of Barakel the Buzite answered,
"I am young, and you are very old;
Therefore I held back, and
did not dare show you
my opinion.
7 I said, 'Days should speak,
and multitude of years
should teach wisdom.'
8 But there is a spirit in man,
and the breath of Shaddai
gives them
understanding.
9 It is not the great who are wise,
nor the aged who understand
justice.

[10]Therefore I said, ‘Listen to me;
I also will show my
opinion.’

[11]“Look, I waited for your words,
and I listened for your
reasoning,
while you searched out what
to say.
[12]Yes, I gave you my full
attention,
but there was no one who
convinced Job,
or who answered his words,
among you.
[13]Beware lest you say, ‘We have
found wisdom,
God may refute him, not
man;’
[14]for he has not directed his words
against me;
neither will I answer him
with your speeches.

[15]“They are amazed. They answer
no more.
They do not have a word to
say.
[16]Shall I wait, because they do not
speak,
because they stand still, and
answer no more?
[17]I also will answer my part,
and I also will show my
opinion.
[18]For I am full of words.
The spirit within me
constrains me.
[19]Look, my breast is as wine
which has no vent;
like new wineskins it is
ready to burst.
[20]I will speak, that I may be
refreshed.
I will open my lips and
answer.
[21]Please do not let me respect any
man’s person,
neither will I give flattering
titles to any man.
[22]For I do not know how to give
flattering titles;
or else my Maker would
soon take me away.

33 “However, Job,
please hear my
speech,
and listen to all my words.
[2]See now, I have opened my
mouth.
My tongue has spoken in my
mouth.
[3]My words shall utter the
uprightness of my
heart.
That which my lips know
they shall speak
sincerely.
[4]The Spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of Shaddai
gives me life.
[5]If you can, answer me.
Set your words in order
before me, and stand
forth.
[6]Look, I am toward God even as
you are.
I am also formed out of the
clay.
[7]Look, my terror shall not make
you afraid,
neither shall my pressure be
heavy on you.

[8]“Surely you have spoken in my
hearing,
I have heard the voice of
your words, saying,
[9]‘I am clean, without
disobedience.

I am innocent, neither is
there iniquity in me.
10Look, he finds occasions against
me.
He counts me for his enemy.
11He puts my feet in the stocks.
He marks all my paths.'

12"Look, I will answer you. In this
you are not just,
for God is greater than man.
13Why do you strive against him,
because he doesn't give
account of any of his
matters?
14For God speaks once,
yes twice, though man pays
no attention.
15In a dream, in a vision of the
night,
when deep sleep falls on
men,
in slumbering on the bed;
16Then he opens the ears of men,
and seals their instruction,
17That he may withdraw man from
his purpose,
and hide pride from man.
18He keeps back his soul from the
pit,
and his life from perishing
by the sword.
19He is chastened also with pain on
his bed,
with continual strife in his
bones;
20So that his life abhors bread,
and his soul choicest food.
21His flesh is so consumed away,
that it can't be seen.
His bones that were not seen
stick out.
22Yes, his soul draws near to the
pit,
and his life to the destroyers.
23"If there is beside him an angel,
an interpreter, one among a
thousand,
to show to man what is right
for him;
24then God is gracious to him, and
says,
'Deliver him from going
down to the pit,
I have found a ransom.'
25His flesh shall be fresher than a
child's.
He returns to the days of his
youth.
26He prays to God, and he is
favorable to him,
so that he sees his face with
joy.
He restores to man his
righteousness.
27He sings before men, and says,
'I have sinned, and perverted
that which was right,
and it did not profit me.
28He has redeemed my soul from
going into the pit.
My life shall see the light.'

29"Look, God works all these
things,
twice, yes three times, with a
man,
30to bring back his soul from the
pit,
that he may be enlightened
with the light of the
living.
31Mark well, Job, and listen to me.
Hold your peace, and I will
speak.
32If you have anything to say,
answer me.
Speak, for I desire to justify
you.
33If not, listen to me.

Hold your peace, and I will
teach you wisdom."

34 Moreover Elihu answered,
2"Hear my words,
you sages.
Give ear to me, you who
have knowledge.
3For the ear tries words,
as the palate tastes food.
4Let us choose for us that which is
right.
Let us know among
ourselves what is
good.
5For Job has said, 'I am righteous,
God has taken away my
right:
6Notwithstanding my right I am
considered a liar.
My wound is incurable,
though I am without
disobedience.'
7What man is like Job,
who drinks scorn like water,
8Who goes in company with
evildoers,
and walks with wicked men?
9For he has said, 'It profits a man
nothing
that he should delight
himself with God.'

10"Therefore listen to me, you men
of understanding:
far be it from God, that he
should do wickedness,
from Shaddai, that he should
commit iniquity.
11For the work of a man he will
render to him,
and cause every man to find
according to his ways.
12Yes surely, God will not do
wickedly,
neither will Shaddai pervert
justice.
13Who put him in charge of the
earth?
or who has appointed him
over the whole world?
14If he set his heart on himself,
If he gathered to himself his
spirit and his breath,
15all flesh would perish together,
and man would turn again to
dust.

16"If now you have understanding,
hear this.
Listen to the voice of my
words.
17Shall even one who hates justice
govern?
Will you condemn him who
is righteous and
mighty?—
18Who says to a king, 'Vile.'
or to nobles, 'Wicked.'?
19Who doesn't respect the persons
of princes,
nor regards the rich more
than the poor;
for they all are the work of
his hands.
20In a moment they die, even at
midnight.
The people are shaken and
pass away.
The mighty are taken away
without a hand.

21"For his eyes are on the ways of
a man.
He sees all his goings.
22There is no darkness, nor thick
gloom,
where evildoers may hide
themselves.

23 For he doesn't need to consider a
man further,
that he should go before God
in judgment.
24 He breaks in pieces mighty men
in ways past finding
out,
and sets others in their place.
25 Therefore he takes knowledge of
their works.
He overturns them in the
night, so that they are
destroyed.
26 He strikes them as wicked men
in the open sight of others;
27 because they turned aside from
following him,
and wouldn't pay attention
to any of his ways,
28 so that they caused the cry of the
poor to come to him.
He heard the cry of the
afflicted.
29 When he gives quietness, who
then can condemn?
When he hides his face, who
then can see him?
Alike whether to a nation, or
to a man,
30 that the godless man may not
reign,
that there be no one to
ensnare the people.

31 "For has any said to God,
'I am guilty, but I will not
offend any more.
32 Teach me that which I do not
see.
If I have done iniquity, I will
do it no more'?
33 Shall his recompense be as you
desire, that you refuse
it?
For you must choose, and
not I.
Therefore speak what you
know.
34 Men of understanding will tell
me,
yes, every wise man who
hears me:
35 'Job speaks without knowledge.
His words are without
wisdom.'
36 I wish that Job were tried to the
end,
because of his answering
like wicked men.
37 For he adds rebellion to his sin.
He claps his hands among
us,
and multiplies his words
against God."

35 Moreover Elihu
answered,
2 "Do you think this
to be your right,
or do you say, 'My
righteousness is more
than God's,'
3 That you ask, 'What advantage
will it be to you?
What profit shall I have,
more than if I had
sinned?'
4 I will answer you,
and your companions with
you.
5 Look to the heavens, and see.
See the skies, which are
higher than you.
6 If you have sinned, what effect do
you have against him?
If your transgressions are
multiplied, what do
you do to him?
7 If you are righteous, what do you
give him?

Or what does he receive
from your hand?
[8]Your wickedness may hurt a man
as you are,
and your righteousness may
profit a son of man.

[9]"By reason of the multitude of
oppressions they cry
out.
They cry for help by reason
of the arm of the
mighty.
[10]But none says, 'Where is God
my Maker,
who gives songs in the night,
[11]who teaches us more than the
animals of the earth,
and makes us wiser than the
birds of the sky?'
[12]There they cry, but none gives
answer,
because of the pride of evil
men.
[13]Surely God will not hear an
empty cry,
neither will Shaddai regard
it.
[14]How much less when you say
you do not see him.
The cause is before him, and
you wait for him.
[15]But now, because he has not
visited in his anger,
neither does he greatly
regard arrogance.
[16]Therefore Job opens his mouth
with empty talk,
and he multiplies words
without knowledge."

36 Elihu also continued, and said,

[2]"Bear with me a little, and I will
show you;
for I still have something to
say on God's behalf.
[3]I will get my knowledge from
afar,
and will ascribe
righteousness to my
Maker.
[4]For truly my words are not false.
One who is perfect in
knowledge is with
you.

[5]"Look, God is mighty, and
doesn't despise
anyone.
He is mighty in strength of
understanding.
[6]He doesn't preserve the life of the
wicked,
but gives to the afflicted
their right.
[7]He doesn't withdraw his eyes
from the righteous,
but with kings on the throne,
he sets them forever, and
they are exalted.
[8]If they are bound in fetters,
and are taken in the cords of
afflictions,
[9]then he shows them their work,
and their transgressions, that
they have behaved
themselves proudly.
[10]He also opens their ears to
instruction,
and commands that they
return from iniquity.
[11]If they listen and serve him,
they shall spend their days in
prosperity,
and their years in pleasures.
[12]But if they do not listen, they
shall perish by the
sword;

they shall die without
knowledge.

13"But those who are godless in
heart lay up anger.
They do not cry for help
when he binds them.
14They die in youth.
Their life perishes among
the unclean.
15He delivers the afflicted by their
affliction,
and opens their ear in
oppression.
16Yes, he would have allured you
out of distress,
into a broad place, where
there is no restriction.
That which is set on your
table would be full of
fatness.

17"But you are full of the judgment
of the wicked.
Judgment and justice take
hold of you.
18Do not let riches entice you to
wrath,
neither let the great size of a
bribe turn you aside.
19Would your wealth sustain you
in distress,
or all the might of your
strength?
20Do not desire the night,
when people are cut off in
their place.
21Take heed, do not regard
iniquity;
for you have chosen this
rather than affliction.
22Look, God is exalted in his
power.
Who is a teacher like him?
23Who has prescribed his way for
him?
Or who can say, 'You have
committed
unrighteousness?'

24"Remember that you magnify his
work,
whereof men have sung.
25All men have looked thereon.
Man sees it afar off.
26Look, God is great, and we do
not know him.
The number of his years is
unsearchable.
27For he draws up the drops of
water,
which distill in rain from his
vapor,
28Which the skies pour down
and which drop on
humankind
abundantly.
29Yes, can any understand the
spreading of the
clouds,
and the thunderings of his
pavilion?
30Look, he spreads his light around
him.
He covers the bottom of the
sea.
31For by these he judges the
people.
He gives food in abundance.
32He covers his hands with the
lightning,
and commands it to strike
the mark.
33Its noise tells about him,
and the livestock also
concerning the storm
that comes up.

37 "Yes, at this my
heart trembles,

and is moved out of its
place.
2Hear, oh, hear the noise of his
voice,
the sound that goes out of
his mouth.
3He sends it forth under the whole
sky,
and his lightning to the
farthest parts of the
earth.
4After it a voice roars.
He thunders with the voice
of his majesty.
He doesn't hold back
anything when his
voice is heard.
5God thunders marvelously with
his voice.
He does great things, which
we can't comprehend.
6For he says to the snow, 'Fall on
the earth;'
likewise to the shower of
rain,
and to the showers of his
mighty rain.
7He seals up the hand of every
man,
that all men whom he has
made may know it.
8Then the animals take cover,
and remain in their dens.
9Out of its chamber comes the
storm,
and cold out of the north.
10By the breath of God, ice is
given,
and the breadth of the waters
is frozen.
11Yes, he loads the thick cloud
with moisture.
He spreads abroad the cloud
of his lightning.
12It is turned around by his
guidance,
that they may do whatever
he commands them
on the surface of the
habitable world,
13Whether it is for correction, or
for his land,
or for loving kindness, that
he causes it to come.

14"Listen to this, Job.
Stand still, and consider the
wondrous works of
God.
15Do you know how God controls
them,
and causes the lightning of
his cloud to shine?
16Do you know the workings of
the clouds,
the wondrous works of him
who is perfect in
knowledge?
17You whose clothing is warm,
when the earth is still by
reason of the south
wind?
18Can you, with him, spread out
the sky,
which is strong as a cast
metal mirror?
19Teach us what we shall tell him,
for we can't make our case
by reason of darkness.
20Shall it be told him that I would
speak?
Or should a man wish that
he were swallowed
up?
21Now men do not see the light
which is bright in the
skies,
but the wind passes, and
clears them.
22Out of the north comes golden
splendor.

With God is awesome
majesty.
23 We can't reach Shaddai.
He is exalted in power.
In justice and great
righteousness, he will
not oppress.
24 Therefore men revere him.
He doesn't regard any who
are wise of heart."

38 Then YHWH answered Job out of the whirlwind,
2 "Who is this who darkens counsel
by words without
knowledge?
3 Brace yourself like a man,
for I will question you, then
you answer me.

4 "Where were you when I laid the
foundations of the
earth?
Declare, if you have
understanding.
5 Who determined its measures, if
you know?
Or who stretched the line on
it?
6 Whereupon were its foundations
fastened?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
7 when the morning stars sang
together,
and all the sons of God
shouted for joy?

8 "Or who shut up the sea with
doors,
when it broke forth from the
womb,
9 when I made clouds its garment,
and wrapped it in thick
darkness,
10 marked out for it my bound,
set bars and doors,
11 and said, 'Here you may come,
but no further.
Here your proud waves shall
be stayed?'

12 "Have you commanded the
morning in your days,
and caused the dawn to
know its place;
13 that it might take hold of the
farthest parts of the
earth,
and shake the wicked out of
it?
14 It is changed as clay under the
seal,
and stands forth as a
garment.
15 From the wicked, their light is
withheld.
The high arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the
springs of the sea?
Or have you walked in the
recesses of the deep?
17 Have the gates of death been
revealed to you?
Or have you seen the gates
of the shadow of
death?
18 Have you comprehended the
earth in its breadth?
Declare, if you know it all.

19 "What is the way to the dwelling
of light?
As for darkness, where is its
place,
20 that you should take it to its
bound,
that you should discern the
paths to its house?

21 Surely you know, for you were
born then,
and the number of your days
is great.
22 Have you entered the treasuries
of the snow,
or have you seen the
treasures of the hail,
23 which I have reserved against the
time of trouble,
against the day of battle and
war?
24 By what way is the lightning
distributed,
or the east wind scattered on
the earth?
25 Who has cut a channel for the
flood water,
or the path for the
thunderstorm;
26 To cause it to rain on a land
where no man is;
on the wilderness, in which
there is no man;
27 to satisfy the waste and desolate
ground,
to cause the tender grass to
spring forth?
28 Does the rain have a father?
Or who fathers the drops of
dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the
ice?
The gray frost of the sky,
who has given birth to
it?
30 The waters become hard like
stone,
when the surface of the deep
is frozen.

31 "Can you fasten the chains of
Kimah,
or loosen the cords of
Kesil?[a]
32 Can you lead forth the
Mazzaroth in their
season?
Or can you lead Aysh with
her children?[b]
33 Do you know the laws of the
heavens?
Can you establish its
dominion over the
earth?

34 "Can you lift up your voice to
the clouds,
That abundance of waters
may cover you?
35 Can you send forth lightnings,
that they may go?
Do they report to you, 'Here
we are?'
36 Who has put wisdom in the
inward parts?
Or who has given
understanding to the
mind?
37 Who can number the clouds by
wisdom?
Or who can pour out the
bottles of the sky,
38 when the dust runs into a mass,
and the clods of earth stick
together?

39 "Can you hunt the prey for the
lioness,
or satisfy the appetite of the
young lions,
40 when they crouch in their dens,
and lie in wait in the thicket?

[a] 38:31 Or, "chains of the Pleiades, or loosen the cords of Orion?"

[b] 38:31 Or, "lead the Bear with her cubs?"

41 Who provides for the raven his
prey,
when his young ones cry to
God,
and wander for lack of food?

39 "Do you know the
time when the
mountain goats give
birth?
Do you watch when the doe
bears fawns?
2 Can you number the months that
they fulfill?
Or do you know the time
when they give birth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring
forth their young,
they end their labor pains.
4 Their young ones become strong.
They grow up in the open
field.
They go forth, and do not
return again.

5 "Who has set the wild donkey
free?
Or who has loosened the
bonds of the swift
donkey,
6 Whose home I have made the
wilderness,
and the salt land his
dwelling place?
7 He scorns the tumult of the city,
neither does he hear the
shouting of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains is his
pasture,
He searches after every
green thing.

9 "Will the wild ox be content to
serve you?
Or will he stay by your
feeding trough?
10 Can you hold the wild ox in the
furrow with his
harness?
Or will he till the valleys
after you?
11 Will you trust him, because his
strength is great?
Or will you leave to him
your labor?
12 Will you have faith in him, that
he will bring in[a] your
grain,
and gather it to your
threshing floor?

13 "The wings of the ostrich wave
proudly;
but are they the feathers and
plumage of love?
14 For she leaves her eggs on the
earth,
warms them in the dust,
15 and forgets that the foot may
crush them,
or that the wild animal may
trample them.
16 She deals harshly with her young
ones, as if they were
not hers.
Though her labor is in vain,
she is without fear,
17 because God has deprived her of
wisdom,
neither has he imparted to
her understanding.

[a] 39:12 MT Qere. MT Kethib "will return," an apparent waw-yod confusion

18 When she lifts up herself on high,
she scorns the horse and his rider.

19 "Have you given the horse might?
Have you clothed his neck with a quivering mane?
20 Have you made him to leap as a locust?
The glory of his snorting is awesome.
21 He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength.
He goes out to meet the armed men.
22 He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed,
neither does he turn back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattles against him,
the flashing spear and the javelin.
24 He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage,
neither does he stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
25 As often as the trumpet sounds he snorts, 'Aha.'
He smells the battle afar off,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 "Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and stretches her wings toward the south?
27 Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up,
and makes his nest on high?
28 On the cliff he dwells, and makes his home,
on the point of the cliff, and the stronghold.
29 From there he spies out the prey.
His eyes see it afar off.
30 His young ones also suck up blood.
Where the slain are, there he is."

40 Moreover YHWH answered Job,
2 "Shall he who argues contend with Shaddai?
He who argues with God, let him answer it."

3 Then Job answered YHWH,
4 "Look, I am of small account.
What shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.
5 I have spoken once, and I will not answer;
Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further."

6 Then YHWH answered Job out of the whirlwind,
7 "Now brace yourself like a man.
I will question you, and you will answer me.
8 Will you even annul my judgment?
Will you condemn me, that you may be justified?
9 Or do you have an arm like God?
Can you thunder with a voice like him?

10 "Now deck yourself with excellency and dignity.

Array yourself with honor
and majesty.
11 Pour out the fury of your anger.
Look at everyone who is
proud, and bring him
low.
12 Look at everyone who is proud,
and humble him.
Crush the wicked in their
place.
13 Hide them in the dust together.
Bind their faces in the
hidden place.
14 Then I will also admit to you
that your own right hand can
save you.

15 "Look now at the sauropod,
which I made as well
as you.
He eats grass as an ox.
16 Look now, his strength is in his
thighs.
His force is in the muscles of
his belly.
17 He moves his tail like a cedar.
The sinews of his thighs are
knit together.
18 His bones are like tubes of
bronze.
His limbs are like bars of
iron.
19 He is the chief of the ways of
God.
He who made him gives him
his sword.
20 Surely the mountains produce
food for him,
where all the animals of the
field play.
21 He lies under the lotus trees,
in the covert of the reed, and
the marsh.
22 The lotuses cover him with their
shade.
The willows of the brook
surround him.
23 Look, if a river overflows, he
doesn't tremble.
He is confident, though the
Jordan swells even to
his mouth.
24 Shall any take him when he is on
the watch,
or pierce through his nose
with a snare?

41 "Can you draw out
Deinosuchus with a
fishhook,
or press down his tongue
with a cord?
2 Can you put a rope into his nose,
or pierce his jaw through
with a hook?
3 Will he make many petitions to
you,
or will he speak soft words
to you?
4 Will he make a covenant with
you,
that you should take him for
a servant forever?
5 Will you play with him as with a
bird?
Or will you bind him for
your girls?
6 Will traders barter for him?
Will they part him among
the merchants?
7 Can you fill his skin with barbed
irons,
or his head with fish spears?
8 If you lay a hand on him, you will
remember the battle,
and you will never do
it again.
9 Look, the hope of him is in vain.

Won't one be cast down
even at the sight of
him?
10None is so fierce that he dare stir
him up.
Who then is he who can
stand before me?
11Who has confronted me, that I
should repay?
Everything under the
heavens is mine.

12"I will not keep silence
concerning his limbs,
nor his mighty strength, nor
his goodly frame.
13Who can strip off his outer
garment?
Who shall come within his
jaws?
14Who can open the doors of his
face?
Around his teeth is terror.
15Strong scales are his pride,
shut up together with a close
seal.
16One is so near to another,
that no air can come
between them.
17They are joined one to another.
They stick together, so that
they can't be pulled
apart.
18His sneezing flashes out light.
His eyes are like the eyelids
of the morning.
19Out of his mouth go burning
torches.
Sparks of fire leap forth.
20Out of his nostrils a smoke goes,
as of a boiling pot over a fire
of reeds.
21His breath kindles coals.
A flame goes forth from his
mouth.
22There is strength in his neck.
Terror dances before him.
23The flakes of his flesh are joined
together.
They are firm on him.
They can't be moved.
24His heart is as firm as a stone,
yes, firm as the lower
millstone.
25When he raises himself up, the
mighty are afraid.
They retreat before his
thrashing.
26If one attacks him with the
sword, it can't prevail;
nor the spear, the dart, nor
the pointed shaft.
27He counts iron as straw;
and bronze as rotten wood.
28The arrow can't make him flee.
Sling stones are like chaff to
him.
29Clubs are counted as stubble.
He laughs at the rushing of
the javelin.
30His undersides are like sharp
potsherds,
leaving a trail in the mud
like a threshing sledge.
31He makes the deep to boil like a
pot.
He makes the sea like a pot
of ointment.
32He makes a path shine after him.
One would think the deep
had white hair.
33On earth there is not his equal,
that is made without fear.
34He sees everything that is high.
He is king over all the sons
of pride."

42 Then Job answered YHWH,
2"I know that you
can do all things,

and that no purpose of yours
can be restrained.
3You asked, 'Who is this who
hides counsel without
knowledge?'
therefore I have uttered that
which I did not
understand,
things too wonderful for me,
which I did not know.
4You said, 'Listen, now, and I will
speak;
I will question you, and you
will answer me.'
5I had heard of you by the hearing
of the ear,
but now my eye sees you.
6Therefore I abhor myself,
and repent in dust and
ashes."

7It was so, that after YHWH had spoken these words to Job, YHWH said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you, and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has. 8Now therefore, take to yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept him, that I not deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job has."

9So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did what YHWH commanded them, and YHWH accepted Job.

10YHWH turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends. YHWH gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11Then came there to him all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all those who had been of his acquaintance before, and ate bread with him in his house. They comforted him, and consoled him concerning all the evil that YHWH had brought on him. And each of them gave him a kesitah and a gold ring.

12So YHWH blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys. 13He had also seven sons and three daughters. 14He called the name of the first, Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren Happuch. 15In all the land were no women found so beautiful as the daughters of Job. Their father gave them an inheritance among their brothers. 16After this Job lived one hundred forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, to four generations. 17So Job died, being old and full of days.

The Psalms

BOOK I

Psalm 1

[1]Blessed is the one[a] who doesn't
follow the advice[b] of the wicked,
or take[c] the path of sinners,
or join in[d] with scoffers.
[2]But his delight is in the law of
YHWH, and on his law he
meditates day and night.
[3]And he is like a tree planted by
flowing streams,
that brings forth its fruit in
its season,
and its leaf does not wither,
and whatever he does shall
prosper.
[4]Not so with the wicked;[e]
instead, they are like the
chaff which the wind
drives away.[f]
[5]Therefore the wicked shall not
stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the
congregation of the
righteous.
[6]For YHWH knows the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked
shall perish.

Psalm 2

[1]Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
[2]The kings of the earth take a
stand,
and the rulers take counsel
together,
against YHWH, and against
his Anointed One[g]:
[3]"Let's tear off their shackles,
and throw off their ropes
from us."
[4]The one who sits in the heavens
laughs.
YHWH[h] scoffs at them.
[5]Then he will speak to them in his
anger,
and terrify them in his
wrath:
[6]"But I myself have installed my
king on Zion, my holy
mountain."
[7]I will tell of the decree.
YHWH said to me, "You are my
son.
Today I have become your
father.[i]
[8]Ask of me, and I will give the
nations as your
inheritance,
and the farthest parts of the
earth for your
possession.
[9]You shall rule[j] them with an iron
scepter.

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[a]1:1 Or "man"
[b]1:1 Lit "walk in the path"
[c]1:1 Lit "or stand in"
[d]1:1 Lit "or sit in the seat"
[e]1:4 LXX Vg cf. BHS add "not so"
[f]1:4 LXX adds "from the surface of the ground," possibly from homoiomeson
[g]2:2 Or, "Messiah." Heb. Mashiach. Acts 4:26-26
[h]2:4 Cairo Geniza Ms MT Mss. DSS Ms MT read "Lord"
[i]2:7 Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5
[j]2:9 Or, "shepherd." LXX Syr. MT reads "break," a difference of scribal

You shall dash them in
pieces like a potter's
vessel."[a]
10Now therefore, you kings,
be wise; receive
correction, you judges
of the earth.
11Serve YHWH with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
12Do homage in purity,[b] lest he be
angry, and you perish
in the way,
when his anger is suddenly
kindled.
Blessed are all those who
take refuge in him.

Psalm 3

A Psalm by David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

1YHWH, how my adversaries have
increased.
Many rise up against me.
2Many there are who say of my
soul,
"There is no salvation for
him in God."
Selah.
3But you, YHWH, are a shield
around me,
my glory, and the one who
lifts up my head.
4I cried out to YHWH with my
voice,
and he answered me from his
holy mountain. Selah.
5I lay down and slept.
I awoke, for YHWH sustains
me.
6I am not afraid of ten thousands
of people
who have set themselves
against me on every
side.
7Arise, YHWH.
Save me, my God.
For you slap all my enemies in the
face.
You break the teeth of the
wicked.
8Salvation belongs to YHWH.
Your blessing is upon your
people.
Selah.

Psalm 4

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm by David.

1Answer me when I call, God of
my righteousness.[c]
You set me free in my
distress.
Be gracious to me and hear
my prayer.
2You sons of man, how long will
you shame my honor,
love what is worthless,
chase after a lie?
Selah.

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vocalization of the consonantal text. Revelation 2:27, 12:5, 19:15

[a]2:9 Revelation 2:27

[b]2:12 For Heb. bar as "pure" cf. 24:4. The Aramaic word bar "son" may not be in view since the Hebrew word ben "son" was used in v.7

[c]4:1 Syr has a conjunction: "my God and my righteousness" וצדקי

[3]But know that YHWH works
wonders[a] for his
godly one;[b]
YHWH will hear when I call
to him.
[4]Be angry, but do not sin.[c]
Ponder in your heart, but[d] be
at rest on your bed.[e]
Selah.

[5]Offer the sacrifices of
righteousness,
and put your trust in YHWH.
[6]Many say, "Who will show us
any good?"
YHWH, lift up the light of
your face upon us.
[7]You have put gladness in my
heart,
more than when their grain
and wine and oil
abound.[f]
[8]In peace I will both lay myself
down and sleep,
for you alone, YHWH, make
me live in safety.

Psalm 5

For the Chief Musician, with the flutes. A Psalm by David.

[1]Listen to my words, YHWH.
Consider my meditation.
[2]Give attention to the voice of my
cry, my King and my
God;
for to you do I pray.
[3]YHWH, in the morning you shall
hear my voice.
In the morning I will lay my
requests before you,
and watch.
[4]For you are not a God who
desires wickedness.
Evil can't live with you.
[5]The arrogant shall not stand in
your sight.
You hate all evildoers.
[6]You will destroy those who speak
lies.
YHWH despises a person of
bloodshed and deceit.
[7]But as for me, in the abundance
of your loving
kindness I will enter
into your house.
I will bow toward your holy
temple in reverence of
you.
[8]Lead me, YHWH, in your
righteousness because
of my enemies.
Make your way straight
before me.
[9]For there is nothing reliable in
their[g] mouth.

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[a]4:3 Cairo Geniza Ms Hebrew Mss cf. LXX ethaumaotosen (and Psalm 31:21 (31:22 MT, 30:22 LXX)) and Heir, reading הפלא haple "wonders." MT reads הפלה hiplah "has set apart," an aural confusion, or a misreading

[b]4:3 LXX, reading hosion (sg) autou "his godly one" = חסידו. MT reads חסיד לו, "the godly for himself"

[c]4:4 Ephesians 4:26

[d]4:4 Hebrew Ms Cairo Geniza Ms LXX Tg Syr. MT lacks "but"

[e]4:4 LXX Syr. MT adds "and"

[f]4:7 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "and oil" from haplography by homoioarcton: w_m-w_m

[g]5:9 Hebrew Ms LXX (cf. Psalm 59:7; 78:30, 36) cf. Tg Syr. MT reads "his"

Their heart is destruction.
Their throat is an open tomb;
with their tongues
they flatter.[a]
10 Hold them guilty, God.
Let them fall by their own
counsels. Cast them
out because of the
multitude of their
transgressions,
for they have rebelled
against you.
11 But let all those who take refuge
in you rejoice.
Let them always shout for
joy, because you
defend them.
And let those who love your name
be joyful in you.
12 For you bless the righteous,
YHWH. You surround
him with favor like a
shield.

Psalm 6

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments, upon the eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm by David.

1 YHWH, do not rebuke me in your
anger,
neither discipline me in your
wrath.
2 Be gracious to me, YHWH, for I
am frail
YHWH, heal me, for my
bones are trembling.
3 And my soul is greatly troubled.
But you, YHWH, how long?
4 Return, YHWH. Deliver my soul.
Save me because of your
lovingkindness.
5 For in death there is no memory
of you.
In Sheol, who shall give you
thanks?
6 I am weary with my groaning.
Every night I drench my
bed;
I melt my couch with my
tears.
7 My eye wastes away because of
grief.
It grows old because of all
my adversaries.
8 Depart from me, all you workers
of iniquity,
for YHWH has heard the
sound of my weeping.
9 YHWH has heard my plea.
YHWH has accepted my
prayer.
10 May all my enemies be ashamed
and greatly terrified.
May they turn back,
suddenly ashamed.

Psalm 7

A meditation by David, which he sang to YHWH, concerning the words of Cush, the Benjamite.

1 YHWH, my God, I take refuge in
you.
Save me from all those who
pursue me, and deliver
me,

[a] 5:9 Or "deceive." Hol2584: "be smooth, slippery, false." Romans 3:13

[2]lest they tear apart my soul like a
lion,
ripping it in pieces, while
there is none to
deliver.
[3]YHWH, my God, if I have done
this,
if there is iniquity in my
hands,
[4]if I have rewarded evil to
him who was at peace
with me, or oppressed[a]
my enemy without
cause,
[5]let the enemy pursue my
soul, and overtake it;
yes, let him tread my life down to
the earth,
and lay my glory in the dust.
Selah.
[6]Arise, YHWH, in your anger.
Lift up yourself against the
rage of my
adversaries.[b]
Awake, my God;[c] you have
appointed judgment.
[7]And let the congregation of
the peoples surround
you,
and rule over them on high.
[8]YHWH administers judgment to
the peoples.
Judge me, YHWH, according
to my righteousness,
and to my integrity that is in
me.
[9]Oh let the wickedness of the
wicked come to an
end,
but establish the righteous.[d]
The righteous God tests
hearts and minds.
[10]My shield is with God,
who saves the upright in
heart.
[11]God is a righteous judge,
yes, a God who has
indignation every day.
[12]If a man doesn't relent, he will
sharpen his sword;
he has bent and strung his
bow.
[13]He has also prepared for himself
deadly weapons.
He makes ready his flaming
arrows.
[14]Look, he travails with iniquity.
Yes, he has conceived
mischief,
and brought forth falsehood.
[15]He has dug a hole,
and has fallen into the pit
which he made.
[16]The trouble he causes shall
return to his own head,
and his violence shall come
down on the crown of
his own head.
[17]I will give thanks to YHWH
according to his
righteousness,
and will sing praise to the
name of YHWH Most
High.[e]

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[a]7:4 Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "delivered," a possible metathesis of lamed and chet
[b]7:6 LXX Syr. MT adds "and"
[c]7:6 Or, "Awake to me"
[d]7:9 LXX Syr. MT adds "and"
[e]7:17 Hebrew: "YHWH Elyon"

Psalm 8

For the Chief Musician; on an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by David.

[1]YHWH, our Lord, how majestic is
your name in all the earth.
You have put[a] your glory
upon the heavens.
[2]From the lips of children and
infants you have established
praise,[b]
because of your adversaries,
that you might silence
the enemy and the
avenger.
[3]When I consider your heavens,
the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars
which you have set in
place;
[4]what is man, that you think of
him,
and the son of man
that you care for him?
[5]For you have made him a little
lower than the angels.[c]
You have crowned him with
glory and honor,
[6]and[d] you made him ruler over the
works of your hands.
You have put all things
under his feet:[e]
[7]all sheep and cattle,
and also the wild animals,
[8]the birds of the sky, and the
fish of the sea,
whatever passes through the
paths of the seas.
[9]YHWH, our Lord,
how majestic is your name
in all the earth.

Psalm 9

For the choir director; according to Muth-labben. A Psalm by David.

[1]I[f] will give thanks to YHWH with
my whole heart.
I will tell of all your
marvelous works.
[2]I will be glad and rejoice in you.
I will sing praise to your
name, O Most High.

[3]When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish in
your presence.

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[a]8:1 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "have set"

[b]8:2 LXX, reading ainos = להלל "praise," cf. 2 Chronicles 23:13 LXX. MT reads עז "strength," a secondary adjustment following the loss of להלל from homoioarcton: ל-ל. Matthew 21:16

[c]8:5 LXX, reading angelous = מלאכי or מלאכים. MT reads מאלהים," from God," an apparent misreading of the consonantal text. MT also adds "and," which is lacking in LXX Syr

[d]8:6 LXX Syr. MT lacks "and"

[e]8:4-6 Hebrews 2:6-8

[f]9:1 Psalm 9 and 10 is an acrostic poem following the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each stanza begins with the Hebrew letter named in its heading

4 For you have upheld my just
cause.
You sit on the throne
judging righteously.

5 You have rebuked the nations.
You have destroyed the
wicked.
You have blotted out their
name forever and ever.
6 The enemy is overtaken by
endless ruin;
and the very memory of the
cities which you have
overthrown has
perished.

7 But YHWH reigns forever.
He has prepared his throne
for judgment.
8 And he will judge the world in
righteousness.
He will judge the peoples
with equity.

9 YHWH will also be a refuge for
the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.
10 And those who know your name
will put their trust in
you,
for you, YHWH, have not
forsaken those who
seek you.

11 Sing praises to YHWH, who
dwells in Zion,
and declare among the
people what he has
done.

12 For he who takes revenge against
murderers remembers
them.
He doesn't forget the cry of
the afflicted.

13 Have mercy on me, YHWH.
See my affliction by those
who hate me.
You lift me up from the gates of
death,
14 so that I may tell all your praise
in the gates of the
daughter of Zion. I
will rejoice in your
salvation.

15 The nations have fallen into the
pit they had made.
In the net which they hid,
their feet are caught.

16 YHWH has made himself known.
He has executed judgment.
The wicked is snared by the
work of his own
hands.
Higgaion. Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned back
to Sheol,
even all the nations that
forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be
forgotten;
the hope of the poor shall
not[a] perish forever.

19 Arise, YHWH. Do not let man
prevail.

[a] 9:18 Hebrew Ms LXX Tg Syr. MT lacks "not"

Let the nations be judged in
your presence.

[20]Terrify them, YHWH.
Let the nations know that
they are only human.
Selah.

Psalm 10

For the Chief Musician.

[1]Why do you stand far off,
YHWH?
Why do you hide yourself in
times of trouble?
[2]In arrogance, the wicked hunt
down the weak.
They are caught in the
schemes that they
devise.

[3]For the wicked boasts of his
heart's cravings,
and he blesses the greedy,
scorning YHWH.

[4]The wicked in his proud
countenance
does not seek. All his
thoughts are "There is
no God."
[5]His ways are firm[a] at all times.
Your judgments are turned aside.[b]
As for all his adversaries, he
sneers at them.
[6]He says in his heart, "I shall
not be shaken.
From generation to
generation I shall not
experience calamity."

[7]His mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness[c] and
oppression.
Under his tongue is mischief
and iniquity.
[8]He lies in wait near the villages.
From ambushes, he murders
the innocent.

His eyes are secretly set against
the helpless.
[9]He lurks in secret as a lion in his
ambush.
He lies in wait to catch the
helpless.
He catches the helpless,
when he draws him in
his net.
[10]The helpless are crushed.
They collapse.
They fall under his strength.
[11]He says in his heart, "God has
forgotten.
He hides his face.
He will never see it."

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[a]10:5 Or, "troubled." LXX reads Bebelountai "profane," a possible interpretation of MT יחילו as a Niph. from חלל, or perhaps the LXX Vorlage was יחללו. Cf. P. C. Craigie, Psalms 1-50 (WBC), 122

[b]10:5 LXX, reading antanaireitai "take away" = סרו., the samekh strophe. MT reads מרום "height," a possible samekh-mem confusion, with dittography of the final mem

[c]10:7 LXX, reading pikrias = wmrrwt "bitterness." MT reads wmrmwt "deceit," an apparent scribal misreading of the consonantal text. Romans 3:14

12 Arise, YHWH.
God, lift up your hand.
Do not forget the helpless.
13 Why does the wicked person
condemn God,
and say in his heart, "You
will not seek (an
accounting)."

14 But you do see trouble and grief.
You consider it to take it
into your hand.
You help the victim and the
fatherless.

15 Break the arm of the wicked.
As for the evil man, seek out
his wickedness until
you find none.
16 YHWH is King forever and ever.
The nations have perished
from his land.

17 YHWH, you have heard the
desire of the humble.
You will prepare their heart.
You will cause your ear to
hear,
18 to judge the fatherless and
the oppressed,
that man who is of the earth
may terrify no more.

Psalm 11

For the Chief Musician. By David.

1 In YHWH, I take refuge.
How can you say to my soul,
"Flee as a bird to your
mountain."
2 For, look, the wicked bend their
bows.
They set their arrows on the
strings,
that they may shoot in
darkness at the upright
in heart.
3 If the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?
4 YHWH is in his holy temple.
YHWH is on his throne in
heaven.
His eyes look upon the poor.[a]
His eyes examine the
descendants of Adam.
5 YHWH examines the righteous,
but the wicked and the one
who loves violence his
soul hates.
6 On the wicked he will rain
blazing coals;
fire, sulfur, and scorching
wind shall be the
portion of their cup.
7 For YHWH is righteous.
He loves righteousness.
The upright shall see his
face.

Psalm 12

For the Chief Musician; upon an eight-stringed lyre. A Psalm of David.

1 Help, YHWH; for the faithful
ceases.

[a] 11:4 LXX Vg Ethiopic Arabic. MT lacks "upon the poor," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: ayin-ayin

For the loyal have vanished
from among the
descendants of Adam.
2Everyone lies to his neighbor.
They speak with flattering
lips, and with a double
heart.
3May YHWH cut off all flattering
lips,
and the tongue that boasts,
4who have said, "With our tongue[a]
we will prevail.
Our lips are our own.
Who is lord over us?"
5"Because of the oppression of the
weak and because of
the groaning of the
needy,
I will now arise," says
YHWH;
"I will place in safety the one who
longs for it."
6The words of YHWH are flawless
words,
as silver refined in a clay
furnace, purified seven
times.
7You, YHWH, will protect us.[b]
You will guard us[c] from this
generation forever.
8The wicked walk on every side,
when what is vile is exalted
among the descendants
of Adam.

Psalm 13

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1How long, YHWH?
Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your
face from me?
2How long shall I take counsel in
my soul,
having sorrow in my heart
every day?
How long shall my enemy
triumph over me?
3Look, and answer me, YHWH, my
God.
Give light to my eyes, lest I
sleep in death;
4Lest my enemy say, "I have
prevailed against
him."
My adversaries[d] will rejoice when
I fall.
5But I trust in your loving
kindness.
My heart rejoices in your
salvation.
6I will sing to YHWH,
because he has dealt
bountifully with me, and I
will sing to the name of
YHWH Most High.[e]

[a]12:4 LXX Syr. MT adds a lamed by dittography
[b]12:7 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT reads "them"
[c]12:7 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "him"
[d]13:4 A waw may have been lost from haplography: יכלתיו וצרי
[e]13:6 LXX. MT lacks "and I will…High" from homoioarcton: 'ly-'ly

Psalm 14

For the Chief Musician. By David.

[1]The fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt.
They do abominable works.
There is none who does
good.
[2]YHWH looks down from heaven
on the descendants of
Adam,
to see if there are any who
are wise,
who seek after God.
[3]They have all turned away.
They have together become
corrupt.
There is no one who does
good, no, not one.[a]
[4]Have all evildoers no knowledge,
who eat up my people as
they eat bread?
They do not call on YHWH.
[5]There they are utterly terrified,
for God is in the generation
of the righteous.
[6]You would frustrate the plans of
the lowly,
but YHWH is his refuge.
[7]Oh that the salvation of Israel
would come out of
Zion.
When YHWH restores the
fortunes of his people,
may Jacob rejoice, may
Israel be glad.

Psalm 15

A Psalm by David.

[1]YHWH, who shall dwell in your
sanctuary?
Who shall live on your holy
mountain?
[2]He who walks blamelessly and
does what is right,
and speaks truth in his heart.
[3]He doesn't slander with his
tongue,
nor does evil to his friend,
nor lifts up an insult against
his neighbor.
[4]In his eyes a vile man is despised,
but he honors those who fear
YHWH.
He keeps an oath even when
it hurts, and doesn't
change it.
[5]He doesn't lend out his money for
interest,
nor take a bribe against the
innocent.
The one who does these
things will never be
upended.

Psalm 16

A Poem by David.

[1]Preserve me, God, for in you do I
take refuge.
[2]I[b] said to YHWH, "You are my
Lord.

[a]14:3 Romans 3:10-12

[b]16:2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "You"

Apart from you I have no good thing."
3 As for the holy ones who are in the land,
they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows will multiply who pay a dowry for another.[a]
Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their names on my lips.
5 YHWH is the portion of my inheritance and my cup.
You made my lot secure.

6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.
Yes, beautiful is my inheritance.
7 I will bless YHWH, who has given me counsel.
Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons.
8 I have put YHWH before me at all times. Because he is at my right hand I will never be upended.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue[b] rejoices.
My body shall also dwell in safety.
10 For you will not abandon my soul in Sheol,
neither will you allow your Holy One to see decay.[c]
11 You make known to me the path of life.
In your presence is fullness of joy.[d]
In your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Psalm 17

A Prayer by David.

1 Hear, YHWH, my righteous plea;
Give ear to my prayer, that doesn't go out of deceitful lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from your presence.
Let your eyes look on equity.
3 You have proved my heart.
You have visited me in the night.
You have tried me, and found nothing.
I have resolved that my mouth shall not disobey.
4 As for the works of men, by the word of your lips,

[a] 16:4 I.e., for another god. Cf. Isaiah 42:8
[b] 16:9 LXX, reading glossa = lswny "tongue." MT reads kbwdy "glory," an apparent scribal misreading in an early square script in a damaged scroll
[c] 16:10 LXX, reading diaphthoran "decay, corruption, destruction," which is more related to the Hebrew verb shachet "bring decay, ruin, destruction" (Hol8538) cf. A. Groenewald: Psalm 16 and Acts of the Apostles – Part II, OTE 21/2 (2008), 350. MT vocalizes as shachat "pit, grave" (Hol8539). Acts 2:27, 13:35
[d] 16:11 Acts 2:25-28

I have kept myself from the
ways of the violent.
5My steps have held fast to your
paths.
My feet have not slipped.
6I have called on you, for you will
answer me, God.
Turn your ear to me.
Hear my speech.
7Show your marvelous loving
kindness,
you who save those who
take refuge by your
right hand from their
enemies.
8Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow
of your wings,
9from the wicked who oppress me,
my deadly enemies, who
surround me.
10They close up their callous
hearts.
With their mouth they speak
proudly.
11They have tracked me down[a];
suddenly they
surround me.
They watch closely,
crouching down to the
ground.
12He is like a lion that is greedy of
his prey,
as it were a young lion
lurking in secret
places.
13Arise, YHWH, confront him.
Cast him down.
Deliver my soul from the
wicked by your sword;
14from men with your hand,
YHWH,
from men of the world, whose
portion is in this life.
You fill their womb with treasure.
They are satisfied with
children,
and they leave their wealth
to their little ones.
15As for me, I shall see your face
in righteousness.
I shall be satisfied, when I
awake, with seeing
your form.

Psalm 18

For the Chief Musician. By David
the servant of YHWH, who spoke
to YHWH the words of this song in
the day that YHWH delivered him
from the hand of all his enemies,
and from the hand of Saul. He
said,

1I love you, YHWH, my strength.
2YHWH is my Rock, my fortress,
and my deliverer;
my God, my Rock, in whom
I take refuge;
my shield, and the horn of
my salvation, my high
tower.
3I call on YHWH, who is worthy to
be praised;
and I am saved from my
enemies.
4The waves[b] of death surrounded
me,

[a]17:11 Hebrew Ms. MT reads “our steps”

[b]18:4 2Samuel 22:5. MT reads “cords,” under the influence of v.5 and similarity in early square script. The

and the currents of ungodliness
overwhelmed me.
5The cords of Sheol were around
me.
The snares of death came on
me.
6In my distress I called upon
YHWH,
and cried out to my God.
He heard my voice out of his
temple,
and my cry before him came
into his ears.
7Then the earth shook and
trembled.
The foundations also of the
mountains quaked and
were shaken,
because he was angry.
8Smoke went out of his nostrils.
Consuming fire came out of
his mouth.
Coals were kindled by it.
9He bowed the heavens also, and
came down.
Thick darkness was under
his feet.
10He rode on a cherub, and flew.
Yes, he soared on the wings
of the wind.
11He made darkness his
hiding place,
his canopy around him thick
clouds dark with
water.
12From the brightness before him
his thick clouds passed
on,
with hailstones and coals of
fire.
13YHWH also thundered in the sky.
The Most High uttered his
voice.
14And he sent out arrows[a] and
scattered them, and he shot
lightning bolts and routed them.
15And the depths of the sea[b]
appeared.
The foundations of the world
were laid bare at your
rebuke, YHWH,
at the blast of the breath of
your nostrils.
16He sent from on high.
He took me.
He drew me out of many
waters.
17He delivered me from my strong
enemy,
from those who hated me;
for they were too
mighty for me.
18They came on me in the day of
my calamity,
but YHWH was my support.
19He brought me forth also into a
large place.
He delivered me, because he
delighted in me.
20YHWH has rewarded me
according to my
righteousness.
According to the cleanness
of my hands has he
recompensed me.
21For I have kept the ways of
YHWH,
and have not wickedly
departed from my
God.
22For all his ordinances were
before me.

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parallelism with "torrents" favors "waves"

[a]18:14 LXX Vg and 2Samuel 22:15. MT reads "his arrows"
[b]18:16 Enclitic mem

I did not put away his
statutes from me.
23I was also blameless with him.
I kept myself from my
iniquity.
24Therefore YHWH has rewarded
me according to my
righteousness,
according to the cleanness of
my hands in his
eyesight.
25With the faithful you show
yourself faithful.
With the innocent[a] you show
yourself innocent.[b]
26With the pure you show yourself
pure.
And with the crooked you
show yourself
tortuous.
27For you will save a humble
people,
but the eyes of the proud you
will bring low.
28For you light my lamp. YHWH
my God lights up my
darkness.
29For by you, I advance through a
troop.
By my God, I leap over a
wall.
30As for God, his way is perfect.
The word of YHWH is pure.
He is a shield to all those
who take refuge in
him.
31For who is God, except YHWH?
Who is a rock, besides our
God,
32the God who girds me with
strength, and makes
my way blameless?
33He makes my feet like deer's
feet,
and sets me on my high
places.
34He teaches my hands to war,
so that my arms bend a bow
of bronze.
35You have also given me the
shield of your
salvation,
and your right hand holds
me up,
and your help has made me
great.
36You have enlarged my steps
under me,
My feet have not slipped.
37I pursued my enemies and
overtook them,
and I did not turn back until
they were destroyed.
38I struck them through, so that
they did not rise.
They fell beneath my feet.
39For you have equipped me with
strength for the battle.
You have subdued under me
those who rose up
against me.
40You have also made my enemies
turn their backs to me,
that I might cut off those
who hate me.
41They cried, but there was none to
save;
even to YHWH, but he did
not answer them.

[a]18:25 2Samuel 22:26 LXX Mss. MT adds "man"

[b]18:25 LXX. MT reads "blameless...blameless"

42 Then I ground them as fine as
the dust on the surface
of a path.[a]
Like the mud in the streets, I
trampled[b] them.
43 You have delivered me from the
strivings of the people.
You have made me the head
of the nations.
A people whom I have not known
shall serve me;
44 as soon as they hear of me they
obey me. Foreigners
come cringing to me;
45 they are not bound in chains.[c]
46 YHWH lives; and blessed be my
rock.
Exalted be the God of my
salvation,
47 even the God who executes
vengeance for me,
and subdues peoples under
me.
48 He rescues me from my enemies.
Yes, you lift me up above
those who rise up
against me.
You deliver me from the
violent man.
49 Therefore I will praise you,
YHWH, among the
nations,
and will sing praises to your
name.[d]
50 He gives great deliverance to his
king,
and shows loving kindness
to his anointed,
to David and to his
descendants, until
forever.

Psalm 19

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of
God.
The expanse shows his
handiwork.
2 Day after day they pour forth
speech,
and night after night they
display knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language,
where their voice is not
heard.
4 Their voice[e] has gone out to all
the earth,
their words to the farthest
part of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the
sun,
5 which is as a bridegroom
coming out of his
chamber,
like a strong man rejoicing
to run his course.
6 His going forth is from the end of
the heavens,

[a] 18:42 2Samuel 22:43 DSS. MT reads "dust of the ground"
[b] 18:42 2Samuel 22:43 DSS Syr. MT reads "crushed"
[c] 18:45 2Samuel 22:46 DSS LXX(L). MT has harmonized here to 2Samuel 22:46 MT, reading "Foreigners will fade away, and gird themselves from their strongholds." Cf. 2Samuel 22:46 fn
[d] 18:49 Romans 15:9
[e] 19:4 LXX Symmachus Vg Jerome, reading phthoggos = qwlm "sound, voice." Romans 10:18. MT reads qwm "their line"

his circuit to its ends;
There is nothing hidden
from its heat.
7 YHWH's Law is perfect, restoring
the soul.
YHWH's testimony is sure,
making wise the
simple.
8 YHWH's precepts are right,
rejoicing the heart.
YHWH's commandment is
pure, enlightening the
eyes.
9 The fear of YHWH is clean,
enduring forever.
YHWH's ordinances are true,
and righteous
altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than
gold, yes, than much
fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and
the extract of the
honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is your
servant warned.
In keeping them there is
great reward.
12 Who can discern his errors?
Forgive me from hidden
errors.

13 Keep back your servant also
from presumptuous
sins.
Let them not have dominion
over me.
Then I will be upright.
I will be blameless and
innocent of great
transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my
heart
be acceptable in your sight
always,[a]
YHWH, my rock[b] and my
redeemer.

Psalm 20

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1 May YHWH answer you in the
day of trouble.
May the name of the God of
Jacob set you up on
high.
2 He will send you help from
the sanctuary,
and give you support from
Zion.
3 He will remember all your
offerings,
and accept your burnt
sacrifice.
Selah.
4 He will grant you your heart's
desire,
and fulfill all your plans.
5 We will triumph in your
salvation.
In the name of our God, we
will set up our
banners.

[a] 19:14 LXX. MT lacks "always" from haplography by sight confusion in square script: yk-yd

[b] 19:14 LXX Syr Vg read "my helper." Cf. M. K. H. Peters in Text-Critical Hermeneutical Studies in the Septuagint, 49

May YHWH grant all your
requests.
[6]Now I know that YHWH saves his
anointed.
He will answer him from his
holy heaven,
with a mighty act[a] of
deliverance by his
right hand.
[7]Some *trust* in chariots, and some
in horses,
but we trust the name of
YHWH our God.
[8]They are bowed down and fallen,
but we rise up, and stand
upright.
[9]Save, YHWH.
Let the King answer us
when we call.

Psalm 21

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

[1]The king rejoices in your
strength, YHWH.
How greatly he rejoices in
your salvation.
[2]You have given him his heart's
desire,
and have not withheld the
request of his lips.
Selah.
[3]For you meet him with the
blessings of goodness.
You set a crown of fine gold
on his head.
[4]He asked life of you, you gave it
to him,
even length of days forever
and ever.
[5]His glory is great in your
salvation.
You lay honor and majesty
on him.
[6]For you make him most blessed
forever.
You make him glad with joy
in your presence.
[7]For the king trusts in YHWH.
Through the loving kindness
of the Most High, he
shall not be moved.
[8]Your hand will find out all of
your enemies.
Your right hand will find all[b]
those who hate you.
[9]You will make them as a fiery
furnace in the time of
your anger.
YHWH will swallow them up
in his wrath.
The fire shall devour them.
[10]You will destroy their
descendants from the
earth,
their posterity from among
the descendants of
Adam.
[11]Though they intend evil against
you,
devising a wicked scheme,
they will not succeed.
[12]For you will make them turn
their back,
when you aim drawn bows
at their face.
[13]Be exalted, YHWH, in your
strength,
so we will sing and praise
your power.

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[a]20:6 Hebrew Mss Aquila Symmachus Tg Syr Hier. MT reads "mighty acts"

[b]21:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg. MT lacks "all"

Psalm 22

For the Chief Musician; set to
"The Doe of the Morning." A
Psalm by David.

[1]My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?[a]
Why are you so far from
helping me, and from
the words of my
groaning?
[2]My God, I cry in the daytime, but
you do not answer;
in the night season, and am
not silent.
[3]But you are holy,
you who inhabit the praises
of Israel.
[4]Our fathers trusted in you.
They trusted, and you
delivered them.
[5]They cried to you, and escaped.
They trusted in you, and
were not put to shame.
[6]But I am a worm, and no man;
scorned by people and
despised by the
people.
[7]All those who see me mock me.
They insult me with their
lips. They shake their
heads,[b] saying,
[8]"He trusts in YHWH;
let him deliver him.[c]
Let him rescue him, since he
delights in him."
[9]But you brought me out of the
womb.
You made me trust at my
mother's breasts.
[10]I was cast on you from my
mother's womb.
You are my God since my
mother bore me.
[11]Do not be far from me, for
trouble is near.
For there is none to help.
[12]Many bulls have surrounded me.
Mighty ones of Bashan have
encircled me.
[13]They open their mouths wide
against me,
like a lion[d] tearing prey and
roaring.
[14]I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of
joint.
My heart is like wax;
it is melted within me.
[15]My strength is dried up like a
potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the
roof of my mouth;[e]
and you have brought me into the
dust of death.
[16]For many[f] dogs have surrounded
me.
A company of evildoers
have enclosed me.
They have pierced[g] my hands

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[a]22:1 Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34
[b]22:7 Matthew 27:39; Mark 15:29; Luke 23:35
[c]22:8 Matthew 27:43
[d]22:13 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr Vg, reading ke'aryeh "like a lion." MT has lost a kaph, reading 'aryeh "a lion"
[e]22:15 John 19:28
[f]22:16 LXX Aquila Symmachus Jerome Tg. MT lacks "many," from homoioteleuton: bym-bym
[g]22:16 DSS (5/6HevPs: כארו) MT Hebrew Mss (כארו 39, 267, 270, 277,

and my feet.
17 I can count all of my bones.
They look and stare at me.[a]
18 They divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast a lot.[b]
19 But do not be far off, YHWH.
You are my help: hurry to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth.
Yes, from the horns of the wild oxen, you have answered me.
22 I will declare your name to my brothers.
In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.[c]
23 You who fear YHWH, praise him.
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him.[d]
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel.
24 For he has not despised or detested the affliction of the afflicted,
nor has he hidden his face from him;
but when he cried to him, he heard.[e]
25 Of you comes my praise in the great assembly.
I will pay my vows before those who fear him.
26 The humble shall eat and be satisfied.
They shall praise YHWH who seek after him.
Let your hearts live forever.
27 Every part of the earth shall remember and turn to YHWH,
and all the familes of the nations shall worship before you.
28 For the kingdom is YHWH's,
and he is the ruler over the nations.
29 All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship.
All those who go down to the dust shall bow before him;
and my soul shall live for him.[f]
30 Posterity shall serve him.
Future generations shall be told about YHWH.[g]
31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born,
for he has done it.

288, 660; כרו 283 A, 649, 291 mg, 539 mg, 542 mg) LXX Syr Vg. MT reads כאדי "Like a lion," a waw-yod confusion in reminiscence of v. 13. Cf. Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:33; John 19:23, 37; 20:25

[a] 22:17 Luke 23:35

[b] 22:18 Luke 23:34; John 19:23

[c] 22:22 Hebrews 2:12

[d] 22:23 Cairo Geniza Ms Hebrew Mss LXX. MT adds "and"

[e] 22:24 Hebrews 5:7

[f] 22:29 LXX Syr (nfsy lh hw hy') Hier. MT reads "and his soul he does not live"

[g] 22:30 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

Psalm 23

A Psalm by David.

1 YHWH is my shepherd;[a]
I will not lack.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
3 He restores my soul.
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,[b]
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil.
My cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in YHWH's house forever.[c]

Psalm 24

A Psalm by David.

1 The earth is YHWH's, and its fullness;
the world, and those who dwell in it.[d]
2 For he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the floods.

3 Who may ascend to YHWH's hill?
Who may stand in his holy place?
4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart;
who has not lifted up his soul[e] to falsehood,
and has not sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive a blessing from YHWH,
righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek the face of the God[f] of Jacob.
Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, you gates.
Be lifted up, you everlasting doors,
and the King of glory will come in.
8 Who is the King of glory?
YHWH strong and mighty,
YHWH mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you everlasting doors,

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[a] 23:1 Or, "YHWH Rohi"
[b] 23:4 With alternate vocalization, "valley of deep darkness." Cf. Brug, TCOT, 17
[c] 23:6 Lit. "for length of days." Hebrew: orech yamim
[d] 24:1 1Co 10:26
[e] 24:4 Hebrew Mss Versions cf. BHS. MT reads "my soul"
[f] 24:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT lacks "God"

and the King of glory will
come in.
[10]Who is this King of glory?
YHWH of hosts is the King
of glory.
Selah.

Psalm 25

By David.

[1]To you, YHWH, do I lift up my
soul.
[2]My God,

I have trusted in you.
Do not let me be shamed.
Do not let my enemies
triumph over me.

[3]Yes, no one who waits for you
shall be shamed.
They shall be shamed who
deal treacherously
without cause.

[4]Show me your ways, YHWH.
Teach me your paths.

[5]Guide me in your truth,
and teach me,
For you are the God of my
salvation,
I wait for you all day long.

[6]YHWH, remember your tender
mercies and your
loving kindness,
for they are from old times.

[7]Do not remember the sins of my
youth, nor my
transgressions.
Remember me according to
your loving kindness,
for your goodness' sake,
YHWH.

[8]Good and upright is YHWH,
therefore he will instruct
sinners in the way.

[9]He will guide the humble in
justice.
He will teach the humble his
way.

[10]All the paths of YHWH are
loving kindness and
truth
to such as keep his covenant
and his testimonies.

[11]For your name's sake, YHWH,
pardon my iniquity, for it is
great.

[12]What man is he who fears
YHWH?
He shall instruct him in the
way that he shall
choose.

[13]His soul shall dwell in
prosperity,[a]
and his descendants shall
inherit the land.

[14]The friendship of YHWH is with
those who fear him.
He will show them his
covenant.

[a]25:13 Lit. "soul in goodness dwells"

[15]My eyes are ever on YHWH,
for he will pluck my feet out
of the net.

[16]Turn to me, and have mercy on
me,
for I am desolate and
afflicted.

[17]Relieve me from the distresses of
my heart,
and bring me out[a] of my
distresses.

[18]Consider my affliction and my
travail.
Forgive all my sins.

[19]Consider my enemies, for they
are many.
They hate me with cruel
hatred.

[20]Oh keep my soul, and deliver
me.
Let me not be disappointed,
for I take refuge in
you.

[21]Let integrity and uprightness
preserve me,
for I wait for you, YHWH.[b]

[22]Redeem Israel, God,
from all of his troubles.

Psalm 26

By David.

[1]Judge me, YHWH, for I have
walked in my
integrity.
I have trusted also in YHWH
without wavering.
[2]Examine me, YHWH, and prove
me.
Try my heart and my mind.
[3]For your loving kindness is
before my eyes.
I have walked in your truth.
[4]I have not sat with deceitful men,
neither will I go in with
hypocrites.
[5]I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and will not sit with the
wicked.
[6]I will wash my hands in
innocence,
so I will go about your altar,
YHWH;
[7]that I may make the voice
of thanksgiving to be
heard,
and tell of all your wondrous
works.
[8]YHWH, I love the habitation of
your house,
the place where your glory
dwells.
[9]Do not gather my soul with
sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty
men;

[a]25:17 The word hirchivu "they make wide" in the text makes little sense unless the final waw is taken with the following clause. Cf. P. C. Craige, Psalms 1-50 (WBC), 217; BHS; Psalm 4:1

[b]25:21 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "YHWH," possibly from homoioteleuton: h-h

[10]in whose hands is
wickedness,
their right hand is full of
bribes.

[11]But as for me, I will walk in my
integrity.
Redeem me,[a] and be
merciful to me.
[12]My foot stands in an even place.
In the congregations I will
bless YHWH.

Psalm 27

By David.

[1]YHWH is my light and my
salvation.
Whom shall I fear?
YHWH is the stronghold of my
life.
Of whom shall I be afraid?
[2]When evildoers came at me to eat
up my flesh,
even my adversaries and my
foes, they stumbled
and fell.
[3]Though an army is deployed
against me,
my heart shall not fear.
Though war should rise against
me,
even then I will be
confident.
[4]One thing I have asked of YHWH,
that I will seek after,
that I may dwell in the house
of YHWH all the days
of my life,
to see YHWH's beauty,
and to inquire in his temple.
[5]For in the day of trouble he will
keep me secretly in his
pavilion.
In the covert of his
tabernacle he will hide
me.
He will lift me up on a rock.
[6]Now my head will be lifted up
above my enemies
around me.
I will offer sacrifices of joy in his
tent.
I will sing, yes, I will sing
praises to YHWH.

[7]Hear, YHWH, when I cry with my
voice.
Have mercy also on me, and
answer me.
[8]My heart said of you, "Seek his
face." Your face,
YHWH, I will seek."
[9]Do not hide your face from me.
Do not put your servant
away in anger.
You have been my help.
Do not abandon me,
neither forsake me, God of
my salvation.
[10]When my father and my mother
forsake me,
then YHWH will take me up.
[11]Teach me your way, YHWH.
Lead me in a straight path,
because of my
enemies.
[12]Do not deliver me over to the
desire of my
adversaries,

[a] 26:11 LXX(AL) cf. BHS add "YHWH"

for false witnesses have
risen up against me,
such as breathe out violence.
13 I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of
YHWH in the land of
the living.
14 Wait for YHWH.
Be strong, and let your heart
take courage.
Yes, wait for YHWH.

Psalm 28

By David.

1 To you, YHWH, I call.
My rock, do not be deaf to
me;
lest, if you are silent to me,
I would become like those
who go down into the
pit.
2 Hear[a] the voice of my petitions,
when I cry to you,
when I lift up my hands
toward your Most
Holy Place.
3 Do not draw me away with the
wicked,
with evildoers who speak
peace with their
neighbors,
but mischief is in their
hearts.
4 Give them according to their
work, and according to
the wickedness of their
doings.
Give them according to the
operation of their
hands.
Bring back on them what
they deserve.
5 Because they do not regard the
works of YHWH,
nor the operation of his
hands,
he will break them down and
not build them up.

6 Blessed be YHWH,
because he has heard the
voice of my petitions.
7 YHWH is my strength and my
shield.
My heart has trusted in him,
and I am helped.
Therefore my heart greatly
rejoices.
With my song I will thank
him.
8 YHWH is the strength of his
people.
He is a stronghold of
salvation to his
anointed.
9 Save your people,
and bless your inheritance.
Be their shepherd also,
and bear them up forever.

Psalm 29

A Psalm by David.

1 Ascribe to YHWH, you sons of the
mighty,
ascribe to YHWH glory and
strength.

[a] 28:2 LXX(L) cf. BHS adds "YHWH"

[2]Ascribe to YHWH the glory due to
his name.
Worship YHWH in holy
array.

[3]The voice of YHWH is on the
waters.
The God of glory[a] thunders,
even YHWH on many
waters.
[4]The voice of YHWH is powerful.
The voice of YHWH is full
of majesty.
[5]The voice of YHWH breaks the
cedars.
Yes, YHWH breaks in pieces
the cedars of Lebanon.
[6]He makes them also to skip like a
calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a
young, wild ox.
[7]The voice of YHWH strikes with
flashes of lightning.
[8]The voice of YHWH shakes
the wilderness.
YHWH shakes the
wilderness of Kadesh.
[9]The voice of YHWH makes the
large trees[b] tremble,
and strips the forests bare.
In his temple everything
says, “Glory.”

[10]YHWH sat enthroned at the
Flood.
Yes, YHWH sits as King
forever.
[11]YHWH will give strength to his
people.
YHWH will bless his people
with peace.

Psalm 30

A Psalm. A Song for the Dedication of the Temple. By David.

[1]I will extol you, YHWH, for you
have raised me up,
and have not made my foes
to rejoice over me.
[2]YHWH my God, I cried to you,
and you have healed me.
[3]YHWH, you have brought up my
soul from Sheol.
You have kept me alive, that
I should not go down
to the pit.
[4]Sing praise to YHWH, you his
faithful ones.
Give thanks to his holy
name.
[5]For his anger is but for a
moment.[c]
His favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may stay for the night,
but joy comes in the
morning.
[6]As for me, I said in my
prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
[7]You, YHWH, when you favored
me, made my
mountain stand strong;
but when you hid your face,
I was troubled.
[8]I cried to you, YHWH.

[a]29:3 El Hakabod
[b]29:9 Vocalization BHS. MT “the deer”
[c]30:5 LXX Syr read “is in his wrath”

To YHWH[a] I made petition:
[9]"What profit is there in my
destruction, if I go
down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise you?
Shall it declare your truth?
[10]Hear, YHWH, and have mercy on
me.
YHWH, be my helper."
[11]You have turned my mourning
into dancing for me.
You have removed my
sackcloth, and clothed
me with gladness,
[12]To the end that my heart
may sing praise to
you, and not be silent.
YHWH my God, I will give thanks
to you forever.

Psalm 31

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

[1]In you, YHWH, I take refuge.
Let me never be
disappointed.
Deliver me in your
righteousness.
[2]Bow down your ear to me.
Deliver me speedily.
Be to me a strong rock,
a house of defense to save
me.
[3]For you are my rock and my
fortress,
therefore for your name's
sake[b] lead me and
guide me.
[4]Pluck me out of the net that they
have laid secretly for
me,
for you are my stronghold.
[5]Into your hands I commit my
spirit.[c]
You redeem me, YHWH,
God of truth.[d]
[6]I hate those who regard lying
vanities,
but I trust in YHWH.
[7]I will be glad and rejoice in your
loving kindness,
for you have seen my
affliction.
You have known my soul in
adversities.
[8]You have not shut me up into the
hand of the enemy.
You have set my feet in a
large place.
[9]Have mercy on me, YHWH, for I
am in distress.
My eye, my soul, and my
body waste away with
grief.
[10]For my life is spent with sorrow,
my years with sighing.
My strength fails because of my
affliction,[e]
and my bones waste away.
[11]Because of all my adversaries I
have become utterly
contemptible to my
neighbors,
A fear to my acquaintances.

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[a]30:8 MT Mss Cairo Geniza Mss DSS(vid) and Tg. MT reads "Lord." LXX reads "my God"
[b]31:3 Hebrew Ms Syr add "YHWH"
[c]31:5 Luke 23:46
[d]31:5 YHWH El Emeth
[e]31:10 LXX Syr cf. Vg Symmachus. MT reads "iniquity," the difference being a waw

Those who saw me on the
street fled from me.
12I am forgotten from their hearts
like a dead man.
I am like broken pottery.
13For I have heard the slander of
many, terror on every
side,
while they conspire together
against me,
they plot to take away my
life.
14But I trust in you, YHWH.
I said, "You are my God."
15My times are in your hand.
Deliver me from the hand of
my enemies, and from
those who persecute
me.
16Make your face to shine on your
servant.
Save me in your loving
kindness.
17Let me not be disappointed,
YHWH, for I have
called on you.
Let the wicked be
disappointed.
Let them be silent in Sheol.
18Let the lying lips be mute,
which speak against the
righteous insolently,
with pride and
contempt.
19Oh how great is your goodness,[a]
which you have stored up
for those who fear
you,
which you have worked for
those who take refuge
in you,
before the descendants of
Adam.
20In the shelter of your presence
you will hide them
from the plotting of
man.
You will keep them secretly
in a dwelling away
from the strife of
tongues.
21Praise be to YHWH,
for he has shown me his
marvelous loving
kindness in a besieged
city.
22As for me, I said in my haste, "I
am cut off from before
your eyes."
Nevertheless you heard the
voice of my petitions
when I cried to you.
23Oh love YHWH, all you his
faithful ones.
YHWH preserves the
faithful,
and fully recompenses him who
behaves arrogantly.
24Be strong, and let your heart take
courage,
all you who hope in YHWH.

Psalm 32

By David. A contemplative psalm.

1Happy are those whose
transgressions are
forgiven,
and[b] whose sins are covered.

[a]31:19 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. BHS add "YHWH"

[b]32:1 LXX. MT lacks "and"

[2]Happy is the one[a] to whom
YHWH does not charge with sin,
in whose spirit there is no
deceit.[b]
[3]When I kept silence, my bones
wasted away through
my groaning all day
long.
[4]For day and night your hand was
heavy on me
to my destruction[c] in the
heat of summer.
Selah.
[5]I acknowledged my sin to you.
I did not hide my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my
transgressions to
YHWH,"
and you forgave the iniquity
of my sin.
Selah.
[6]For this, let everyone who is
faithful pray to you in
a time when you may
be found.
Surely when the great waters
overflow, they shall
not reach to him.
[7]You are my hiding place.
You will preserve me from
trouble.
You will surround me with
songs of deliverance.
Selah.
[8]I will instruct you and teach you
in the way which you
shall go.
I will counsel you with my
eye on you.
[9]Do not be like the horse, or like
the mule, which have
no understanding,
who are controlled by bit
and bridle, or else they
will not come near to
you.
[10]Many sorrows come to the
wicked,
but loving kindness shall
surround him who
trusts in YHWH.
[11]Be glad in YHWH, and rejoice,
you righteous.
Shout for joy, all you who
are upright in heart.

Psalm 33

[1]Rejoice in YHWH, you righteous.
Praise is fitting for the
upright.
[2]Give thanks to YHWH with the
lyre.
Sing praises to him with the
harp of ten strings.
[3]Sing to him a new song.
Play skillfully with a shout
of joy.
[4]For the word of YHWH is right.
All his work is done in
faithfulness.
[5]He loves righteousness and
justice.
The earth is full of the
loving kindness of
YHWH.
[6]By the word of YHWH the
heavens were made;

[a]32:2 Heb. adam. BDB 130: man, human being, anyone
[b]32:2 Romans 4:7-8
[c]32:4 LXX Hier. MT reads "me. My strength was sapped"

and all their host by
the breath of his
mouth.
[7]He gathers the waters of the sea
together as a heap.
He lays up the deeps in
storehouses.
[8]Let all the earth fear YHWH.
Let all the inhabitants of the
world stand in awe of
him.
[9]For he spoke, and it was done.
He commanded, and it stood
firm.
[10]YHWH nullifies the counsel of
the nations.
He makes the thoughts of
the peoples to be of no
effect.
[11]The counsel of YHWH stands fast
forever,
the thoughts of his heart to
all generations.
[12]Blessed is the nation whose God
is YHWH,
the people whom he has
chosen for his own
inheritance.
[13]YHWH looks from heaven.
He sees all the descendants
of Adam.
[14]From the place of his habitation
he looks out on all the
inhabitants of the
earth,
[15]he who fashions all of their
hearts;
and he considers all of their
works.
[16]There is no king saved by the
multitude of an army.
A mighty man is not
delivered by great
strength.
[17]A horse is a vain thing for safety,
neither does he deliver any
by his great power.
[18]Look, YHWH's eye is on those
who fear him,
on those who hope in his
loving kindness;
[19]to deliver their soul from
death,
to keep them alive in famine.
[20]Our soul waits for YHWH.
He is our help and our
shield.
[21]For our heart rejoices in him,
because we have trusted in
his holy name.
[22]Let your loving kindness be on
us, YHWH,
since we have hoped in you.

Psalm 34

By David; when he pretended to
be insane before Abimelech, who
drove him away, and he departed.

[1]I will bless YHWH at all times.
His praise will always be in
my mouth.

[2]My soul shall boast in YHWH.
The humble shall hear of it,
and be glad.

[3]Oh magnify YHWH with me.
Let us exalt his name
together.

[4]I sought YHWH, and he answered
me,
and delivered me from all
my fears.

[5]They looked to him and were
radiant,

and their faces[a] are not ashamed.

[6]This poor man cried, and YHWH
heard him,
and saved him out of all his
troubles.

[7]The angel of YHWH encamps
around those who fear
him,
and delivers them.

[8]Oh taste and see that YHWH is
good.
Blessed is the man who
takes refuge in him.

[9]Oh fear YHWH, you his holy
ones,
for there is no lack with
those who fear him.

[10]The young lions do lack, and
suffer hunger,
but those who seek YHWH
shall not lack any good
thing.

[11]Come, you children, listen to me.
I will teach you the fear of
YHWH.

[12]Who is someone who desires
life,
and loves many days, that he
may see good?

[13]Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking
lies.

[14]Turn away from evil, and do
good.
Seek peace, and pursue it.

[15]The eyes of YHWH are toward
the righteous.
His ears listen to their cry.

[16]YHWH's face is against those
who do evil,[b]
to cut off the memory of
them from the earth.

[17]The righteous[c] cry out, and
YHWH hears,
and delivers them out of all
their troubles.

[18]YHWH is near to those who have
a broken heart,
and saves those who have a
crushed spirit.

[19]Many are the afflictions of the
righteous,
but YHWH delivers him out
of them all.

[20]He[d] protects all of his bones.
Not one of them is broken.[e]

[21]Evil shall kill the wicked.

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[a] 34:5 LXX Syr read "Your face"
[b] 34:12-16 1Peter 3:10-12
[c] 34:17 LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT lacks saddiqim "The righteous" from homoiomeson or graphic confusion following saaqu "cry out"
[d] 34:20 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg read "YHWH"
[e] 34:20 John 19:36

Those who hate the
righteous shall be
condemned.
22 YHWH redeems the soul of his
servants.
None of those who take
refuge in him shall be
condemned.

Psalm 35

By David.

1 Contend, YHWH, with those who
contend with me.
Fight against those who fight
against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
and stand up for my help.
3 Brandish the spear and block
those who pursue me.
Tell my soul, "I am your
salvation."
4 Let those who seek after my soul
be disappointed and
brought to dishonor.
Let those who plot my ruin
be turned back and
confounded.
5 Let them be as chaff before the
wind,
YHWH's angel driving them
on.
6 Let their way be dark and
slippery,
YHWH's angel pursuing
them.
7 For without cause they have
hidden their net in a
pit for me.
Without cause they have dug
a pit for my soul.
8 Let destruction come on him
unawares.
Let his net that he has
hidden catch himself.
Let him fall into that
destruction.

9 My soul shall be joyful in YHWH.
It shall rejoice in his
salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, "YHWH,
who is like you,
who delivers the poor from
him who is too strong
for him;
yes, the poor and the needy
from him who robs
him?"
11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up.
They ask me about things
that I do not know
about.
12 They reward me evil for good,
to the bereaving of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were
sick, my clothing was
sackcloth.
I afflicted my soul with
fasting;
and my prayer returned into
my own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though it
had been my friend or
my brother.
I bowed down mourning, as
one who mourns his
mother.
15 But in my adversity, they
rejoiced, and gathered
themselves together.
The attackers gathered
themselves together
against me, and I did
not know it.
They tore at me, and did not
cease.

16 When I tripped, they mocked me
relentlessly;[a]
they gnashed their teeth at
me.
17 YHWH,[b] how long will you look
on?
Rescue my soul from their
destruction,
my precious life from the
lions.
18 I will give you thanks in the
great assembly.
I will praise you among
many people.
19 Do not let those who are my
enemies wrongfully
rejoice over me;
neither let those who hate
me without a cause[c]
and wink their eyes.
20 For they do not speak peace,
but they devise deceitful
words against those
who are quiet in the
land.
21 Yes, they opened their mouth
wide against me.
They said, "Aha. Aha. Our
eye has seen it."
22 You have seen it, YHWH. Do not
keep silent.
YHWH,[d] do not be far from
me.
23 Wake up. Rise up to defend me,
my God.
My Lord, contend for me.
24 Vindicate me, YHWH my God,
according to your
righteousness.
Do not let them gloat over
me.
25 Do not let them say in their
heart, "Aha. Aha.[e] Our
desire."
Do not let them say, "We
have swallowed him
up."
26 Let them be put to shame and
confounded together
who rejoice at my
calamity.
Let them be clothed with
shame and dishonor
who magnify
themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy and be
glad, who favor my
righteous cause.
And let them say
continually, "YHWH
be magnified,
who delights in the peace[f] of
his servant."
28 My tongue shall talk about your
righteousness and
about your praise all
day long.

Psalm 36

For the Chief Musician. By David,
the servant of YHWH.

[a] 35:16 LXX. MT reads "Like the profane mockers in feasts,
[b] 35:17 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c] 35:19 John 15:25
[d] 35:22 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[e] 35:25 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks the second "Aha" from homoioteleuton
[f] 35:27 Or, welfare, safety, well-being. Hebrew: shalom

[1]Transgression speaks to the
wicked within his[a]
heart.
There is no fear of God
before his eyes.[b]
[2]For he flatters himself in his own
eyes,
too much to detect and hate
his sin.
[3]The words of his mouth are
iniquity and deceit.
He has ceased to be wise and
to do good.
[4]He plots iniquity on his bed.
He sets himself in a way that
is not good.
He doesn't abhor evil.

[5]Your loving kindness, YHWH, is
in the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to
the skies.
[6]Your righteousness is like the
mountains of God.
Your judgments are like a
great deep.
YHWH, you preserve man
and animal.
[7]How precious is your loving
kindness, God.
The descendants of Adam
take refuge under the
shadow of your wings.
[8]They shall be abundantly satisfied
with the abundance of
your house.
You will make them drink of
the river of your
pleasures.
[9]For with you is the spring of life.
In your light shall we see
light.

[10]Oh continue your loving
kindness to those who
know you,
your righteousness to the
upright in heart.
[11]Do not let the foot of pride come
against me.
Do not let the hand of the
wicked drive me away.
[12]There evildoers are fallen.
They are thrust down, and
shall not be able to
rise.

Psalm 37

By David.

[1]Do not fret because of evildoers,
neither be envious against
those who work
unrighteousness.
[2]For they shall soon be cut down
like the grass,
and wither like the green
herb.

[3]Trust in YHWH, and do good.
Dwell in the land, and enjoy
safe pasture.
[4]Also delight yourself in YHWH,
and he will give you the
desires of your heart.

[5]Commit your way to YHWH.
Trust also in him, and he
will act.

[a]36:1 Hebrew manuscripts Syr Jerome cf. LXX. MT reads "within my"

[b]36:1 Romans 3:18

6 And he will make your
righteousness go forth
as the light,
and your justice as the
noonday.

7 Rest in YHWH, and wait patiently
for him.
Do not fret because of him
who prospers in his
way,
because of the man who
makes wicked plots
happen.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake
wrath.
Do not fret, it leads only to
evildoing.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for
YHWH shall inherit the
land.

10 For yet a little while, and the
wicked will be no
more.
Yes, though you look for his
place, he isn't there.
11 But the humble shall inherit the
land,
and shall delight themselves
in the abundance of
peace.

12 The wicked plots against the just,
and gnashes at him with his
teeth.
13 YHWH[a] will laugh at him,
for he sees that his day is
coming.

14 The wicked have drawn out the
sword, and have bent
their bow,
to cast down the poor and
needy,
to kill those who are upright
in the way.
15 Their sword shall enter into their
own heart.
Their bows shall be broken.
16 Better is a little that the righteous
has,
than the abundance of many
wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall
be broken,
but YHWH upholds the
righteous.

18 YHWH knows the days of the
perfect.
Their inheritance shall be
forever.
19 They shall not be disappointed in
the time of evil.
In the days of famine they
shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish.
The enemies of YHWH shall
be like the burning of
an oven.[b]
They will vanish—
vanish like smoke.

21 The wicked borrow, and do not
pay back,
but the righteous give
generously.

[a] 37:13 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[b] 37:20 DSS, reading "like the burning of an oven." MT reads "like glory among the pastures"

22 For such as are blessed by him
shall inherit the land.
Those who are cursed by
him shall be cut off.

23 The steps of a man are
established by YHWH,
and he delights in his way.
24 Though he stumble, he shall not
fall,
for YHWH holds him up
with his hand.

25 I have been young, and now am
old,
yet I have not seen the
righteous forsaken,
nor his children begging for
bread.
26 All day long he deals graciously
and lends,
and his offspring are a
blessing.

27 Turn away from evil, and do
good.
Live securely forever.
28 For YHWH loves justice,
and doesn't forsake his
faithful ones.
They are preserved forever,
but the children of the
wicked shall be cut
off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the
land,
and live in it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous talks
of wisdom.
His tongue speaks justice.

31 The law of his God is in his
heart.
None of his steps shall slide.

32 The wicked watches the
righteous,
and seeks to kill him.
33 YHWH will not leave him in his
hand,
nor condemn him when he is
judged.

34 Wait for YHWH, and keep his
way,
and he will exalt you to
inherit the land.
When the wicked are cut off,
you shall see it.

35 I have seen the wicked wielding
great power, and
towering like a cedar
of Lebanon.[a]
36 And I passed by[b], and look, he
was not.
And I looked for him, but he
could not be found.

37 Observe the blameless, and see
the upright,
for there is a future for the
man of peace.
38 As for transgressors, they shall
be destroyed together.
The future of the wicked
shall be cut off.

39 The[c] salvation of the righteous is
from YHWH.

[a] 37:35 LXX. MT reads "and spreading himself like a native green tree"

[b] 37:36 LXX Syr Hier. MT reads "And he passed by"

[c] 37:39 Hebrew Mss. MT adds "and"

He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 And YHWH helps them, and rescues them.
He rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
Because they have taken refuge in him.

Psalm 38

A Psalm by David, for a memorial.

1 YHWH, do not rebuke me in your wrath,
neither chasten me in your hot displeasure.
2 For your arrows have pierced me,
your hand presses hard on me.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation,
neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin.
4 For my iniquities have gone over my head.
As a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt,
because of my foolishness.
6 I am pained and bowed down greatly.
I go mourning all day long.
7 For my waist is filled with burning.
There is no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am faint and severely bruised.
I have groaned by reason of the anguish of my heart.
9 YHWH,[a] all my desire is before you.
My groaning is not hidden from you.
10 My heart throbs.
My strength fails me.
As for the light of my eyes, it has also left me.
11 My loved ones and my friends keep their distance because of my affliction.
My kinsmen stand far away.
12 They also who seek after my life lay snares.
Those who seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
and meditate deceits all day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, do not hear.
I am as a mute man who doesn't open his mouth.
14 Yes, I am as a man who doesn't hear,
in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in you, YHWH, do I hope.
You will answer, YHWH[b] my God.
16 For I said, "Do not let them[c] gloat over me,
or exalt themselves over me when my foot slips."

[a] 38:9 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b] 38:15 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c] 38:16 LXX adds "my enemy," possibly lost in MT from homoioteleuton: y-y

17For I am ready to fall.
My pain is continually
before me.
18Yes, I confess my iniquity.
I am anxious because of my
sin.
19But my enemies, for no reason,[a]
are many.
Those who hate me
wrongfully are
numerous.
20They who also render evil for
good are adversaries to
me,
because I follow what is
good.
21Do not forsake me, YHWH.
My God, do not be far from
me.
22Hurry to help me,
YHWH,[b] my salvation.

Psalm 39

For the Chief Musician. For
Jeduthun. A Psalm by David.

1I said, "I will watch my ways, so
that I do not sin with
my tongue.
I will keep my mouth with a
bridle while the
wicked is before me."
2I was mute with silence.
I held my peace, even from
good.
My sorrow was stirred.
3My heart was hot within me.
While I meditated, the fire
burned:
I spoke with my tongue:
4"YHWH, show me my end,
what is the measure of my
days.
Let me know how frail I am.
5Look, you have made my days
handbreadths.
My lifetime is as nothing
before you.
Surely every man stands as a
breath."
Selah.
6"Surely a person walks like a
shadow.
Surely he heaps up vain
things of wealth,[c]
and doesn't know who will
gather them.
7And now, YHWH,[d] what do I wait
for?
My hope is in you.
8Deliver me from all my
transgressions.
Do not make me the taunt of
fools.
9I was mute.
I did not open my mouth,
because you did it.
10Remove your scourge away from
me.
I am overcome by the blow
of your hand.
11When you rebuke and correct
man for iniquity,
You consume his wealth like
a moth.

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[a]38:19 DSS Psalm 69:4. MT reads "enemies, life"
[b]38:22 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]39:6 Cf. BHS and 37:16. MT reads "in vain they strive," which involves a misdivision and a virtual dittography of a waw
[d]39:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

Surely every man is but a breath.”
Selah.
12“Hear my prayer, YHWH, and
give ear to my cry.
Do not be silent at my tears.
For I am a stranger with you,
a foreigner, as all my fathers
were.
13Oh spare me, that I may recover
strength,
before I go away, and exist
no more.”

Psalm 40

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1I waited patiently for YHWH,
and he turned to me, and
heard my cry.
2He also brought me up out of a
pit of tumult,
out of the miry clay;
and he set my feet on a rock,
making my steps secure.
3And he has put a new song in my
mouth, even praise to
our God.
Many shall see it, and fear,
and shall trust in
YHWH.
4Blessed is the man who makes
YHWH his trust,
and doesn’t respect the
proud, nor such as turn
aside to lies.
5Many, YHWH, my God, are the
wonderful works
which you have done,
and your thoughts which are
toward us.
They can’t be declared back to
you.
If I would declare and speak
of them, they are more
than can be numbered.
6Sacrifice and offering you did not
desire,
but a body[a] you prepared[b]
for me.
Whole burnt offering and sin
offering you did not
require.[c]
7Then I said, “Look, I have come.
It is written about me in the
scroll of a book;
8to do your will, O God, [d] I
desired.
And your Law is within my heart.

[a]40:6 LXX Mss, reading soma de = ugewiyyah וגויה “but a body,” see, e.g., Genesis 47:18 and Daniel 10:6 where LXX soma translates Hebrew gewiyyah. MT has misread as oznayim… אזנים “ears,” a graphic confusion in a damaged scroll under the influence of the word אז later in the text

[b]40:6 LXX Mss, reading katertiso moi = konanta כוננת “you prepared,” cf. Psalm 68:9. MT has misread as karita כרית “you have dug,” a graphic confusion in a damaged scroll.

[c]40:6 Or, “desire.” Cf. Hol8321: “4. wish for, desire…1Kings 19:4”

[d]40:8 LXX(pap. Leipzig 39, IVth cent.) Ms Syr, reading theos = אלהים, cf. Psalm 36:7. MT reads “my God,” in reminiscence of v.5. Hebrews 10:5-7

9 I have proclaimed glad news of
righteousness in the
great assembly.
Look, I will not seal my lips,
YHWH, you know.
10 I have not hidden your
righteousness within
my heart.
I have declared your
faithfulness and your
salvation.
I have not concealed your
loving kindness and
your truth from the
great assembly.
11 Do not withhold your tender
mercies from me,
YHWH.
Let your loving kindness and
your truth continually
preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have
surrounded me.
My iniquities have
overtaken me, so that I
am not able to look up.
They are more than the hairs of
my head.
My heart has failed me.
13 Be pleased, YHWH, to deliver
me.
Hurry to help me, YHWH.
14 Let them be put to shame and
confounded together
who seek after my soul
to destroy it.
Let them be turned
backward and brought
to dishonor who
delight in my hurt.
15 Let them be desolate by reason
of their shame that tell
me, "Aha. Aha."
16 Let all those who seek you
rejoice and be glad in
you.
Let such as love your
salvation say
continually, "Let
YHWH be exalted."
17 But I am poor and needy.
May YHWH[a] think about me.
You are my help and my deliverer.
Do not delay, my God.

Psalm 41

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1 Blessed is he who considers the
poor and needy.[b]
YHWH will deliver him in
the day of evil.
2 YHWH will protect him, and keep
him alive.
He shall be blessed on the
earth,
and he will not surrender
him to the will of his
enemies.
3 YHWH will sustain him on his
sickbed,
and restore him from his bed
of illness.
4 I said, "YHWH, have mercy on
me.
Heal me, for I have sinned
against you."

[a] 40:17 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[b] 41:1 LXX Tg. MT lacks "and needy" from sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew: bywn-bywm

[5]My enemies speak evil against
me:
"When will he die, and his
name perish?"
[6]If he comes to see me, he speaks
falsehood.
His heart gathers iniquity to
itself.
When he goes abroad, he
tells it.
[7]All who hate me whisper together
against me.
They imagine the worst for
me.
[8]"A wicked thing is poured
out on him;[a] and he
who lies down will not
rise again."
[9]Even my own close friend, in
whom I trusted,
who ate my bread,
has lifted up his heel against
me.[b]

[10]But you, YHWH, have mercy on
me, and raise me up,
that I may repay them.
[11]By this I know that you delight
in me,
because my enemy doesn't
triumph over me.
[12]As for me, you uphold me in my
integrity,
and set me in your presence
forever.

[13]Blessed be YHWH, the God of
Israel,
from everlasting and to
everlasting.
Amen and amen.

BOOK II

Psalm 42

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by the sons of Korah.

[1]As the deer pants for the water
brooks,
so my soul pants after you,
God.[c]
[2]My soul thirsts for God, for the
living God.
When shall I come and
appear before God?
[3]My tears have been my food day
and night,
while they continually ask
me, "Where is your
God?"
[4]These things I remember, and
pour out my soul
within me,
how I used to go in the tent
of the Majestic One,[d]
to the house of God,
with the voice of joy and
praise, a multitude
keeping a holy day.
[5]Why are you in despair, my soul?
Why are you disturbed
within me? Hope in

[a]41:8 LXX reads "me"
[b]41:9 John 13:18
[c]42:1 MT LXX. Hebrew Mss Tg Syr read "YHWH"
[d]42:4 Or, "tent of the Mighty One." Cf. LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "go with the throng I was walking with"

God. For I will again
give him thanks, my
saving presence and
my God.[a]
[6]My soul is in despair within me.
Therefore I remember you
from the land of the
Jordan,
the heights of Hermon, from
the hill Mizar.
[7]Deep calls to deep at the noise of
your waterfalls.
All your breakers and waves
have swept over me.

[8]YHWH will command his loving
kindness in the
daytime.
In the night his song shall be
with me:
a prayer to the God of my
life.
[9]I will ask God, my Rock, "Why
have you forgotten
me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the
oppression of the
enemy?"
[10]As with a sword in my bones,
my adversaries taunt
me,
while they continually ask
me, "Where is your
God?"
[11]Why are you in despair, my
soul?
Why are you disturbed
within me?
Hope in God. For I will again give
him thanks,
my saving presence and my God.

Psalm 43

[1]Vindicate me, God, and plead my
cause against a
faithless nation.
Oh, deliver me from the
deceitful and unjust
man.
[2]For you, God, are my strength.[b]
Why have you rejected
me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the
oppression of the
enemy?
[3]Oh, send out your light and your
truth.
Let them lead me.
Let them bring me to your
holy mountain,
To your tents.
[4]Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God, my exceeding joy.
I will praise you on the harp, God,
my God.
[5]Why are you in despair, my soul?
Why are you disturbed
within me?
Hope in God.
For I will again give him thanks,
my saving presence and my
God.

[a]42:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT is divided differently, placing "my God" at the beginning of the next verse

[b]43:2 Cf. LXX Tg Heir and BHS: Elohim Uzzi. MT has a different word division, viz. Elohe Mauzi

Psalm 44

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. A contemplative psalm.

[1]We have heard with our ears,
God;
our fathers have told us,
what work you did in their
days,
in the days of old.
[2]You drove out the nations with
your hand,
but you planted them.
You afflicted the peoples,
but you spread them abroad.
[3]For they did not get the land in
possession by their
own sword,
neither did their own arm
save them;
but your right hand, and your arm,
and the light of your
face,
because you were favorable
to them.
[4]You are my King, my God,
who commands[a] victories
for Jacob.
[5]Through you we will push back
our adversaries.
Through your name we will
trample down those
who rise up against us.
[6]For I will not trust in my bow,
neither shall my sword save
me.
[7]But you have saved us from our
adversaries,
and have shamed those who
hate us.
[8]In God we have made our boast
all day long,
we will give thanks to your
name forever.
Selah.

[9]But now you rejected us, and
brought us to
dishonor,
and do not go out with our
armies.
[10]You make us turn back from the
adversary.
Those who hate us take spoil
for themselves.
[11]You have made us like sheep for
food,
and have scattered us among
the nations.
[12]You sell your people for nothing,
and have gained nothing
from their sale.
[13]You make us the taunt of our
neighbors,
a scoffing and a derision to
those who are around
us.
[14]You make us a byword among
the nations,
a shaking of the head among
the peoples.
[15]All day long my dishonor is
before me,
and shame covers my face,
[16]At the taunt of one who
reproaches and
verbally abuses,
because of the enemy and
the avenger.

[a]44:4 LXX Syr. MT has a different word division, and reads “my King, God. Command”

17 All this has come on us,
yet have we not forgotten you,
Neither have we been false to your covenant.
18 Our heart has not turned back,
neither have our steps strayed from your path,
19 Though you have crushed us in the haunt of jackals,
and covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
or spread forth our hands to a strange god;
21 won't God search this out?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
22 For your sake we are killed all day long.
We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.[a]
23 Wake up.
Why do you sleep, YHWH[b]?
Arise.
Do not reject us forever.
24 Why do you hide your face,
and forget our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust.
Our body cleaves to the earth.
26 Rise up to help us.
Redeem us for your loving kindness' sake.

Psalm 45

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A contemplation by the sons of Korah. A wedding song.

1 My heart overflows with a noble theme.
I recite my verses for the king.
My tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer.
2 You are the most handsome of the sons of men.
Grace has anointed your lips,
therefore God has blessed you forever.
3 Gird your sword on your thigh, mighty one:
your splendor and your majesty.
4 In your majesty ride on victoriously on behalf of truth, humility, and righteousness.
Let your right hand display awesome deeds.
5 Your arrows are sharp.[c]
The nations fall under you,
with arrows in the heart of the king's enemies.
6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever.
A scepter of equity is the scepter of your kingdom.
7 You have loved righteousness, and hated wickedness.

[a] 44:22 Romans 8:36
[b] 44:23 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c] 45:5 LXX cf. BHS adds "Mighty One"

Therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with
the oil of gladness
above your
companions.[a]
8 All your garments smell like
myrrh and aloes and[b]
cassia.
Out of ivory palaces stringed
instruments have made
you glad.
9 Kings' daughters are among your
honorable women.
At your right hand the queen
stands in gold of
Ophir.[c]
10 Listen, daughter, consider, and
turn your ear.
Forget your own people, and
also your father's
house.
11 So the king will desire
your beauty,
honor him, for he is your
lord.
12 The daughter of Tyre comes with
a gift.
The rich among the people
will seek your favor.
13 The princess inside is all
glorious.
Her clothing is interwoven
with gold.
14 She shall be led to the king in
embroidered work.
The virgins, her companions
who follow her, shall
be brought to you.
15 With gladness and rejoicing they
shall be led.
They shall enter into the
king's palace.
16 Your sons will take the place of
your fathers.
You shall make them princes
in all the earth.
17 I will make your name to be
remembered in all
generations.
Therefore the peoples shall
give you thanks
forever and ever.

Psalm 46

For the Chief Musician. By the sons of Korah. According to Alamoth.[d]

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in
trouble.
2 Therefore we won't be afraid,
though the earth
changes,
though the mountains are
shaken into the heart
of the seas;
3 though its waters roar and
are troubled,
though the mountains
tremble with their
swelling.
Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams of
which make the city of
God glad,

[a] 45:6-7 Hebrews 1:8-9
[b] 45:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT lacks "and"
[c] 45:9 LXX adds "in various colors"
[d] 46:0 Alamoth is a musical term

the holy place of the tents of
the Most High.
5God is in her midst. She shall not
be moved.
God will help her at dawn.
6The nations raged. The kingdoms
were moved.
He lifted his voice, and the
earth melted.
7YHWH of hosts is with us.
The God of Jacob is our
refuge.
Selah.

8Come, see YHWH's works,
what desolations he has
made in the earth.
9He makes wars cease throughout
the earth.
He breaks the bow, and
shatters the spear.
He burns the chariots in the
fire.
10"Be still, and know that I am
God.
I will be exalted among the
nations.
I will be exalted in the
earth."
11YHWH of hosts is with us.
The God of Jacob is our
refuge.
Selah.

Psalm 47

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

1Oh clap your hands, all you
nations.
Shout to God with the voice
of triumph.
2For YHWH Most High is
awesome.
He is a great King over all
the earth.
3He subdues nations under us,
and peoples under our feet.
4He chooses our inheritance for us,
the glory of Jacob whom he
loved.
Selah.
5God has gone up with a shout,
YHWH with the sound of a
trumpet.
6Sing praise to God, sing praises.
Sing praises to our King,
sing praises.
7For God is the King of all the
earth.
Sing praises with
understanding.
8God reigns over the nations.
God sits on his holy throne.
9The princes of the peoples are
gathered together,
the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth
belong to God.
He is greatly exalted.

Psalm 48

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

1Great is YHWH, and greatly to be
praised,
in the city of our God, in his
holy mountain.
2Beautiful in elevation, the joy of
the whole earth,
is Mount Zion, in the far
north,
the city of the great King.
3God has shown himself in her
citadels as a refuge.

4For, look, the kings assembled
themselves,
they passed by together.
5They saw it, then they were
amazed.
They were dismayed.
They hurried away.
6Trembling took hold of them
there,
pain, as of a woman in
travail.
7With the east wind, you break the
ships of Tarshish.
8As we have heard, so we have
seen,
in the city of YHWH of
hosts, in the city of our
God.
God will establish it forever.
Selah.
9We have thought about your
loving kindness, God,
in the midst of your temple.
10As is your name, God,
so is your praise to the
farthest parts of the
earth.
Your right hand is full of
righteousness.
11Let Mount Zion be glad.
Let the daughters of Judah
rejoice,
Because of your judgments.[a]
12Walk about Zion, and go around
her.
Number its towers.
13Consider her defenses.
Examine her palaces,
that you may tell it to the
next generation.
14For this God is our God forever
and ever.[b]
He will guide us forever.[c]

Psalm 49

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by the sons of Korah.

1Hear this, all you peoples.
Listen, all you inhabitants of
the world,
2both low and high,
rich and poor together.
3My mouth will speak words of
wisdom.
My heart shall utter
understanding.
4I will incline my ear to a proverb.
I will open my riddle on the
harp.
5Why should I fear in the days of
evil,
when the iniquity of those
who deceive me
surrounds me?
6They trust in their wealth,
and boast in the multitude of
their riches.
7Truly[d] these cannot redeem a
person,
nor give to God a ransom for
him.
8For the redemption of their life is
costly,
no payment is ever enough,
9that he should live on forever,
that he should not see
corruption.

[a]48:11 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr add "YHWH"
[b]48:14 Elohenu Olam
[c]48:14 LXX. MT reads "until death"
[d]49:7 Hebrew Mss cf. v.16. MT reads "brother"

10 For he sees that wise men die;
likewise the fool and the senseless perish,
and leave their wealth to others.
11 Their tombs[a] are their homes forever,
and their dwelling places to all generations.
They name their lands after themselves.
12 But man, despite his riches, doesn't endure.
He is like the animals that perish.
13 This is the destiny of those who are foolish,
and of those who approve their sayings.
Selah.
14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol.
Death shall be their shepherd.
The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning.
Their beauty shall decay in Sheol,
far from their mansion.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.
Selah.
16 Do not be afraid when a man is made rich,
when the glory of his house is increased.
17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away.
His glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul—
and men praise you when you do well for yourself—
19 he shall go to the generation of his fathers.
They shall never see the light.
20 A man who has riches without understanding,
is like the animals that perish.

Psalm 50

A Psalm by Asaph.

1 The Mighty One, God, YHWH, speaks,
and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
3 Our God comes, and does not keep silent.
A fire devours before him.
It is very stormy around him.
4 He calls to the heavens above,
to the earth, that he may judge his people:
5 "Gather my faithful ones together to me,

[a] 49:11 LXX Tg Syr, reading qbrm "tombs." MT reads qrbm "inward part," a metathesis of beth and resh

those who have made a
covenant with me by
sacrifice."
6 The heavens shall declare his
righteousness,
for God himself is judge.
Selah.
7 "Hear, my people, and I will
speak;
Israel, and I will testify
against you.
I am God, your God.
8 I do not rebuke you for your
sacrifices.
Your burnt offerings are
continually before me.
9 I have no need for a bull from
your stall,
nor male goats from your
pens.
10 For every animal of the forest is
mine,
and the livestock on a
thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the
mountains.
The wild animals of the field
are mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell
you,
for the world is mine, and all
that is in it.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer to God the sacrifice of
thanksgiving.
Pay your vows to the Most
High.
15 Call on me in the day of trouble.
I will deliver you, and you
will honor me."

16 But to the wicked God says,
"What right do you have to
declare my statutes,
that you have taken my
covenant on your lips,
17 seeing you hate instruction,
and throw my words behind
you?
18 When you saw a thief, you
consented with him,
and have participated with
adulterers.

19 "You give your mouth to evil.
Your tongue frames deceit.
20 You sit and speak against your
brother.
You slander your own
mother's son.
21 You have done these things, and
I kept silent.
You thought that I was just
like you.
I will rebuke you, and
accuse you in front of
your eyes.

22 "Now consider this, you who
forget God,
lest I tear you into pieces,
and there be none to
deliver.
23 Whoever offers the sacrifice of
thanksgiving glorifies
me;
and to him who orders his
conduct I will show
the salvation of God."

Psalm 51

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

[1]Have mercy on me, God,
according to your
loving kindness.
According to the multitude
of your tender mercies,
blot out my
transgressions.
[2]Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity.
Cleanse me from my sin.
[3]For I know my transgressions.
My sin is constantly before
me.
[4]Against you, and you only, have I
sinned,
and done that which is evil
in your sight;
that you may be proved right when
you speak,
and justified when you
judge.[a]
[5]Look, I was brought forth in
iniquity.
In sin my mother conceived
me.
[6]Look, you desire truth in the
inward parts.
You teach me wisdom in the
inmost place.
[7]Purify me with hyssop, and I will
be clean.
Wash me, and I will be
whiter than snow.
[8]Let me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones which you
have broken may
rejoice.
[9]Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all of my
iniquities.
[10]Create in me a clean heart, O
God.
Renew a right spirit within
me.
[11]Do not throw me from your
presence,
and do not take your holy
Spirit from me.
[12]Restore to me the joy of your
salvation.
Uphold me with a willing
spirit.
[13]Then I will teach transgressors
your ways.
Sinners shall be converted to
you.
[14]Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,
O God, the God of my
salvation.
My tongue shall sing aloud
of your righteousness.
[15]YHWH,[b] open my lips.
My mouth shall declare your
praise.
[16]For you do not delight in
sacrifice, or else I
would give it.
You have no pleasure in
burnt offering.
[17]The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit.
A broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not
despise.

[18]Do well in your good pleasure to
Zion.
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
[19]Then you will delight in the
sacrifices of
righteousness,
in burnt offerings and in
whole burnt offerings.
Then they will offer bulls on your
altar.

[a]51:4 Romans 3:4

[b]51:15 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”

Psalm 52

For the Chief Musician. A contemplation by David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, "David has come to Abimelech's house."

[1]Why do you boast of mischief,
mighty man?
God's loving kindness
endures continually.
[2]Your tongue plots destruction,
like a sharp razor, working
deceitfully.
[3]You love evil more than good,
lying rather than speaking
the truth.
Selah.
[4]You love all devouring words,
you deceitful tongue.
[5]God will likewise destroy you
forever.
He will take you up, and
pluck you out of your
tent,
and root you out of the land
of the living.
Selah.
[6]The righteous also will see it, and
fear,
and laugh at him, saying,
[7]"Look, this is the man who did
not make God his
strength,
but trusted in the abundance
of his riches,
and was confident in his
desire."
[8]But as for me, I am like a green
olive tree in God's
house.
I trust in God's loving
kindness forever and
ever.
[9]I[a] will give you thanks forever,
because you have done
it.
I will hope in your name, for
it is good,
in the presence of your
faithful ones.

Psalm 53

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Mahalath." A contemplation by David.

[1]The fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt, and have
done abominable
iniquity.
There is no one who does
good.
[2]God looks down from heaven on
the descendants of
Adam,
to see if there are any who
are wise,
who seek after God.
[3]Every one of them has gone back.
They have become filthy
together.
There is no one who does
good, no, not one.[b]
[4]Have evildoers no knowledge,
who eat up my people as
they eat bread,

[a]52:11 OL cf. BHS read "YHWH"

[b]53:3 Romans 3:10-12

and do not call on God?
5There they will be in great fear,
where no fear had
been,
for God will scatter the
bones of those who
encamp against you.
You will put them to shame,
because God has rejected
them.
6Oh that the salvation of Israel
would come out of
Zion.
When God[a] brings back his
people from captivity,
may Jacob rejoice,
may Israel be glad.

Psalm 54

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, "Isn't David hiding himself among us?"

1Save me, God, by your name.
Vindicate me in your might.
2Hear my prayer, God.
Listen to the words of my
mouth.
3For strangers have risen up
against me.
Violent men have sought
after my soul.
They haven't set God before
them.
Selah.
4Look, God is my helper.[b]
YHWH[c] is the one who
sustains my soul.
5He will repay the evil to my
enemies.
Destroy them in your truth.
6With a free will offering, I will
sacrifice to you.
I will give thanks to your
name, YHWH, for it is
good.
7For he has delivered me out of all
trouble.
My eye has seen triumph
over my enemies.

Psalm 55

For the Chief Musician. On stringed instruments. A contemplation by David.

1Listen to my prayer, God.
Do not hide yourself from
my petition.
2Attend to me, and answer me.
I am restless in my
complaint, and moan,
3Because of the voice of the
enemy,
Because of the oppression of
the wicked.
For they bring suffering on me.
In anger they hold a grudge
against me.
4My heart is severely pained
within me.
The terrors of death have
fallen on me.

[a]53:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr read "YHWH"

[b]54:4 Elohim Ozer Li

[c]54:4 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[5]Fearfulness and trembling have
come on me.
Horror has overwhelmed
me.
[6]I said, “Oh that I had wings like a
dove.
Then I would fly away, and
be at rest.
[7]Look, then I would wander far
off.
I would lodge in the
wilderness.”
Selah.
[8]“I would hurry to a shelter from
the stormy wind and
storm.”
[9]Confuse them, YHWH,[a] and
confound their
language,
for I have seen violence and
strife in the city.
[10]Day and night they prowl around
on its walls.
Malice and abuse are also
within her.
[11]Destructive forces are within her.
Threats and lies do not
depart from her streets.
[12]For it was not an enemy who
insulted me,
then I could have endured it.
Neither was it he who hated me
who raised himself up
against me,
then I would have hid
myself from him.
[13]But it was you, a man like me,
my companion, and my
familiar friend.
[14]We took sweet fellowship
together.
We walked in God’s house
with company.
[15]Let death come suddenly on
them.
Let them go down alive into
Sheol.
For wickedness is in their
dwelling, in the midst
of them.
[16]As for me, I will call on God.
YHWH will save me.
[17]Evening, morning, and at noon, I
will cry out in distress.
He will hear my voice.
[18]He has redeemed my soul in
peace from the battle
that was against me,
although there are many who
oppose me.
[19]God, who is enthroned forever,
will hear, and humble[b] them.
Selah.

They never change,
who do not fear God.
[20]He has stretched out his hand
against those who
were at peace with
him.
He has violated his
covenant.
[21]His mouth was smooth as butter,
but his heart was war.
His words were softer than oil,
yet they were drawn swords.

[22]Throw your burden upon YHWH,
and he will take care
of you.
He will never allow the
righteous to be
upended.
[23]But you, God, will bring them
down into the pit of
destruction.

[a]55:9 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”

[b]55:19 Piel. MT reads Qal

Bloodthirsty and deceitful
men shall not live out
half their days,
but I will trust in you.[a]

Psalm 56

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Silent Dove in Distant Lands." A poem by David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

[1]Be merciful to me, God, for man
wants to swallow me
up.
All day long, he attacks and
oppresses me.
[2]My enemies want to swallow me
up all day long,
for they are many who fight
proudly against me.
[3]When I am afraid,
I will put my trust in you.
[4]In God, I praise his word.
In God, I put my trust.
I will not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?
[5]All day long they twist my words.
All their thoughts are against
me for evil.
[6]They conspire and lurk,
watching my steps, they are
eager to take my life.
[7]Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the
peoples, God.
[8]You number my wanderings.
You put my tears into your
bottle.
Aren't they in your book?
[9]Then my enemies shall turn back
in the day that I call.
I know this, that God is for
me.
[10]In God, I will praise his word.
In YHWH, I will praise his
word.
[11]I have put my trust in God.
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
[12]Your vows are on me, God.
I will give thank offerings to
you.
[13]For you have delivered my soul
from death,
and prevented my feet from
falling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of the
living.

Psalm 57

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

[1]Be merciful to me, God, be
merciful to me,
for my soul takes refuge in
you.
Yes, in the shadow of your wings,
I will take refuge,
until disaster has passed.
[2]I cry out to God Most High,
to God who accomplishes my
requests for me.
[3]He will send from heaven, and
save me,

[a]55:23 LXX adds "YHWH"

he rebukes the one who is
pursuing me.
Selah.
God will send out his loving
kindness and his truth.
[4]My soul is among lions.
I lie among those who are
set on fire,
even the sons of men, whose
teeth are spears and
arrows,
and their tongue a sharp
sword.
[5]Be exalted, God, above the
heavens.
Let your glory be above all
the earth.

[6]They have prepared a net for my
steps.
My soul is bowed down.
They dig a pit before me.
They fall into its midst
themselves.
Selah.
[7]My heart is steadfast, God, my
heart is steadfast.
I will sing, yes, I will sing
praises.
[8]Wake up, my glory. Wake up,
psaltery and harp.
I will wake up the dawn.
[9]I will give thanks to you, YHWH,[a]
among the peoples.
I will sing praises to you
among the nations.
[10]For your great loving kindness
reaches to the heavens,
and your truth to the skies.
[11]Be exalted, God, above the
heavens.
Let your glory be over all
the earth.

Psalm 58

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David.

[1]Do you rulers[b] indeed speak
righteousness?
Do you judge blamelessly,
you descendants of
Adam?
[2]No, in your heart you plot
injustice.
You measure out the
violence of your hands
in the earth.
[3]The wicked go astray from the
womb.
They are wayward as soon
as they are born,
speaking lies.
[4]Their poison is like the poison of
a serpent;
like a deaf viper that stops
its ear,
[5]which doesn't listen to the
voice of charmers,
no matter how skillful the
charmer may be.
[6]Break their teeth, God, in their
mouth.
Break out the great teeth of
the young lions,
YHWH.
[7]Let them vanish as water that
flows away.

[a]57:9 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[b]58:1 Vocalized as elim "rulers." MT vocalizes as elem "silent ones"

When they draw the bow, let
their arrows be made
blunt.
[8]Let them be like a snail which
melts and passes away,
like the stillborn child, who
has not seen the sun.
[9]Before your pots can feel the heat
of the thorns,
he will sweep away the
green and the burning
alike.
[10]The righteous shall rejoice when
he sees the vengeance.
He shall wash his feet in the
blood of the wicked;
[11]so that men shall say, "Most
certainly there is a
reward for the
righteous.
Most certainly there is a God
who judges the earth."

Psalm 59

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A poem by David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

[1]Deliver me from my enemies, my
God.
Set me on high from those
who rise up against
me.
[2]Deliver me from evildoers.
Save me from the
bloodthirsty men.
[3]For, look, they lie in wait for my
soul.
The mighty gather
themselves together
against me,
not for my disobedience, nor
for my sin, YHWH.
[4]I have done no wrong, yet they
are ready to attack me.
Rise up, look, and help me.
[5]You, YHWH, the God of hosts,[a]
the God of Israel,
rouse yourself to punish the
nations.
Show no mercy to the
wicked traitors.
Selah.
[6]They return at evening, howling
like dogs,
and prowl around the city.
[7]Look, they spew with their
mouth.
Swords are in their lips,
"For," they say, "who hears
us?"
[8]But you, YHWH, laugh at them.
You scoff at all the nations.
[9]Oh, my Strength, I watch for you,
for God is my high tower.[b]
[10]My God of mercy[c] will come to
meet me.
God will let me look at my
enemies in triumph.
[11]Do not kill them, or my people
may forget.
Scatter them by your power,
and bring them down,
YHWH,[d] our shield.
[12]For the sin of their mouth, and
the words of their lips,
let them be caught in their
pride,
for the curses and lies which
they utter.

[a]59:5 YHWH Elohim Tzebaoth
[b]59:9 Elohim Mishgabbi
[c]59:10 Elohe Chasdi
[d]59:11 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

13 Consume them in wrath.
Consume them, and they
will be no more.
Let them know that God rules in
Jacob,
to the farthest parts of the
earth.
Selah.
14 At evening let them return.
Let them howl like a dog,
and go around the city.
15 They shall wander up and down
for food,
and wait all night if they
aren't satisfied.

16 But I will sing of your strength.
Yes, I will sing aloud of
your loving kindness
in the morning.
For you have been my high tower,
a refuge in the day of my
distress.
17 To you, my strength, I will sing
praises.
For God is my high tower,
the God of my mercy.

Psalm 60

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lily of the Covenant." A teaching poem by David, when he fought with Aram Naharaim and with Aram Zobah, and Joab returned, and killed twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

1 God, you have rejected us.
You have broken us down.
You have been angry.
Restore us, again.
2 You have made the land tremble.
You have torn it.
Mend its fractures,
for it quakes.
3 You have shown your people
hard things.
You have made us drink the
wine that makes us
stagger.
4 You have given a banner to those
who fear you,
that it may be displayed
because of the truth.
Selah.
5 So that your beloved may be
delivered,
save with your right hand
and answer me.[a]
6 God has spoken from his
sanctuary:
"I will triumph.
I will divide Shechem,
and measure out the Valley
of Succoth.
7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is
mine.
Ephraim also is the defense
of my head.
Judah is my scepter.
8 Moab is my wash basin.
I will throw my shoe on
Edom.

[a] 60:5 MT Qere and Versions. MT Kethib reads "us"

I shout[a] in triumph over[b]
Philistia."
9Who will bring me into the strong
city?
Who will lead me to Edom?
10Haven't you, God, rejected us?
You do not go out with our
armies, God.
11Give us help against the
adversary,
for the help of man is vain.
12Through God we shall do
valiantly,
for it is he who will tread
down our adversaries.

Psalm 61

For the Chief Musician. For a stringed instrument. By David.

1Hear my cry, God.
Listen to my prayer.
2From the most remote place of
the earth, I will call to
you, when my heart is
overwhelmed.
Lead me to the rock that is
higher than I.
3For you have been a refuge for
me,
a strong tower from the
enemy.
4I will dwell in your tent forever.
I will take refuge in the
shelter of your wings.
Selah.
5For you, God, have heard my
vows.
You have given me the
heritage of those who
fear your name.
6You will prolong the king's life;
his years shall be for
generations.
7He shall be enthroned in God's
presence forever.
Appoint your loving
kindness and truth,
that they may preserve
him.
8So I will sing praise to your name
forever,
that I may fulfill my vows
day after day.

Psalm 62

For the Chief Musician. To Jeduthan. A Psalm by David.

1My soul rests in God alone,
for[c] my salvation is from
him.
2He alone is my rock and my
salvation, my
fortress—
I will never be upended.
3How long will you assault a man,
would all of you throw him
down,
Like a leaning wall, like a
tottering fence?

[a]60:8 Hebrew Ms Syr cf. BHS Cf. Psalm 108:9
[b]60:8 Revocalization based on Syr cf. Tg and BHS. MT reads "over me." Cf. Psalm 108:9
[c]62:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT lacks "for"

4They fully intend to throw him
down from his lofty
place.
They delight in lies.
They bless with their mouth,
but they curse
inwardly.
Selah.
5My soul, wait in silence for God
alone,
for my expectation is from
him.
6He alone is my rock and my
salvation, my fortress.
I will not be upended.
7With God is my salvation and my
honor.
The rock of my strength, and
my refuge, is in God.
8Trust in him at all times,
O people.
Pour out your heart before
him.
God is a refuge for us.
Selah.
9Surely men of low degree are just
a breath,
and men of high degree are a
lie.
In the balances they will go up.
They are together lighter
than a breath.
10Do not trust in oppression.
Do not become vain in
robbery.
If riches increase,
do not set your heart on
them.
11God has spoken once;
twice I have heard this,
that power belongs to God.
12Also to you, YHWH,[a] belongs
loving kindness,
for you reward every man
according to his work.

Psalm 63

A Psalm by David, when he was in the desert of Judah.

1God, you are my God.
I will earnestly seek you.
My soul thirsts for you.
My flesh longs for you,
in a dry and weary land,
where there is no
water.
2So I have seen you in the
sanctuary,
watching your power and
your glory.
3Because your loving kindness is
better than life,
my lips shall praise you.
4So I will bless you while I live.
I will lift up my hands in
your name.
5My soul shall be satisfied as with
the richest food.
My mouth shall praise you
with joyful lips,
6when I remember you on
my bed,
and think about you in the
night watches.
7For you have been my help.
I will rejoice in the shadow
of your wings.
8My soul stays close to you.
Your right hand holds me
up.
9But those who seek my soul, to
destroy it,

[a]62:12 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”

shall go into the lower parts
of the earth.
10 They shall be given over to the
power of the sword.
They shall be jackal food.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God.
Everyone who swears by
him will praise him,
for the mouth of those who
speak lies shall be
silenced.

Psalm 64

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1 Hear my voice, God, in my
complaint.
Preserve my life from fear of
the enemy.
2 Hide me from the conspiracy of
the wicked,
from the noisy crowd of the
ones doing evil;
3 who sharpen their tongue like a
sword,
and aim their arrows, deadly
words,
4 to shoot innocent men from
ambushes.
They shoot at him suddenly
and fearlessly.
5 They encourage themselves in
evil plans.
They talk about laying
snares secretly.
They say, "Who will see
them?"
6 They plot injustice; they hide[a] a
well-conceived plan.
Surely man's mind and heart
are cunning.
7 But God will shoot at them.
They will be suddenly struck
down with an arrow.
8 Their own tongues shall ruin
them.
All who see them will shake
their heads.
9 All humankind shall be afraid.
They shall declare the work
of God,
and shall wisely ponder what
he has done.
10 The righteous shall be glad in
YHWH,
and shall take refuge in him.
All the upright in heart shall
praise him.

Psalm 65

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David. A song.

1 Praise awaits you, God, in Zion.
And to you shall vows be
performed.
2 You who hear prayer,
to you all men will come.
3 Sins overwhelmed me,
but you atoned for our
transgressions.
4 Blessed is the one you choose,
and bring near,
that he may dwell in your
courts.

[a] 64:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "we are finished"

We will be filled with the
goodness of your
house,
your holy temple.
5By awesome deeds of
righteousness, you
answer us,
God of our salvation.
You who are the hope of every
part of the earth,
of those who are far away on
the sea;
6Who by his power forms the
mountains,
having armed yourself with
strength;
7who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,[a]
and the turmoil of the
nations.
8Even those who live in faraway
places are awestruck at
your wonders.
You call the morning's dawn
and the evening with
songs of joy.
9You visit the earth, and water it.
You greatly enrich it.
The river of God is full of water.
You provide them grain, for
so you have ordained
it.
10You drench its furrows.
You level its ridges.
You soften it with showers.
You bless it with a crop.
11You crown the year with your
bounty.
Your carts overflow with
abundance.
12The wilderness grasslands
overflow.
The hills are clothed with
gladness.
13The pastures are covered with
flocks.
The valleys also are clothed
with grain.
They shout for joy.
They also sing.

Psalm 66

For the Chief Musician. A song. A Psalm.

1Make a joyful shout to God, all
the earth.
2Sing to the glory of his
name.
Offer glory and praise.
3Tell God, "How awesome are
your deeds.
Through the greatness of
your power, your
enemies submit
themselves to you.
4All the earth will worship you,
and will sing to you;
they will sing to your name."
Selah.
5Come, and see God's deeds—
awesome work on behalf of
the descendants of
Adam.
6He turned the sea into dry land.
They went through the river
on foot.
There, we rejoiced in him.
7He rules by his might forever.
His eyes watch the nations.

[a]65:7 Matthew 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24

Do not let the rebellious rise
up against him.
Selah.
[8]Praise our God, you peoples.
Make the sound of his praise
heard,
[9]who preserves our life among the
living,
and doesn't allow our feet to
be moved.
[10]For you, God, have tested us.
You have refined us, as
silver is refined.
[11]You brought us into prison.
You laid a burden on our
backs.
[12]You allowed men to ride over
our heads.
We went through fire and
through water,
but you brought us out to a
spacious place.[a]
[13]I will come into your temple
with burnt offerings.
I will pay my vows to you,
[14]which my lips
promised,
and my mouth spoke, when I
was in distress.
[15]I will offer to you burnt offerings
of fat animals,
with the offering of rams,
I will offer bulls with goats.
Selah.
[16]Come, and hear, all you who fear
God.
I will declare what he has
done for my soul.
[17]I cried to him with my mouth.
He was extolled with my
tongue.
[18]If I cherished sin in my heart,
YHWH[b] wouldn't have
listened.
[19]But most certainly, God has
listened.
He has heard the voice of
my prayer.
[20]Blessed be God, who has not
turned away my
prayer,
nor his loving kindness from
me.

Psalm 67

For the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm. A song.

[1]May God be merciful to us, bless
us,
and cause his face to shine
on us.
Selah.
[2]That your way may be known on
earth,
and your salvation among all
nations,
[3]let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the peoples praise
you.
[4]Let the nations be glad and sing
for joy,
for you will judge the world
in righteousness. You
will judge[c] the peoples
with equity, and guide
the nations on earth.
Selah.

[a]66:12 LXX Tg Syr Jerome. MT reads "saturation, abundance"
[b]66:18 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]67:4 LXX(S) cf. BHS. MT lacks "the world in…judge" from haplography: tspt-tspt

[5]Let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the peoples praise you.
[6]The land has yielded its produce.
May God, our God, bless us.
[7]May God bless us.
Every part of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm 68

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. A song.

[1]Let God arise.[a]
Let his enemies be scattered,
and let them who hate him flee before him.
[2]As smoke is driven away,
so drive them away.
As wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
[3]But let the righteous be glad.
Let them rejoice before God.
Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
[4]Sing to God. Sing praises to his name.
Extol him who rides on the clouds:[b]
to YAH, his name.
Rejoice before him.
[5]A father of the fatherless, and a defender of the widows,
is God in his holy habitation.
[6]God sets the lonely in families.
He brings out the prisoners with singing,
but the rebellious dwell in a sun-scorched land.
[7]God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness.
Selah.
[8]The earth trembled.
The sky also poured down rain at the presence of the God of Sinai—
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
[9]You, God, sent a plentiful rain.
You confirmed your inheritance, when it was weary.
[10]Your congregation lived in it.
You, God, prepared your goodness for the poor.
[11]YHWH[c] announced the word;
a great company of women proclaim the good news.
[12]"Kings of armies flee. They flee."
She who waits at home divides the spoil,
[13]while you sleep among the campfires,
the wings of a dove sheathed with silver,
her feathers with shining gold.
[14]When Shaddai scattered kings in her,
it snowed on Zalmon.

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[a]68:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg Jerome add "and"
[b]68:4 Lit. "desert," or homonym "clouds." BHS suggests a possible beth-pey interchange which would point to "clouds." Cf. Brug, Textual Criticism, 39
[c]68:11 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

15The mountains of Bashan are
majestic mountains.
The mountains of Bashan
are rugged.
16Why do you look in envy, you
rugged mountains,
at the mountain where God
chooses to reign?
Yes, YHWH will dwell there
forever.
17The chariots of God are tens of
thousands and
thousands of
thousands.
YHWH[a] is among them, from
Sinai, in holiness.
18You have ascended on high.
You have led away captives.
And you gave[b] gifts to people;[c]
but the rebellious will not
dwell in the presence
of God.[d]

19Blessed be YHWH,[e] who daily
bears our burdens,
even the God who is our
salvation.
Selah.
20God is to us a God of
deliverance.
To YHWH[f] belongs escape
from death.
21But God will strike through the
head of his enemies,
the hairy scalp of such a one
as still continues in his
guiltiness.
22YHWH[g] said, "I will bring you
again from Bashan,
I will bring you again from
the depths of the sea;
23That you may crush them,
dipping your foot in
blood,
that the tongues of your dogs
may have their portion
from your enemies."
24They have seen your
processions, God,
even the processions of my
God, my King,[h] into
the sanctuary.
25The singers went before, the
minstrels followed
after,
in the midst of the ladies
playing with
tambourines,
26"Bless God in the congregations,
even YHWH from the
fountain of Israel."
27There is little Benjamin, their
ruler,
the princes of Judah, their
council,
the princes of Zebulun, and
the princes of
Naphtali.

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[a]68:17 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]68:18 Syr = ותתן "And you gave." MT reads לקחת "You have received," an error in transcription
[c]68:18 Lit., "gifts to the sons of man." Syr (Tg) = מתנות לבני אדם. MT reads מתנות באדם "gifts among man." Ephesians 4:8
[d]68:18 Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "yes, among the rebellious also, that Yah God might dwell there." BHS says MT is corrupt here, apparently from a damaged scroll
[e]68:19 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[f]68:20 LXX(B). MT adds "Lord"
[g]68:22 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[h]68:24 Eli Malki

[28]Summon your strength,
O God,[a]
the strength, O God,
as you did for us before.
[29]Because of your temple at
Jerusalem,
kings shall bring presents to
you.
[30]Rebuke the wild animal of the
reeds,
the multitude of the bulls,
with the calves of the
peoples.
Being humbled, may it bring bars
of silver.
Scatter the nations that
delight in war.
[31]Envoys shall come out of Egypt.
Ethiopia shall hurry to
stretch out her hands
to God.
[32]Sing to God, you kingdoms of
the earth.

Sing praises to YHWH.[b]
Selah.
[33]To him who rides on the heaven
of heavens, which are
of old;
look, he utters his voice, a
mighty voice.
[34]Ascribe strength to God.
His excellency is over Israel,
his strength is in the skies.
[35]You are awesome, God, in your
sanctuaries.
The God of Israel gives
strength and power to
his people.
Praise be to God.

Psalm 69

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Lilies." By David.

[1]Save me, God,
for the waters have come up
to my neck.
[2]I sink in deep mire, where there is
no foothold.
I have come into deep
waters, where the
floods overflow me.
[3]I am weary with my crying.
My throat is dry.
My eyes fail, looking for my
God.
[4]Those who hate me without a
cause[c] are more than
the hairs of my head.
Those who want to cut me
off, being my enemies
wrongfully, are
mighty.
I have to restore what I did
not take away.
[5]God, you know my foolishness.
My sins aren't hidden from
you.
[6]Do not let those who wait for you
be put to shame because of me,[d]
YHWH of hosts.
Do not let those who seek
you be brought to
dishonor through me,
God of Israel.
[7]Because for your sake I suffer
insults.
Shame has covered my face.

[a]68:28 LXX. MT reads "Your God," a possible kaph-mem confusion in Paleo-Hebrew

[b]68:32 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]69:4 John 15:25
[d]69:6 LXX(B). MT adds "Lord"

[8]I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
a foreigner to my mother's
children.
[9]For the zeal of your house
consumes me.[a]
The insults of those who
insult you have fallen
on me.[b]
[10]When I wept and I fasted,
it brought me insults.
[11]When I made sackcloth my
clothing,
I became a byword to them.
[12]Those who sit in the gate talk
about me.
I am the song of the
drunkards.
[13]But as for me, my prayer is to
you, YHWH, in an
acceptable time.
God, in the abundance of
your loving kindness,
answer me in the truth
of your salvation.
[14]Deliver me out of the mire, and
do not let me sink.
Let me be delivered from
those who hate me,
and out of the deep
waters.
[15]Do not let the flood waters
overwhelm me,
neither let the deep swallow
me up.
Do not let the pit shut its
mouth on me.

[16]Answer me, YHWH, for your
loving kindness is
good.
According to the multitude
of your tender mercies,
turn to me.
[17]Do not hide your face from your
servant,
for I am in distress.
Answer me speedily.
[18]Draw near to my soul, and
redeem it.
Ransom me because of my
enemies.
[19]You know how I am insulted,
and my shame, and my
disgrace.
My adversaries are all before
you.
[20]Insults have broken my heart, so
that I am in despair.
I looked for some to take
pity, but there was
none;
for comforters, but I found
none.
[21]They also gave me gall for my
food.
In my thirst, they gave me
vinegar to drink.[c]
[22]Let their table before them
become a snare,
and a retribution,[d]
and a trap,
and a stumbling
block.[e]
[23]Let their eyes be darkened, so
that they can't see,

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[a]69:9 John 2:17
[b]69:9 Romans 15:3
[c]69:21 Matthew 27:48; Luke 23:36; John 19:29
[d]69:22 Revocalization based on LXX cf. BHS, reading "retribution." MT reads "peace"
[e]69:22 LXX, reading kai eis skandalon = ומכשול. MT lacks "stumbling block." Romans 11:9

and make their backs weak[a]
continually.[b]
[24]Pour out your indignation on
them.
Let the fierceness of your
anger overtake them.
[25]Let their habitation be desolate,
and[c] let no one dwell in their
tents.[d]
[26]For they persecute him whom
you have wounded.
They tell of the sorrow of
those whom you have
hurt.
[27]Charge them with crime upon
crime.
Do not let them come into
your righteousness.
[28]Let them be blotted out of the
Book of Life,
and not be written with the
righteous.
[29]But I am in pain and distress.
Let your salvation, God,
protect me.
[30]I will praise the name of God
with a song,
and will magnify him with
thanksgiving.
[31]It will please YHWH better than
an ox,
or a bull that has horns and
hoofs.
[32]The humble will see it and[e]
rejoice.
You who seek after God, let
your heart live.
[33]For YHWH hears the needy,
and doesn't despise his
captive people.
[34]Let heaven and earth praise him;
the seas, and everything that
moves in them.
[35]For God will save Zion, and
build the cities of
Judah.
They shall settle there, and
own it.
[36]The children also of his servants
shall inherit it.
Those who love his name
shall dwell in it.

Psalm 70

For the Chief Musician. By David.
A reminder.

[1]Hurry, God, to deliver me.
Come quickly to help me,
YHWH.
[2]Let them be put to shame and
confounded who seek
my soul.

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[a]69:23 MT reads motnehem. Hol5284: "hips & small of back, loins" cf. Psalm 66:11. LXX reads nwton sugkampson. L&N 8.40: "the back part of the body from the neck to the pelvis - 'back'…An equivalent expression for 'and bend their backs forever' may be 'to make them slaves forever' or 'to make them toil hard forever'."
m'ad….. מעד: "slip, waver, wobble, slide, totter, shake." Syr Vg: "back bend." In 2 kings 4:35 LXX translates… גהר "bend, crouch" as sunekampsen "bend."
[b]69:23 Romans 11:10
[c]69:25 LXX Syr. MT lacks "and"
[d]69:25 Acts 1:20
[e]69:32(33) Hebrew Mss and Versions. MT lacks "and"

Let those who desire my
ruin be turned back in
disgrace.
3Let them be turned back because
of their shame
who say to me,[a] "Aha. Aha."
4Let all those who seek you rejoice
and be glad in you.
Let those who love your
salvation continually
say,
"Let God be exalted."
5But I am poor and needy.
Come to me quickly, God.

You are my help and my deliverer.
YHWH, do not delay.

Psalm 71

1In you, YHWH, I take refuge.
Never let me be
disappointed.
2Deliver me in your righteousness,
and rescue me.
Turn your ear to me, and
save me.
3Be to me a rock of refuge[b] to
which I may always
go.
Give the command to save
me,
for you are my rock and my
fortress.
4Rescue me, my God, from the
hand of the wicked,
from the hand of the
unrighteous and cruel
man.
5For you are my hope,[c] YHWH;
my confidence from my
youth.
6I have relied on you from the
womb.
From my mother's womb
you are my strength.[d]
I will always praise you.
7I am a marvel to many,
but you are my strong
refuge.
8My mouth shall be filled with
your praise,
with your honor all the day.
9Do not reject me in my old age.
Do not forsake me when my
strength fails.
10For my enemies talk about me.
Those who watch for my
soul conspire together,
11saying, "God has forsaken
him.
Pursue and take him, for no
one will rescue him."
12God, do not be far from me.
My God, hurry to help me.
13Let my accusers be put to shame
and consumed.[e]
Let them be covered with
disgrace and scorn
who want to harm me.
14But I will always hope,
and will add to all of your
praise.

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[a]70:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "to me"
[b]71:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Symmachus Tg. MT reads "dwelling place," an apparent zayin-final nun confusion
[c]71:5 Hebrew Ms. MT adds "Lord"
[d]71:6 DSS LXX. MT reads "are the one who took me"
[e]71:13 Hebrew Mss read "disgraced"…. יכלמו. Syriac cf. BHS reads wnhprwn "and disgraced" = ויכלמו.

15 My mouth will tell about your
righteousness,
and of your salvation all day,
though I do not know its full
measure.
16 I will come with the mighty acts
of Lord YHWH.
I will make mention of your
righteousness, even of
yours alone.
17 God, you have taught me from
my youth.
Until now, I have declared
your wondrous works.
18 Yes, even when I am old and
gray-haired, God, do
not forsake me,
until I have declared your
strength to the next
generation,
your might to everyone who
is to come.
19 Your righteousness also, God,
reaches to the heavens;
you have done great things.
God, who is like you?
20 You, who have shown us many
and bitter troubles,
you will let me live.
You will bring us up again
from the depths of the
earth.
21 Increase my honor,
and comfort me again.
22 I will also praise you with the
harp for your
faithfulness, my[a] God.
I sing praises to you with the
lyre, Holy One of
Israel.
23 My lips shall shout for joy.
My soul, which you have
redeemed, sings
praises to you.
24 My tongue will also talk about
your righteousness all
day long,
for they are disappointed,
and they are
confounded,
who want to harm me.

Psalm 72

By Solomon.

1 God, give the king your justice;
your righteousness to the
royal son.
2 He will judge your people with
righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
3 The mountains shall bring
prosperity to the
people.
The hills bring the fruit of
righteousness.
4 He will judge the poor of the
people.
He will save the children of
the needy,
and will break the oppressor
in pieces.
5 They shall fear you while the sun
endures;
and as long as the moon,
throughout all
generations.
6 He will come down like rain on
the mown grass,[b]
as showers that water the
earth.

[a] 71:22 Hebrew Mss LXX Symmachus Syr lack “my”

[b] 72:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr add “and”

7 In his days, the righteous shall flourish,
and abundance of peace, until the moon is no more.
8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
from the River to the farthest parts of the earth.
9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him.
His enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the islands will bring tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him.
All nations shall serve him.
12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries;
the poor, who has no helper.
13 He will have pity on the poor and needy.
He will save the souls of the needy.
14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence.
Their blood will be precious in his sight.
15 And he shall live, and the gold of Sheba shall be given to him.
Men shall pray for him continually.
He shall bless him all day long.
16 There shall be abundance of grain throughout the land.
Its fruit sways like Lebanon.
Let it flourish, thriving like the grass of the field.
17 His name endures forever.
His name continues as long as the sun.
Men[a] shall be blessed by him.
All nations will call him blessed.
18 Praise be to YHWH,[b] the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.
19 Blessed be his glorious name forever.
Let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and amen.

20 This ends the prayers by David, the son of Jesse.

BOOK III

Psalm 73

A Psalm by Asaph.

1 Surely God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone.
My steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious of the arrogant,

[a] 72:17 LXX reads “sun. And all the tribes of the earth”

[b] 72:18 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Syr. MT adds “God”

when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
[4]For there are no struggles in their death,
but their strength is firm.
[5]They are free from burdens of men,
neither are they plagued like other men.
[6]Therefore pride is like a chain around their neck.
Violence covers them like a garment.
[7]Their sin[a] proceeds forth from fatness.
Their hearts overflow with imaginations.
[8]They scoff and speak with malice.
In arrogance, they threaten oppression.
[9]They have set their mouth in the heavens.
Their tongue walks through the earth.
[10]Therefore his people turn to them,
and they drink up waters of abundance.
[11]They say, "How does God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
[12]Look, these are the wicked.
Being always at ease, they increase in riches.
[13]Surely in vain I have cleansed my heart,
and washed my hands in innocence,
[14]For all day long have I been plagued,
and punished every morning.
[15]If I had said, "I will speak thus;"
look, I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
[16]When I tried to understand this,
it was too painful for me;
[17]Until I entered God's sanctuary,
and considered their latter end.
[18]Surely you set them in slippery places.
You throw them down to destruction.
[19]How they are suddenly destroyed.
They are completely swept away with terrors.
[20]As a dream when one wakes up,
so, YHWH,[b] when you awake, you will despise their fantasies.
[21]For my soul was grieved.
I was embittered in my heart.
[22]I was so senseless and ignorant.
I was a brute beast before you.
[23]Nevertheless, I am continually with you.
You have held my right hand.
[24]You will guide me with your counsel,
and afterward receive me to glory.
[25]Who do I have in heaven?
There is no one on earth who I desire besides you.
[26]My flesh and my heart fails,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

[a]73:7 Cf. LXX Syr and BHS. MT reads "eye"

[b]73:20 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

27 For, look, those who are far from
you shall perish.
You have destroyed all those
who are unfaithful to
you.
28 But it is good for me to come
close to God.
I have made[a] YHWH my
refuge,
that I may tell of all your
works in the gates of
the daughter of Zion.[b]

Psalm 74

A contemplation by Asaph.

1 God, why have you rejected us
forever?
Why does your anger
smolder against the
sheep of your pasture?
2 Remember your congregation,
which you purchased
of old,
which you have redeemed to
be the tribe of your
inheritance;
Mount Zion, in which you
have lived.
3 Lift up your feet to the perpetual
ruins,
all the evil that the enemy
has done in the
sanctuary.
4 Your adversaries have roared in
the midst of your
assembly.
They have set up their
standards as signs.
5 They behaved like men wielding
axes,
cutting through a thicket of
trees.
6 Now they break all its carved
work down with
hatchet and hammers.
7 They have burned your
sanctuary to the
ground.
They have profaned the
dwelling place of your
Name.
8 They said in their heart, "We will
crush them
completely."
They have burned up all the
places in the land
where God was
worshiped.
9 We see no miraculous signs.
There is no longer any
prophet,
neither is there among us
anyone who knows
how long.
10 How long, God, shall the enemy
mock?
Shall the enemy blaspheme
your name forever?
11 Why do you draw back your
hand, even your right
hand?
Take it out of your pocket
and consume them.
12 Yet God is my King from long
ago,
working salvation in the
midst of the earth.

[a] 73:28 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT adds "Lord"

[b] 73:28 LXX. MT lacks "in the gates… Zion," possibly from sight confusion in a square script: k_bs-n_ms

[13]You divided the sea by your
strength.
You broke the heads of the
sea monsters in the
waters.
[14]You broke the heads of
Leviathan in pieces.
You gave him as food to
people and desert
creatures.
[15]You opened up spring and
stream.
You dried up mighty rivers.
[16]The day is yours, the night is
also yours.
You have prepared the light
and the sun.
[17]You have set all the boundaries
of the earth.
You have made summer and
winter.

[18]Remember this, that the enemy
has mocked you,
YHWH.
Foolish people have
blasphemed your
name.
[19]Do not deliver the soul of your
dove to wild beasts.
Do not forget the life of your
poor forever.
[20]Honor your covenant,
for haunts of violence fill the
dark places of the
earth.
[21]Do not let the oppressed return
ashamed.
Let the poor and needy
praise your name.
[22]Arise, God. Plead your own
cause.
Remember how the foolish
man mocks you all
day.
[23]Do not forget the voice of your
adversaries.
The tumult of those who rise
up against you ascends
continually.

Psalm 75

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "Do Not Destroy." A Psalm by Asaph. A song.

[1]We give thanks to you, God.
We give thanks, for your
Name is near.
Men tell about your
wondrous works.

[2]When I choose the appointed
time,
I will judge blamelessly.
[3]The earth and all its inhabitants
quake.
I firmly hold its pillars.
Selah.
[4]I said to the arrogant, "Do not
boast."
I said to the wicked, "Do not
lift up the horn.
[5]Do not lift up your horn on high.
Do not speak with a stiff
neck."
[6]For neither from the east, nor
from the west,
nor yet from the south,
comes exaltation.
[7]But God is the judge.
He puts down one, and lifts
up another.
[8]For in the hand of YHWH there is
a cup,
full of foaming wine mixed
with spices.
He pours it out.

Indeed the wicked of the
earth drink and drink it
to its very dregs.

9But I will declare this forever:
I will sing praises to the God
of Jacob.
10I will cut off all the horns of the
wicked,
but the horns of the
righteous shall be
lifted up.

Psalm 76

For the Chief Musician. On
stringed instruments. A Psalm by
Asaph. A song.

1In Judah, God is known.
His name is great in Israel.
2And his abode is in Salem,
and his lair in Zion.
3There he broke the flaming
arrows of the bow,
the shield, and the sword,
and the weapons of
war.
Selah.
4Glorious are you, and excellent,
more than mountains of
game.
5Valiant men lie plundered,
they have slept their last
sleep.
None of the men of war can
lift their hands.
6At your rebuke, God of Jacob,
both chariot and horse are
cast into a deep sleep.
7You, even you, are to be feared.
Who can stand in your sight
when you are angry?
8You pronounced judgment from
heaven.
The earth feared, and was
silent,
9when God arose to
judgment,
to save all the afflicted ones
of the earth.
Selah.
10Surely the wrath[a] of man praises
you.
The survivors of your wrath
are restrained.
11Make vows to YHWH your God,
and fulfill them.
Let all of his neighbors bring
presents to him who is
to be feared.
12He humbles the spirit of princes.
He is feared by the kings of
the earth.

Psalm 77

For the Chief Musician. To
Jeduthun. A Psalm by Asaph.

1My cry goes to God.
Indeed, I cry to God for
help,
and for him to listen to me.
2In the day of my trouble I sought
YHWH.[b]
My hand was stretched out
in the night, and did
not get tired.

[a]76:10 LXX reads “the inward thought.” Syr: “the wisdom”

[b]77:2 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”

My soul refused to be
comforted.
3I remember God, and I groan.
I complain, and my spirit is
overwhelmed.
Selah.

4You hold my eyelids open.
I am so troubled that I can't
speak.
5I have considered the days of old,
the years of ancient times.
6I remember my song in the night.
I consider in my own heart;
my spirit diligently inquires:
7"Will YHWH[a] reject us forever?
Will he be favorable no
more?
8Has his loving kindness vanished
forever?
Does his promise fail for
generations?
9Has God forgotten to be
gracious?
Has he, in anger, withheld
his compassion?"
Selah.
10And I thought, "This is my
wounding,
that the right hand of the
Most High has
changed."
11I will remember the works of
YAH;
for I will remember your
wonders of old.
12I will also meditate on all your
work,
and consider your doings.
13Your way, God, is in the
sanctuary.
What god is great like God?
14You are the God who does
wonders.
You have made your
strength known among
the peoples.
15You have redeemed your people
with your arm,
the sons of Jacob and
Joseph.
Selah.
16The waters saw you, God.
The waters saw you, and
they writhed.
The depths also convulsed.
17The clouds poured out water.
The skies resounded with
thunder.
Your arrows also flashed
around.
18The voice of your thunder was in
the whirlwind.
The lightnings lit up the
world.
The earth trembled and
shook.
19Your way was through the sea;
your paths through the great
waters.
Your footsteps were not
known.
20You led your people like a flock,
by the hand of Moses and
Aaron.

Psalm 78

A contemplation by Asaph.

1Hear my teaching, my people.
Turn your ears to the words
of my mouth.

[a]77:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[2]I will open my mouth in a
parable.[a]
I will utter dark sayings
since the beginning of
the world,[b]
[3]which we have heard and known,
and our fathers have told us.
[4]We will not hide them from their
descendants,
telling to the generation to
come the praises of
YHWH,
his strength, and his
wondrous works that
he has done.
[5]For he established a testimony in
Jacob,
and appointed a teaching in
Israel,
which he commanded our
fathers,
that they should make them
known to their
children;
[6]that the generation to come might
know it, the children
yet unborn,
and[c] arise and tell their
children,
[7]that they might set their hope in
God,
and not forget the works of
God,
but keep his commandments,
[8]and might not be as their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious
generation,
a generation that did not
make their hearts
loyal,
whose spirit was not
steadfast with God.
[9]The people of Ephraim, being
armed and carrying
bows,
turned back in the day of
battle.
[10]They did not keep God's
covenant,
and refused to walk by his
Law.
[11]They forgot his doings,
his wondrous works that he
had shown them.
[12]He did marvelous things in the
sight of their fathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the
field of Zoan.
[13]He split the sea, and caused them
to pass through.
He made the waters stand as
a heap.
[14]In the daytime he also led them
with a cloud,
and all night with a light of
fire.
[15]He split rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink
abundantly as out of
the depths.
[16]He brought streams also out of
the rock,
and caused waters to run
down like rivers.
[17]Yet they still went on to sin
against him,
to rebel against the Most
High in the desert.
[18]They tempted God in their heart

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[a]78:2 LXX Syr pl.

[b]78:2 OL Ms, reading ab initio saeculi = מִנֵּי קֶדֶם הָעוֹלָם. MT lacks הָעוֹלָם from homoioteleuton: m-m Matthew 13:35

[c]78:6 LXX Syr. MT lacks "and" from haplography of the preceding letter

by asking food according to
their desire.
19Yes, they spoke against God.
They said, “Can God
prepare a table in the
wilderness?
20Look, he struck the rock, so that
waters gushed out,
and streams overflowed.
Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his
people?”
21Therefore YHWH heard, and was
angry.
A fire was kindled against
Jacob,
anger also went up against
Israel,
22because they did not believe in
God,
and did not trust in his
salvation.
23Yet he commanded the clouds
above,
and opened the doors of
heaven.
24He rained down manna on them
to eat,
and gave them bread[a] from
heaven.[b]
25Man ate the bread of the mighty
ones.
He sent them food to the
full.
26He caused the east wind to blow
in the sky.
By his power he guided the
south wind.
27He rained also flesh on them as
the dust;
winged birds as the sand of
the seas.
28And he let it fall in the midst of
his camp,
all around his tent.
29So they ate, and were well filled.
He gave them their own
desire.
30They did not turn from their
cravings.
Their food was yet in their
mouths,
31when the anger of God
went up against them,
killed some of the fattest of
them,
and struck down the young
men of Israel.
32For all this they still sinned,
and did not believe in his
wondrous works.
33Therefore he consumed their
days in vanity,
and their years in terror.
34When he killed them, then they
inquired after him.
They returned and sought
God earnestly.
35They remembered that God was
their rock,
the Most High God, their
redeemer.
36But they flattered him with their
mouth,
and lied to him with their
tongue.
37For their heart was not right with
him,
neither were they faithful in
his covenant.
38But he, being merciful, forgave
iniquity, and did not
destroy them.
Yes, many times he turned
his anger away,

[a]78:24 Or, grain

[b]78:24 John 6:31

and did not stir up all his
wrath.
39He remembered that they were
but flesh,
a wind that passes away, and
doesn't come again.
40How often they rebelled against
him in the wilderness,
and grieved him in the
desert.
41They turned again and tempted
God,
and gave pain to the Holy
One of Israel.
42They did not remember his hand,
nor the day when he
redeemed them from
the adversary;
43how he set his signs in Egypt,
his wonders in the field of
Zoan,
44he turned their rivers into blood,
and their streams, so that
they could not drink.
45He sent among them swarms of
flies, which devoured
them;
and frogs, which destroyed
them.
46He gave also their increase to the
caterpillar,
and their labor to the locust.
47He destroyed their vines with
hail,
their sycamore fig trees with
frost.
48He gave over their livestock also
to the hail,
and their flocks to hot
thunderbolts.
49He threw on them the fierceness
of his anger,
wrath, indignation, and
trouble,
and a band of destroying
angels.
50He made a path for his anger.
He did not spare their soul
from death,
but gave their life over to the
pestilence,
51and struck all the firstborn in
Egypt,
the chief of their strength in
the tents of Ham.
52But he led forth his own people
like sheep,
and guided them in the
wilderness like a flock.
53He led them safely, so that they
weren't afraid,
but the sea overwhelmed
their enemies.
54He brought them to the border of
his sanctuary,
to this mountain, which his
right hand had taken.
55He also drove out the nations
before them,
allotted them for an
inheritance by line,
and made the tribes of Israel
to dwell in their tents.
56Yet they tempted and rebelled
against the Most High
God,
and did not keep his
testimonies;
57but turned back, and dealt
treacherously like their
fathers.
They were turned aside like
a deceitful bow.
58For they provoked him to anger
with their high places,
and moved him to jealousy
with their engraved
images.
59When God heard this, he was
angry,
and greatly abhorred Israel;

60So that he forsook the tabernacle
at Shiloh,
the tent where he dwelt
among men;
61and delivered his strength into
captivity,
his glory into the adversary's
hand.
62He also gave his people over to
the sword,
and was angry with his
inheritance.
63Fire devoured their young men.
Their virgins had no
wedding song.
64Their priests fell by the sword,
and their widows couldn't
weep.
65Then YHWH[a] awakened as one
out of sleep,
like a mighty man who
shouts by reason of
wine.
66He struck his adversaries
backward.
He made them a permanent
shame.
67Moreover he rejected the tent of
Joseph,
and did not choose the tribe
of Ephraim,
68But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion which he loved.
69He built his sanctuary like the
heights,
like the earth which he has
established forever.
70He also chose David his servant,
and took him from the
sheepfolds;
71from following the ewes that
have their young,
he brought him to be the
shepherd of Jacob his
servant,[b]
and Israel his inheritance.
72So he was their shepherd
according to the
integrity of his heart,
and guided them by the
skillfulness of his
hands.

Psalm 79

A Psalm by Asaph.

1God, the nations have come into
your inheritance.
They have defiled your holy
temple.
They have laid Jerusalem in
heaps.
2They have given the dead bodies
of your servants to be
food for the birds of
the sky,
the flesh of your faithful to
the animals of the
earth.
3Their blood they have shed like
water around
Jerusalem.
There was no one to bury
them.
4We have become objects of
contempt to our
neighbors,
mocked and ridiculed by
those who are around
us.
5How long, YHWH?

[a]78:65 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[b]78:71 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "people"

Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?
[6]Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you;
on the kingdoms that do not call on your name;
[7]For they have devoured Jacob,
and destroyed his homeland.
[8]Do not hold the iniquities of our forefathers against us.
Let your tender mercies speedily meet us,
for we are in desperate need.
[9]Help us, God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.
Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.
[10]Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Let it be known among the nations, before our eyes,
that vengeance for your servants' blood is being poured out.
[11]Let the sighing of the prisoner come before you.
According to the greatness of your power, free[a] those who are sentenced to death.
[12]Pay back to our neighbors seven times into their lap
the insults with which they have insulted you, YHWH.[b]
[13]So we, your people and sheep of your pasture,
will give you thanks forever.
We will praise you forever,
to all generations.

Psalm 80

For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant." A Psalm by Asaph.

[1]Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock,
you who sit above the cherubim, shine forth.
[2]Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might.
Come to save us.
[3]Restore us, God.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.

[4]YHWH the God of hosts,
How long will you be angry against the prayer of your people?
[5]You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in large measure.
[6]You make us a source of contention to our neighbors.
Our enemies have mocked us.
[7]Restore us, God of hosts.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.
[8]You brought a vine out of Egypt.

[a]79:11 Tg Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "preserve"

[b]79:12 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

You drove out the nations,
and planted it.
9You cleared the ground for it.
It took deep root, and filled
the land.
10The mountains were covered
with its shadow.
Its boughs were like God's
cedars.
11It sent out its branches to the sea,
Its shoots to the River.
12Why have you broken down its
walls,
so that all those who pass by
the way pluck it?
13The boar out of the wood
ravages it.
The wild animals of the field
feed on it.
14Return, we beg you, God of
hosts.
Look down from heaven,
and see, and visit this
vine,
15the stock which your right hand
planted,
the branch that you made
strong for yourself.
16It's burned with fire.
It's cut down.
They perish at your rebuke.
17Let your hand be on the man of
your right hand,
on the son of man whom you
made strong for
yourself.
18So we will not turn away from
you.
Revive us, and we will call
on your name.
19Restore us, YHWH the God of
hosts.
Cause your face to shine,
and we will be saved.

Psalm 81

For the Chief Musician. On an
instrument of Gath. By Asaph.

1Sing aloud to God, our strength.
Make a joyful shout to the
God of Jacob.
2Raise a song, and bring here the
tambourine,
the pleasant lyre with the
harp.
3Blow the trumpet at the New
Moon,
at the full moon, on our feast
day.
4For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of
Jacob.
5He appointed it in Joseph for a
testimony,
when he went out over the
land of Egypt,
I heard a language that I did
not know.
6"I removed his shoulder from the
burden.
His hands were freed from
the basket.
7You called in trouble, and I
delivered you.
I answered you in the secret
place of thunder.
I tested you at the waters of
Meribah."
Selah.

8"Hear, my people, and I will
testify to you,
Israel, if you would listen to
me.
9There shall be no strange god in
you,
neither shall you worship
any foreign god.

10 I am YHWH, your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 But my people did not listen to my voice.
Israel desired none of me.
12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their hearts,
that they might walk in their own counsels.
13 Oh that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways.
14 I would soon subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of YHWH would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.
16 And he would have fed him with the finest wheat,
and satisfied you with honey from the rock."

Psalm 82

A Psalm by Asaph.

1 God presides in the assembly of God.
He judges among the gods.[a]
2 "How long will you judge unjustly,
and show partiality to the wicked?"
Selah.

3 "Defend the weak, the poor, and the fatherless.
Maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.
4 Rescue the weak and needy.
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked."
5 They do not know, neither do they understand.
They walk back and forth in darkness.
All the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6 I said, "You are gods,[b]
all of you are sons of the Most High.
7 Nevertheless you shall die like men,
and fall like one of the rulers."
8 Arise, God, judge the earth,
for you inherit all of the nations.

Psalm 83

A song. A Psalm by Asaph.

1 God, do not be silent.
Do not be deaf,
and do not be inactive, God.
2 For, look, your enemies make an uproar.
Those who hate you are hostile.

[a] 82:1 YHWH calls carriers of the Word of God elohim "gods" or "divine beings." Cf. verse 6; Psalm 8:5; John 10:34, 35; Hebrews 2:7. Cf. also Isaiah 44:6

[b] 82:6 John 10:34

[3]They devise crafty plans against
your people,
and conspire together
against your treasured
ones.
[4]They say, “Come, and let us
annihilate them as a
nation;
let the name of Israel may be
remembered no more.”
[5]For they plot a unified strategy;
they make a covenant
against you;
[6]the tents of Edom and the
Ishmaelites,
Moab, and the Hagrites,
[7]Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek,
Philistia with the inhabitants
of Tyre.
[8]Assyria too is joined with them;
they lend support to the
descendants of Lot.
Selah.
[9]Do to them as you did to Midian,
as to Sisera, as to Jabin at
the Kishon River,
[10]who were destroyed at Endor,
who became manure for the
ground.
[11]Make their nobles like Oreb and
Zeeb,
all their princes like Zebah
and Zalmunna,
[12]who said, “Let us take
possession for
ourselves the pastures
of God.”
[13]My God, make them like
tumbleweed;
like dead weeds blown by
the wind.
[14]Like a fire that consumes a
forest,
and like the flames that
consume the
mountains,
[15]so pursue them with your
gale winds,
and terrify them with your
storm.
[16]Cover their faces with shame,
so that they might seek your
name, YHWH.
[17]Let them be put to shame and
terrified forever;
let them perish in disgrace,
[18]that they will know that you
alone, whose name is
YHWH,
are the Most High over all
the earth.

Psalm 84

For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. A Psalm by the sons of Korah.

[1]How lovely are your dwellings,
YHWH of hosts.
[2]My soul longs, yes, yearns for the
courts of YHWH.
My heart and my flesh cry
out for the living God.
[3]Yes, the sparrow has found a
home,
and the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may
have her young,
near your altars, YHWH of
hosts, my King, and
my God.
[4]Blessed are those who dwell in
your house.
They are ever praising you.
Selah.
[5]Blessed are those whose strength
is in you,
who have set their hearts on
a pilgrimage.

[6]Passing through the Valley of
Baca, he makes it[a] into
a spring.
Yes, the autumn rain covers
it with blessings.
[7]They go from strength to strength.
Everyone of them appears
before God in Zion.
[8]YHWH, the God of hosts, hear my
prayer.
Listen, God of Jacob.
Selah.
[9]Look, God our shield,
look at the face of your
anointed.
[10]For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand.
I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the
house of God,[b]
than to dwell in the tents of
wickedness.
[11]For YHWH God is a sun and a
shield.
YHWH will give grace and
glory.
He withholds no good thing
from those who walk
blamelessly.
[12]YHWH of hosts,
blessed is the man who
trusts in you.

Psalm 85

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by the sons of Korah.

[1]YHWH, you have been favorable
to your land.
You have restored the
fortunes of Jacob.
[2]You have forgiven the iniquity of
your people.
You have covered all their
sin.
Selah.
[3]You have taken away all your
wrath.
You have turned from the
fierceness of your
anger.
[4]Restore us, God of our salvation,
and cause your indignation
toward us to cease.
[5]Will you be angry with us
forever?
Will you draw out your
anger to all
generations?
[6]Won't you[c] revive us again,
that your people may rejoice
in you?
[7]Show us your loving kindness,
YHWH.
Grant us your salvation.
[8]I will hear what God, YHWH, will
speak,
for he will speak peace to his
people, his faithful
ones;

[a]84:6 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "they make it"
[b]84:10 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr. MT reads "my God," having lost a mem, possibly by haplography
[c]85:6 LXX reads "God." A possible metathesis of aleph and lamed

but let them not turn again to folly.
[9]Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
[10]Mercy and truth meet together.
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
[11]Truth springs out of the earth.
Righteousness has looked down from heaven.
[12]Yes, YHWH will give that which is good.
Our land will yield its increase.
[13]Righteousness goes before him,
And prepares the way for his steps.

Psalm 86

A Prayer by David.

[1]Hear, YHWH, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
[2]Preserve my soul, for I am faithful.
You, my God, save your servant who trusts in you.
[3]Be merciful to me, YHWH,[a]
for I call to you all day long.
[4]Bring joy to the soul of your servant,
for to you, YHWH,[b] do I lift up my soul.
[5]For you, YHWH,[c] are good, and ready to forgive;
abundant in loving kindness to all those who call on you.
[6]Hear, YHWH, my prayer.
Listen to the voice of my petitions.
[7]In the day of my trouble I will call on you,
for you will answer me.
[8]There is no one like you among the gods, YHWH,[d]
nor any deeds like your deeds.
[9]All nations you have made will come and worship before you, YHWH.[e]
They shall glorify your name.
[10]For you are great, and do wondrous things.
You are God alone.
[11]Teach me your way, YHWH.
I will walk in your truth.
Make my heart undivided to fear your name.
[12]I will praise you, YHWH[f] my God, with my whole heart.
I will glorify your name forevermore.
[13]For your loving kindness is great toward me.
You have delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
[14]God, the proud have risen up against me.
A company of violent men have sought after my soul,
and they do not hold regard for you before them.

[a]79:12 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”
[b]86:4 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”
[c]86:5 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”
[d]86:5 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”
[e]86:9 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”
[f]86:9 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”

15 But you, YHWH,[a] are a merciful
and gracious God,
slow to anger, and abundant
in loving kindness and
truth.
16 Turn to me, and have mercy on
me.
Give your strength to your
servant.
Save the son of your
handmaid.
17 Show me a sign of your
goodness,
that those who hate me may
see it, and be shamed,
because you, YHWH, have
helped me, and
comforted me.

Psalm 87

A Psalm by the sons of Korah; a Song.

1 His foundation is in the holy
mountains.
2 YHWH loves the gates of
Zion more than all the
dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken about
you, city of God.
Selah.
4 I will record Rahab[b] and Babylon
among those who
acknowledge me.
Look, Philistia, Tyre, and
also Ethiopia:
"This one was born there."
5 Yes, of Zion it will be said, "This
one and that one was
born in her;"
the Most High himself will
establish her.
6 YHWH will count, when he writes
up the peoples,
"This one was born there."
Selah.
7 And those who sing as well as the
pipers:
"My whole source of joy is
in you."

Psalm 88

A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah. For the Chief Musician. To the tune of "The Suffering of Affliction." A contemplation by Heman, the Ezrahite.

1 YHWH, the God of my salvation,[c]
I have cried day and night
before you.
2 Let my prayer enter into your
presence.
Turn your ear to my cry.
3 For my soul is full of troubles.
My life draws near to Sheol.
4 I am counted among those who
go down into the pit.
I am like a man who has no
help,
5 set apart among the dead,
like the slain who lie in the
grave,
whom you remember no
more.

[a] 86:15 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b] 87:4 Rahab is a reference to Egypt
[c] 88:1 YHWH Elohe Yeshuathi

They are cut off from your hand.
[6]You have laid me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.
[7]Your wrath lies heavily on me.
You have afflicted me with all your waves.
Selah.
[8]You have taken my friends from me.
You have made me an abomination to them.
I am confined, and I can't escape.
[9]My eyes are dim from grief.
I have called on you daily, YHWH.
I have spread out my hands to you.
[10]Do you show wonders to the dead?
Do the dead rise up and praise you?
Selah.
[11]Is your loving kindness declared in the grave?
Or your faithfulness in Destruction?
[12]Are your wonders made known in the dark?
Or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
[13]But to you, YHWH, I have cried.
In the morning, my prayer comes before you.
[14]YHWH, why do you reject my soul?
Why do you hide your face from me?
[15]I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up.
While I suffer your terrors, I am distracted.
[16]Your fierce wrath has gone over me.
Your terrors have cut me off.
[17]They came around me like water all day long.
They completely engulfed me.
[18]You have put lover and friend far from me,
and my friends into darkness.

Psalm 89

A contemplation by Ethan, the Ezrahite.

[1]I will sing of the loving kindness of YHWH forever.
With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
[2]I indeed declare, "Love stands firm forever.
You established the heavens.
Your faithfulness is in them."

[3]"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David, my servant,
[4]'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build up your throne for all generations.'"
Selah.
[5]The heavens will praise your wonders, YHWH;
your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
[6]For who in the skies can be compared to YHWH?

Who among the sons of God
is like YHWH,
7a very awesome God in the
council of the holy
ones,
to be feared above all those
who are around him?
8YHWH, the God of hosts, who is a
mighty one like you,
YAH?
Your faithfulness is around
you.
9You rule the pride of the sea.
When its waves rise up, you
calm them.[a]
10You have broken Rahab in
pieces, like one of the
slain.
You have scattered your
enemies with your
mighty arm.
11The heavens are yours.
The earth also is yours;
the world and its fullness.
You have founded them.
12The north and the south, you
have created them.
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in
your name.
13You have a mighty arm.
Your hand is strong, and
your right hand is
exalted.
14Righteousness and justice are the
foundation of your
throne.
Loving kindness and truth
go before your face.
15Blessed are the people who
know the joyful shout.
They walk in the light of
your presence, YHWH.
16In your name they rejoice all
day.
In your righteousness, they
are exalted.
17For you are the glory of their
strength.
In your favor, our horn will
be exalted.
18For our shield belongs to YHWH;
our king to the Holy One of
Israel.
19Then you spoke in a vision to
your faithful ones,
and said, "I have bestowed
strength on the
warrior.
I have exalted a young man
from the people.
20I have found David, my servant.
I have anointed him with my
holy oil,
21with whom my hand shall be
established.
My arm will also strengthen
him.
22No enemy will tax him.
No wicked man will oppress
him.
23I will beat down his adversaries
before him,
and strike those who hate
him.
24But my faithfulness and my
loving kindness will
be with him.
In my name, his horn will be
exalted.
25I will set his hand also on the
sea,
and his right hand on the
rivers.

[a]89:9 Matthew 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24

[26]He will call to me, ‘You are my
Father,
my God, and the rock of my
salvation.’
[27]I will also appoint him my
firstborn,
the highest of the kings of
the earth.
[28]I will keep my loving kindness
for him forevermore.
My covenant will stand firm
with him.
[29]And I will establish his
descendants forever,
and his throne as the days of
heaven.
[30]If his children forsake my Law,
and do not walk in my
ordinances;
[31]if they break my statutes,
and do not keep my
commandments;
[32]then I will punish their sin with
the rod,
and their iniquity with
stripes.
[33]But I will not completely take
my loving kindness
from him,
nor allow my faithfulness to
fail.
[34]I will not break my covenant,
nor alter what my lips have
uttered.
[35]Once have I sworn by my
holiness,
I will not lie to David.
[36]His descendants will endure
forever,
his throne like the sun before
me.
[37]It will be established forever like
the moon,
the faithful witness in the
sky.”
Selah.

[38]But you have rejected and
spurned.
You have been angry with
your anointed.
[39]You have renounced the
covenant of your
servant.
You have defiled his crown
in the dust.
[40]You have broken down all his
hedges.
You have brought his
strongholds to ruin.
[41]All who pass by the way rob
him.
He has become an object of
ridicule to his
neighbors.
[42]You have exalted the right hand
of his adversaries.
You have made all of his
enemies rejoice.
[43]Yes, you turn back the edge of
his sword,
and haven’t supported him
in battle.
[44]You have ended his splendor,
and thrown his throne down
to the ground.
[45]You have shortened the days of
his youth.
You have covered him with
shame.
Selah.
[46]How long, YHWH?
Will you hide yourself
forever?
Will your wrath burn like
fire?
[47]Remember how short my time is.
Have you created the
descendants of Adam
for no reason?
[48]What man is he who shall live
and not see death,

who shall deliver his soul
from the power of
Sheol?
Selah.
49YHWH,[a] where are your former
loving kindnesses,
which you swore to David in
your faithfulness?
50Remember, YHWH,[b] the ridicule
of all the many
peoples against your
servants
I have borne in my heart,
51how your enemies have
ridiculed, YHWH,
how they have ridiculed the
footsteps of your anointed one.

52Blessed be YHWH forevermore.
Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV

Psalm 90

A Prayer by Moses, the man of God.

1YHWH,[c] you have been our
dwelling place[d] for all
generations.
2Before the mountains were
brought forth,
before you had formed the
earth and the world,
even from everlasting to
everlasting, you are
God.
3You turn man to destruction,
saying,
"Return, you descendants of
Adam."
4For a thousand years in your sight
are just like yesterday
when it is past,
like a watch in the night.
5You sweep them away as they
sleep.
In the morning they sprout
like new grass.
6In the morning it sprouts and
springs up.
By evening, it is withered
and dry.
7For we are consumed in your
anger.
We are troubled in your
wrath.
8You have set our iniquities before
you,
our secret sins in the light of
your presence.
9For all our days have passed away
in your wrath.
We bring our years to an end
as a sigh.
10The days of our years are
seventy,
or even by reason of strength
eighty years;
yet their pride is but labor
and sorrow,
for it passes quickly, and we
fly away.

[a]89:49 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]89:50 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]90:1 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[d]90:1 Hebrew Mss LXX reads "our refuge." An apparent nun-zayin confusion

[11]Who knows the power of your
anger,
your wrath according to the
fear that is due to you?
[12]So teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of
wisdom.
[13]Relent, YHWH.
How long?
Have compassion on your
servants.
[14]Satisfy us in the morning with
your loving kindness,
that we may rejoice and be
glad all our days.
[15]Make us glad for as many days
as you have afflicted
us,
for as many years as we
have seen evil.
[16]Let your work appear to your
servants;
your glory to their children.
[17]Let the favor of YHWH[a] our God
be on us;
establish the work of our
hands for us;
yes, establish[b] the work of
our hands.

Psalm 91

[1]He who dwells in the secret place
of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of
Shaddai.
[2]I will[c] say of YHWH, "He is my
refuge and my
fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
[3]For he will deliver you from the
snare of the fowler,
and from the deadly
pestilence.
[4]He will cover you with his
feathers.
Under his wings you will
take refuge.
His truth is an[d]
encompassing shield.
[5]You shall not be afraid of the
terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by
day;
[6]nor of the pestilence that
walks in darkness,
nor of the destruction that
wastes at noonday.
[7]A thousand may fall at your side,
and ten thousand at your
right hand;
but it will not come near
you.
[8]You will only look with your
eyes,
and see the recompense of
the wicked.
[9]Because you have made YHWH,
my refuge,
the Most High, your
dwelling place,
[10]no evil shall overtake you;
no plague shall come near
your dwelling.
[11]For he will put his angels in
charge of you,
to guard you in all your
ways.
[12]In their hands they will lift you
up,

[a]90:1 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]90:17 Hebrew Mss LXX lack "establish"
[c]91:2 LXX Syr Jerome read "He will"
[d]90:4 LXX reads "your"

so that you will not strike
your foot against a
stone.[a]
13 You will tread upon the lion and
the viper.
You will trample the young
lion and the serpent
underfoot.
14 "Because he has set his love on
me, therefore I will
deliver him.
I will set him on high,
because he has known
my name.
15 He will call on me, and I will
answer him.
I will be with him in trouble.
I will deliver him, and honor
him.
16 I will satisfy him with long life,
and show him my
salvation."

Psalm 92

A Psalm. A song for the Sabbath day.

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to
YHWH,
to sing praises to your name,
Most High;
2 to proclaim your loving kindness
in the morning,
and your faithfulness every
night,
3 with the ten-stringed lute, with
the harp,
and with the melody of the
lyre.
4 For you, YHWH, have made me
glad through your
work.
I will triumph in the works
of your hands.
5 How great are your works,
YHWH.
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A senseless man doesn't know,
neither does a fool
understand this:
7 though the wicked spring up as
the grass,
and all the evildoers
flourish,
they will be destroyed
forever.
8 But you, YHWH, are on high
forevermore.
9 For, look, your enemies, YHWH,
for, look, your enemies shall
perish.
All the evildoers will be
scattered.
10 But you have exalted my horn
like that of the wild
ox.
I am anointed with fresh oil.
11 My eye has also seen my
enemies.
My ears have heard of the
wicked enemies who
rise up against me.
12 The righteous shall flourish like
the palm tree.
He will grow like a cedar in
Lebanon.
13 They are planted in YHWH's
house.
They will flourish in our
God's courts.
14 They will still bring forth fruit in
old age.

[a] 91:12 Matthew 4:6; Luke 4:10-11

They will be full of sap and
green,
15 to show that YHWH is
upright.
He is my Rock,
and there is no
unrighteousness in
him.

Psalm 93

1 YHWH reigns.
He is clothed with majesty.
YHWH is armed with
strength.
The world also is established.
It can't be moved.
2 Your throne is established from
long ago.
You are from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, YHWH,
the floods have lifted up
their voice.
The floods lift up their
waves.
4 Above the voices of many waters,
the mighty breakers of the
sea,
YHWH on high is mighty.
5 Your statutes stand firm.
Holiness adorns your house,
YHWH, forevermore.

Psalm 94

1 YHWH, you God to whom
vengeance belongs,
you God to whom
vengeance belongs,
shine forth.
2 Rise up, you judge of the earth.
Pay back the proud what
they deserve.
3 YHWH, how long will the wicked,
how long will the wicked
triumph?
4 They pour out arrogant words.
All the evildoers boast.
5 They break your people in pieces,
YHWH,
and afflict your heritage.
6 They kill the widow and the alien,
and murder the fatherless.
7 They say, "YAH will not see,
neither will Jacob's God
consider."
8 Consider, you senseless among
the people;
you fools, when will you be
wise?
9 He who implanted the ear, won't
he hear?
He who formed the eye,
won't he see?
10 He who disciplines the nations,
won't he punish?
He who teaches man knows.
11 YHWH knows the thoughts of
man,[a]
that they are futile.[b]
12 Blessed is the man whom you
discipline, YAH,
and teach out of your Law;
13 that you may give him rest from
the days of adversity,
until the pit is dug for the
wicked.

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[a] 94:11 1Co 3:20 reads sophos "wise." In DSS Isaiah script אדם "man" and חכם "wise" are very similar, suggesting the possibility of a misreading

[b] 94:11 1Co 3:20

[14]For YHWH won't reject his
people,
neither will he forsake his
inheritance.
[15]For judgment will return to
righteousness.
All the upright in heart shall
follow it.
[16]Who will rise up for me against
the wicked?
Who will stand up for me
against the evildoers?
[17]Unless YHWH had been my help,
my soul would have soon
lived in silence.
[18]When I said, "My foot is
slipping."
Your loving kindness,
YHWH, held me up.
[19]In the multitude of my thoughts
within me,
your comforts delight my
soul.
[20]Shall the throne of wickedness
have fellowship with
you,
which brings about mischief
by statute?
[21]They gather themselves together
against the soul of the
righteous,
and condemn the innocent
blood.
[22]But YHWH has been my high
tower,
my God, the rock of my
refuge.
[23]He has brought on them their
own iniquity,
and will cut them off in their
own wickedness.
YHWH, our God, will cut
them off.

Psalm 95

[1]Oh come, let's sing to YHWH.
Let's shout aloud to the rock
of our salvation.
[2]Let's come before his presence
with thanksgiving.
Let's extol him with songs.
[3]For YHWH is a great God,
a great King above all gods.
[4]In his hand are the deep places[a] of
the earth.
The heights of the mountains
are also his.
[5]The sea is his, and he made it.
His hands formed the dry
land.
[6]Oh come, let's worship and bow
down.
Let's kneel before YHWH,
our Maker,
[7]for he is our God.
We are the people of his
pasture,
and the sheep in his care.
Today, if you would hear his
voice.
[8]Do not harden your heart,
as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in
the wilderness,
[9]when your fathers tempted me,
tested me, and saw my work.
[10]For forty years I loathed that
generation,
and said, "It is a people who
go astray in their heart,

[a]95:4 Hebrew Ms LXX read "distant, ends"

and they do not know my
ways.”
11Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They won’t enter into my
rest.”[a]

Psalm 96

1Sing to YHWH a new song.
Sing to YHWH, all the earth.
2Sing to YHWH.
Bless his name.
Proclaim his salvation from
day to day.
3Declare his glory among the
nations,
his marvelous works among
all the peoples.
4For great is YHWH, and greatly to
be praised.
He is to be feared above all
gods.
5For all the gods of the peoples are
idols,
but YHWH made the
heavens.
6Honor and majesty are before
him.
Strength and beauty are in
his sanctuary.
7Ascribe to YHWH, you families of
nations,
ascribe to YHWH glory and
strength.
8Ascribe to YHWH the glory due to
his name.
Bring an offering, and come
into his courts.
9Worship YHWH in holy array.
Tremble before him, all the
earth.
10Say among the nations, “YHWH
reigns.”
The world is also
established.
It can’t be moved.
He will judge the peoples
with equity.
11Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice.
Let the sea roar, and its
fullness.
12Let the field and all that is
in it exult.
Then all the trees of the
woods shall sing for
joy
13before YHWH; for he
comes,
for he comes to judge the
earth.
He will judge the world with
righteousness,
the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 97

1YHWH reigns.
Let the earth rejoice.
Let the multitude of islands
be glad.
2Clouds and darkness are around
him.
Righteousness and justice
are the foundation of
his throne.
3A fire goes before him,
and burns up his adversaries
on every side.
4His lightning lights up the world.
The earth sees, and trembles.

[a]95:11 Hebrews 4:3,5

[5]The mountains melt like wax at
the presence of
YHWH,
at the presence of the Lord
of the whole earth.
[6]The heavens declare his
righteousness.
All the peoples have seen his
glory.
[7]Let all them be shamed who serve
engraved images,
who boast in their idols.
Worship him, all you gods.[a]
[8]Zion heard and was glad.
The daughters of Judah
rejoiced,
because of your judgments,
YHWH.
[9]For you, YHWH, are most high
above all the earth.
You are exalted far above all
gods.
[10]You who love YHWH, hate evil.
He preserves the souls of his
faithful ones.
He delivers them out of the
hand of the wicked.
[11]Light is sown for the righteous,
and gladness for the upright
in heart.
[12]Be glad in YHWH, you righteous
people.
Give thanks to his holy
Name.

Psalm 98

A Psalm.

[1]Sing to YHWH a new song,
for he has done marvelous
things.
His right hand, and his holy
arm, have worked
salvation for him.
[2]YHWH has made known his
salvation.
He has openly shown his
righteousness in the
sight of the nations.
[3]He has remembered his loving
kindness and his
faithfulness toward the
house of Israel.
Every part of the earth has
seen the salvation of
our God.
[4]Make a joyful noise to YHWH, all
the earth.
Burst out and sing for joy,
yes, sing praises.
[5]Sing praises to YHWH with the
harp,
with the harp and the voice
of melody.
[6]With trumpets and sound of the
ram's horn,
make a joyful noise before
the King, YHWH.
[7]Let the sea roar with its fullness;
the world, and those who
dwell in it.
[8]Let the rivers clap their hands.
Let the mountains sing for
joy together.
[9]Let them sing before YHWH,
for he comes to judge the
earth.
He will judge the world with
righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

[a]97:7 LXX Syr read "angels." Cf. Deuteronomy 32:43; Hebrews 1:6

Psalm 99

[1]YHWH reigns. Let the peoples
tremble.
He sits enthroned among the
cherubim;
the earth shakes.
[2]YHWH is great in Zion.
He is high above all the
peoples.
[3]Let them praise your great and
awesome name.
He is Holy.

[4]The King's strength also loves
justice.
You do establish equity.
You execute justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
[5]Exalt YHWH our God.
Worship at his footstool.
He is Holy.
[6]Moses and Aaron were among his
priests,
Samuel among those who
call on his name;
they called on YHWH, and
he answered them.
[7]He spoke to them in the pillar of
cloud.
They kept his testimonies,
the statute that he gave them.
[8]You answered them, YHWH our
God.
You are a God who forgave[a]
them,
although you took
vengeance for their
doings.

[9]Exalt YHWH, our God.
Worship at his holy
mountain,
for YHWH, our God, is holy.

Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

[1]Shout for joy to YHWH, all you
lands.
[2]Serve YHWH with gladness.
Come before his presence
with singing.
[3]Know that YHWH, he is God.
It is he who has made us,
and we belong to him.[b]
We are his people, and the
sheep of his pasture.
[4]Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving,
and into his courts with
praise.
Give thanks to him, and
bless his name.
[5]For YHWH is good.
His loving kindness endures
forever,
and his faithfulness to all
generations.

Psalm 101

A Psalm by David.

[1]I will sing of loving kindness and
justice.

[a]99:8 El Nose

[b]100:3 Hebrew Mss MT Qere LXX Syr Vg. MT Kethib reads "and not we ourselves"

To you, YHWH, I will sing
praises.
[2]I will be careful to live a
blameless life.
When will you come to[a] me?
I will walk within my house
with a blameless heart.
[3]I will set no vile thing before my
eyes.
I hate the deeds of faithless
men.
They will not cling to me.
[4]A perverse heart will be far from
me.
I will have nothing to do
with evil.
[5]I will silence whoever secretly
slanders his neighbor.
I won't tolerate one who is
haughty and conceited.
[6]My eyes will be on the faithful of
the land,
that they may dwell with me.
He who walks in a perfect way,
he will serve me.
[7]He who practices deceit won't
dwell within my
house.
He who speaks falsehood
won't be established
before my eyes.
[8]Morning by morning, I will
destroy all the wicked
of the land;
to cut off all evildoers from
YHWH's city.

Psalm 102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before YHWH.

[1]Hear my prayer, YHWH.
Let my cry come to you.
[2]Do not hide your face from me in
the day of my distress.
Turn your ear to me.
Answer me quickly in the
day when I call.
[3]For my days consume away like
smoke.
My bones are burned like a
hearth.
[4]My heart is blighted like grass,
and withered,
for I forget to eat my bread.
[5]By reason of the voice of my
groaning,
my bones stick to my skin.
[6]I am like a pelican of the
wilderness.
I have become as an owl of
the waste places.
[7]I watch, and have become
like a sparrow that is
alone on the housetop.
[8]My enemies reproach me all day.
Those who are mad at me
use my name as a
curse.
[9]For I have eaten ashes like bread,
and mixed my drink with
tears,
[10]Because of your indignation and
your wrath,
for you have taken me up,
and thrown me away.
[11]My days are like a long shadow.

[a]101:2 DSS reads "for"

I have withered like grass.

12 But you, YHWH, will abide
forever;
your renown endures to all
generations.
13 You will arise and have mercy
on Zion;
for it is time to have pity on
her.
Yes, the set time has come.
14 For your servants take pleasure
in her stones,
and have pity on her dust.
15 So the nations will fear the name
of YHWH;
all the kings of the earth
your glory.
16 For YHWH has built up Zion.
He has appeared in his glory.
17 He has responded to the prayer
of the destitute,
and has not despised their
prayer.
18 This will be written for the
generation to come,
that a people yet to be
created may praise
YAH.
19 For he has looked down from the
height of his
sanctuary.
From heaven, YHWH looked
at the earth;
20 to hear the groans of the
prisoner;
to free those who are
condemned to death;
21 that men may declare the name
of YHWH in Zion,
and his praise in Jerusalem;
22 when the peoples are gathered
together,
the kingdoms, to serve
YHWH.

23 He weakened my strength along
the course.
He shortened my days.
24 I said, "My God, do not take me
away in the midst of
my days.
Your years are throughout
all generations.
25 In the beginning, YHWH,[a] you
established the
foundation of the
earth.
The heavens are the works[b]
of your hands.
26 They will perish, but you remain;
and they will all wear out
like a garment.
You will change them like a
cloak, and they will be
changed.
27 But you are the same.
Your years will have no
end.[c]
28 The children of your servants
will continue.
and their descendants will be
established before
you."

Psalm 103

By David.

1 Praise YHWH, my soul,

[a] 102:25 LXX. MT lacks "YHWH"
[b] 102:25 Hebrew Ms DSS LXX. MT reads "work"
[c] 102:25-27 Hebrews 1:10-12

and all that is within me,
praise his holy name.
[2]Praise YHWH, my soul,
and do not forget all his
benefits;
[3]who forgives all your sins;[a]
who heals all your diseases;
[4]who redeems your life from
destruction;
who crowns you with loving
kindness and tender
mercies;
[5]who satisfies your desire with
good things;
your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.
[6]YHWH executes righteous acts,
and justice for all who are
oppressed.
[7]He made known his ways to
Moses,
his deeds to the children of
Israel.
[8]YHWH is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abundant
in loving kindness.
[9]He will not always accuse;
neither will he stay angry
forever.
[10]He has not dealt with us
according to our sins,
nor repaid us for our
iniquities.
[11]For as the heavens are high
above the earth,
so great is his loving
kindness toward those
who fear him.
[12]As far as the east is from the
west,
so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.
[13]Like a father has compassion on
his children,
so YHWH has compassion
on those who fear him.
[14]For he knows how we are made.
He remembers that we are
dust.
[15]As for man, his days are like
grass.
As a flower of the field, so
he flourishes.
[16]For the wind passes over it, and
it is gone,
and its place remembers it
no more.
[17]But YHWH's loving kindness is
from everlasting to
everlasting with those
who fear him,
his righteousness to
children's children;
[18]to those who keep his covenant,
to those who remember to
obey his precepts.
[19]YHWH has established his throne
in the heavens.
His kingdom rules over all.
[20]Praise YHWH, all[b] you angels of
his,
who are mighty in strength,
who fulfill his word,
obeying the voice of his
word.
[21]Praise YHWH, all you armies of
his,
you servants of his, who do
his pleasure.
[22]Praise YHWH, all you works of
his,

[a]103:3 DSS sg
[b]103:20 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. Psalm 148:2. MT lacks "all" from haplography in early (cf. Isaiah Scroll) square script: kl-ml

in all places of his dominion.
Praise YHWH, my soul.

Psalm 104

[1]Bless YHWH, my soul.
YHWH, my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with splendor and majesty.
[2]He covers himself with light as with a garment.
He stretches out the heavens like a curtain.
[3]He lays the beams of his chambers in the waters.
He makes the clouds his chariot.
He walks on the wings of the wind.
[4]He makes his angels[a] winds,
and[b] his servants a flame of fire.[c]
[5]He laid the foundations of the earth,
that it should not be moved forever and ever.[d]
[6]You covered it with the deep as with a cloak.
The waters stood above the mountains.
[7]At your rebuke they fled.
At the voice of your thunder they hurried away.
[8]The mountains rose,
the valleys sank down,
to the place which you had assigned to them.
[9]You have set a boundary that they may not pass over;
that they do not turn again to cover the earth.
[10]He sends forth springs into the valleys.
They run among the mountains.
[11]They give drink to every animal of the field.
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.
[12]The birds of the sky nest by them;
among the branches they give forth a sound.[e]
[13]He waters the mountains from his chambers.
The earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
[14]He causes the grass to grow for the livestock,
and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food out of the earth:
[15]wine that makes glad the heart of man,
oil to make his face to shine,
and bread that strengthens man's heart.
[16]YHWH's trees are well watered,
the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted;
[17]where the birds make their nests.
The stork makes its home in the fir trees.
[18]The high mountains are for the wild goats.
The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

[a]104:4 Or, messengers
[b]104:4 LXX Syr. MT lacks "and"
[c]104:4 Hebrews 1:7
[d]104:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr
[e]104:12 Hebrew Ms LXX Ms OL Mss pl. MT sg

19He appointed the moon for seasons.
The sun knows when to set.
20You make darkness, and it is night,
in which all the animals of the forest prowl.
21The young lions roar after their prey,
and seek their food from God.
22The sun rises, and they steal away,
and lie down in their dens.
23Man goes forth to his work,
to his labor until the evening.
24YHWH, how many are your works.
In wisdom have you made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
25There is the sea, great and wide,
in which are innumerable living things,
both small and large animals.
26There the ships go,
and leviathan, whom you formed to play there.
27All of them look to you
to give them[a] their food at the proper time.
28You give to them; they gather.
You open your hand; they are satisfied with good.
29You hide your face: they are troubled;
you take away their breath: they die, and return to the dust.
30You send forth your Spirit: they are created.
You renew the face of the ground.
31Let the glory of YHWH endure forever.
Let YHWH rejoice in his works.
32He looks at the earth, and it trembles.
He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
33I will sing to YHWH all my life.
I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist.
34Let your meditation be sweet to him.
I will rejoice in YHWH.
35Let sinners be consumed out of the earth.
Let the wicked be no more.
Bless YHWH, my soul.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 105

1Give thanks to YHWH. Call on his name.
Make his deeds known among the peoples.
2Sing to him, sing praises to him.
Tell of all his marvelous works.
3Glory in his holy name.
Let the heart of those who seek YHWH rejoice.

[a]104:27 DSS LXX. MT lacks “them” from haplography by sight confusion: לתת-להם

[4]Seek YHWH and his strength.
Seek his face forever more.
[5]Remember his marvelous works
that he has done;
his wonders, and the
judgments of his
mouth,
[6]you offspring of Abraham, his
servant,
you descendants of Jacob,
his chosen ones.
[7]He is YHWH, our God.
His judgments are in all the
earth.
[8]He has remembered his covenant
forever,
the word which he
commanded to a
thousand generations,
[9]the covenant which he made with
Abraham,
his oath to Isaac,
[10]and confirmed the same to Jacob
for a statute;
to Israel as an everlasting
covenant,
[11]saying, "To you I will give the
land of Canaan,
the lot of your inheritance;"
[12]when they were but a few men in
number,
yes, very few, and foreigners
in it.
[13]They went about from nation to
nation,
from one kingdom to
another people.
[14]He allowed no one to do them
wrong.
Yes, he reproved kings for
their sakes,
[15]"Do not touch my anointed ones.
Do my prophets no harm."
[16]He called for a famine on the
land.
He destroyed the food
supplies.
[17]He sent a man ahead of them,
Joseph, sold as a slave.
[18]They bruised his feet with
shackles.
His neck was locked in
irons,
[19]until the time that his word
happened,
and YHWH's word proved
him true.
[20]The king sent and freed him;
even the ruler of peoples,
and let him go free.
[21]He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all of his
possessions;
[22]to discipline[a] his princes at his
pleasure, and to teach his elders
wisdom.
[23]Israel also came into Egypt.
Jacob sojourned in the land
of Ham.
[24]He increased his people greatly,
and made them stronger than
their adversaries.
[25]He turned their heart to hate his
people,
to conspire against his
servants.
[26]He sent Moses, his servant,
and Aaron, whom he had
chosen.
[27]They performed miracles among
them,

[a]105:22 LXX Syr Hier, reading "to discipline, instruct.." MT reads "to bind"

and wonders in the land of Ham.
[28]He sent darkness, and made it dark,
but they[a] rebelled against his words.
[29]He turned their waters into blood,
and killed their fish.
[30]Their land swarmed with frogs,
even in the chambers of their kings.
[31]He spoke, and swarms of flies came,
and gnats in all their territory.
[32]He gave them hail for rain,
flaming fire in their land.
[33]He struck their vines and also their fig trees,
and shattered the trees of their country.
[34]He spoke, and the locusts came,
and the grasshoppers, without number,
[35]ate up every plant in their land;
and ate up the fruit of their ground.
[36]He struck also all the firstborn in their land,
the first fruits of all their manhood.
[37]And he brought them out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
[38]Egypt was glad when they departed,
for the fear of them had fallen on them.
[39]He spread a cloud for a covering,
fire to give light in the night.
[40]They asked, and he brought quails,
and satisfied them with the bread of the sky.
[41]He opened the rock, and waters gushed out.
They ran as a river in the dry places.
[42]For he remembered his holy word,
and Abraham, his servant.
[43]He brought forth his people with joy,
his chosen with singing.
[44]He gave them the lands of the nations.
They took the labor of the peoples in possession,
[45]that they might keep his statutes,
and observe his laws.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 106

[1]Praise YAH.
Give thanks to YHWH, for he is good,
for his loving kindness endures forever.
[2]Who can utter the mighty acts of YAH,
or fully declare all his praise?
[3]Blessed are those who uphold justice,
who practice righteousness at all times.
[4]Remember me, YHWH, with the favor that you show to your people.
Visit me with your salvation,

[a]105:28 LXX Syr. MT adds “did not”

5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers.
We have committed iniquity.
We have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers did not understand your wonders in Egypt.
They did not remember the multitude of your loving kindnesses,
but were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,
that he might make his mighty power known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up;
so he led them through the depths, as through a desert.
10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them,
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 The waters covered their adversaries.
There was not one of them left.
12 Then they believed his words.
They sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works.
They did not wait for his counsel,
14 but gave in to craving in the desert,
and tested God in the wasteland.
15 He gave them their request,
but sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
and Aaron, YHWH's holy one.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
and covered the company of Abiram.
18 A fire was kindled in their company.
The flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Horeb,
and worshiped a molten image.
20 Thus they exchanged their glory for an image of a bull that eats grass.
21 They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,
had Moses, his chosen, not stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath, so that he wouldn't destroy them.
24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land.
They did not believe his word,
25 but murmured in their tents,
and did not listen to YHWH's voice.

[26]Therefore he swore to them
that he would overthrow
them in the wilderness,
[27]and that he would make
their offspring fall
among the nations,
and scatter them in the lands.
[28]They joined themselves also to
Baal Peor,
and ate the sacrifices of the
dead.
[29]Thus they provoked him to anger
with their deeds.
The plague broke in on
them.
[30]Then Phinehas stood up, and
executed judgment,
so the plague was stopped.
[31]That was credited to him for
righteousness,
for all generations to come.
[32]They angered him also at the
waters of Meribah,
so that Moses was troubled
for their sakes;
[33]because they were rebellious
against his spirit,
he spoke rashly with his lips.
[34]They did not destroy the peoples,
as YHWH commanded them,
[35]but mixed themselves with
the nations,
and learned their works.
[36]They served their idols,
which became a snare to
them.
[37]Yes, they sacrificed their sons
and their daughters to
demons.
[38]They shed innocent blood,
even the blood of their sons
and of their daughters,
whom they sacrificed to the
idols of Canaan.
The land was polluted with
blood.
[39]Thus were they defiled with their
works,
and prostituted themselves
in their deeds.
[40]Therefore YHWH burned with
anger against his
people.
He abhorred his inheritance.
[41]He gave them into the hand of
the nations.
Those who hated them ruled
over them.
[42]Their enemies also oppressed
them.
They were brought into
subjection under their
hand.
[43]Many times he delivered them,
but they were rebellious in
their counsel,
and were brought low in
their iniquity.
[44]Nevertheless he regarded their
distress,
when he heard their cry.
[45]He remembered for them his
covenant,
and repented according to
the multitude of his
loving kindnesses.
[46]He made them also to be pitied
by all those who carried
them captive.

[47]Save us, YHWH, our God,
gather us from among the
nations,
to give thanks to your holy
name,
to triumph in your praise.

[48]Blessed be YHWH, the God of
Israel,
from everlasting to
everlasting.

And let all the people say,
"Amen."
Praise YAH.

BOOK V

Psalm 107

[1]Give thanks to YHWH,
for he is good,
for his loving kindness endures
forever.
[2]Let the redeemed by YHWH say
so,
whom he has redeemed from
the hand of the
adversary,
[3]And gathered out of the
lands,
from the east and from the
west,
from the north and from the
south.
[4]They wandered in the wilderness
in a desert way.
They found no city to live
in.
[5]Hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted in them.
[6]Then they cried to YHWH in their
trouble,
and he delivered them out of
their distresses,
[7]he led them also by a straight
way,
that they might go to a city
to live in.
[8]Let them praise YHWH for his
loving kindness,
for his wonderful works for
the descendants of
Adam.
[9]For he satisfies the longing soul.
He fills the hungry soul with
good.
[10]Some sat in darkness and in the
shadow of death,
being bound in affliction and
iron,
[11]because they rebelled against the
words of God,
and condemned the counsel
of the Most High.
[12]Therefore he brought down their
heart with labor.
They fell down, and there
was none to help.
[13]Then they cried to YHWH in
their trouble,
and he saved them out of
their distresses.
[14]He brought them out of darkness
and the shadow of
death,
and broke their bonds in
sunder.
[15]Let them praise YHWH for his
loving kindness,
for his wonderful works for
the descendants of
Adam.

[16]For he has broken the gates of
bronze,
and cut through bars of iron.
[17]Fools are afflicted because of
their disobedience,
and because of their
iniquities.
[18]Their soul abhors all kinds of
food.
They draw near to the gates
of death.
[19]Then they cried to YHWH in
their trouble;
he saved them out of their
distresses.

[20]He sent his word and healed
them;
he delivered them[a] from
their traps.
[21]Let them praise YHWH for his
loving kindness,
for his wonderful works for
the descendants of
Adam.

[22]Let them offer the sacrifices of
thanksgiving,
and declare his works with
singing.
[23]Those who go down to the sea in
ships,
who do business in great
waters;
[24]These see YHWH's works,
and his wonders in the deep.
[25]For he commands, and raises the
stormy wind,
which lifts up its waves.
[26]They mount up to the sky; they
go down again to the
depths.
Their soul melts away
because of trouble.
[27]They reel back and forth, and
stagger like a drunken
man,
and are at their wits' end.
[28]Then they cry to YHWH in their
trouble,
and he brings them out of
their distress.
[29]He makes the storm a calm,
so that its waves are still.[b]
[30]Then they are glad because it is
calm,
so he brings them to their
desired haven.
[31]Let them praise YHWH for his
loving kindness,
for his wonderful works for
the descendants of
Adam.

[32]Let them exalt him also in the
assembly of the
people,
and praise him in the seat of
the elders.
[33]He turns rivers into a desert,
water springs into a thirsty
ground,
[34]and a fruitful land into a
salt waste,
for the wickedness of those
who dwell in it.
[35]He turns a desert into a pool of
water,
and a dry land into water
springs.
[36]There he makes the hungry live,
that they may prepare a city
to live in,
[37]sow fields, plant vineyards,
and reap the fruits of
increase.
[38]He blesses them also, so that
they are multiplied
greatly.
He doesn't allow their
livestock to decrease.
[39]Again, they are diminished and
bowed down
through oppression, trouble,
and sorrow.
[40]He pours contempt on princes,

[a]107:20 wimallet probably shares the pronomial suffix with weyirpa'em. LXX Syr add suff 3 pl

[b]107:29 Matthew 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 8:24

and causes them to wander
in a trackless waste.
41 Yet he lifts the needy out of their
affliction,
and increases their families
like a flock.
42 The upright will see it, and be
glad.
All the wicked will shut
their mouths.
43 Whoever is wise will pay
attention to these
things.
They will consider the
loving kindnesses of
YHWH.

Psalm 108

A Song. A Psalm by David.

1 My heart is steadfast, God.
I will sing and I will make
music with my soul.
2 Wake up, harp and lyre.
I will wake up the dawn.
3 I will give thanks to you, YHWH,
among the nations.
I will sing praises to you
among the peoples.
4 For your loving kindness is great
above the heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to
the skies.
5 Be exalted, God, above the
heavens.
Let your glory be over all
the earth.
6 That your beloved may be
delivered,
save with your right hand,
and answer us.
7 God has spoken from his
sanctuary: "In
triumph,
I will divide Shechem, and
measure out the Valley
of Succoth.
8 Gilead is mine. Manasseh is
mine.
Ephraim also is my helmet.
Judah is my scepter.
9 Moab is my wash pot.
I will toss my sandal on
Edom.
I will shout in triumph over
Philistia."
10 Who will bring me into the
fortified city?
Who has led me to Edom?
11 Haven't you rejected us, God?
You do not go forth, God,
with our armies.
12 Give us help against the enemy,
for the help of man is vain.
13 Through God, we will do
valiantly.
For it is he who will trample
down our enemies.

Psalm 109

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

1 God of my praise, do not remain
silent,
2 for they have opened the
mouth of the wicked
and the mouth of
deceit against me.
They have spoken to me
with a lying tongue.
3 They have also surrounded me
with words of hatred,

and fought against me
without a cause.
4In return for my love, they are my
adversaries;
but I am in prayer.
5They have rewarded me evil for
good,
and hatred for my love.
6Set a wicked man over him.
Let an adversary stand at his
right hand.
7When he is judged, let him come
forth guilty.
Let his prayer be turned into
sin.
8Let his days be few.[a]
Let another take his office.[b]
9Let his children be fatherless,
and his wife a widow.
10Let his children be wandering
beggars.
Let them be sought from
their ruins.
11Let the creditor seize all that he
has.
Let strangers plunder the
fruit of his labor.
12Let there be none to extend
kindness to him,
neither let there be any to
have pity on his
fatherless children.
13Let his posterity be cut off.
In the generation following
let their name be
blotted out.
14Let the iniquity of his fathers be
remembered by
YHWH.
Do not let the sin of his
mother be blotted out.
15Let them be before YHWH
continually,
that he may cut off the
memory of them from
the earth;
16because he did not remember to
show kindness,
but persecuted the poor and
needy man,
the broken in heart, to kill
them.
17Yes, he loved cursing, and it
came to him.
He did not delight in
blessing, and it was far
from him.
18He clothed himself also with
cursing as with his
garment.
It came into his inward parts
like water,
like oil into his bones.
19Let it be to him as the clothing
with which he covers
himself,
for the belt that is always
around him.
20This is the reward of my
adversaries from
YHWH,
of those who speak evil
against my soul.

21But deal with me, YHWH the
Lord[c], for your name's
sake,
because your loving
kindness is good,
deliver me;
22for I am poor and needy.
My heart is wounded within
me.

[a]109:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr add "and"
[b]109:8 Acts 1:20
[c]109:21 Hebrew(117) Ms lacks "Lord"

[23]I fade away like an evening
shadow.
I am shaken off like a locust.
[24]My knees are weak through
fasting.
My body is thin and lacks
fat.
[25]I have also become a reproach to
them.
When they see me, they
shake their head.
[26]Help me, YHWH, my God.
Save me according to your
loving kindness;
[27]that they may know that this is
your hand;
that you, YHWH, have done
it.
[28]They may curse, but you bless.
When they arise, they will
be shamed,
but your servant shall
rejoice.
[29]Let my adversaries be clothed
with dishonor.
Let them cover themselves
with their own shame
as with a robe.
[30]I will give great thanks to YHWH
with my mouth.
Yes, I will praise him among
the multitude.
[31]For he will stand at the right
hand of the needy,
to save him from those who
judge his soul.

Psalm 110

A Psalm by David.

[1]YHWH says to my Lord, "Sit at
my right hand,
until I make your enemies a
footstool for your
feet."[a]
[2]YHWH will send forth the rod of
your strength out of
Zion.
Rule in the midst of your
enemies.
[3]Your people offer themselves
willingly on the day of
your power. On the
holy mountains[b]
at sunrise[c] the dew of your
youth will be yours.
[4]YHWH has sworn, and will not
change his mind:
"You are a priest forever[d] in
the order of
Melchizedek."[e]
[5]YHWH[f] is at your right hand.
He will crush kings in the
day of his wrath.
[6]He will judge among the nations.
He will heap up dead bodies.
He will shatter the head
throughout a vast
territory.
[7]He will drink of the brook in the
way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

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[a]110:1 Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42; Acts 2:34
[b]110:3 Cairo Geniza Ms Hebrew Mss Symmachus Hier cf. Psalm 87:1. MT reads "in holy array," a dalet-resh confusion
[c]110:3 Lit. "from the womb of dawn," which refers to sunrise
[d]110:4 Hebrews 5:6; 7:21
[e]110:4 Hebrews 7:15-17
[f]110:5 Cairo Geniza Ms Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

Psalm 111

[1]Praise YAH.

I will give thanks to YHWH with
my whole heart,

in the council of the upright, and
in the congregation.

[2]YHWH's works are great,

pondered by all those who delight
in them.

[3]His work is honor and majesty.

His righteousness endures forever.

[4]He has caused his wonderful
works to be
remembered.

YHWH is gracious and merciful.

[5]He has given food to those who
fear him.
He always remembers his
covenant.

[6]He has shown his people the
power of his works,

in giving them the heritage of the
nations.

[7]The works of his hands are truth
and justice.

All his precepts are sure.

[8]They are established forever and
ever.

They are done in truth and
uprightness.

[9]He has sent redemption to his
people.

He has ordained his covenant
forever.

His name is holy and awesome.

[10]The fear of YHWH is the
beginning of wisdom.

All those who do his work have a
good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

Psalm 112

[1]Praise YAH.

Blessed is the man who fears
YHWH,

who delights greatly in his
commandments.

[2]His descendants will be mighty in
the land.

The generation of the upright will
be blessed.

[3]Wealth and riches are in his
house.

His righteousness endures forever.

[4]Light dawns in the darkness for
the upright,

gracious, merciful, and righteous.

[5]It is well with the man who deals
graciously and lends.
He will maintain his cause in
judgment.

[6]For he will never be shaken.

The righteous will be remembered
forever.

[7]He will not be afraid of evil news.

His heart is steadfast, trusting in
YHWH.

[8]His heart is secure,
he has no fears;

in the end he will look in triumph
on his adversaries.

[9]He has scattered, he has given to
the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.[a]

His horn will be exalted with
honor.

[10]The wicked will see it, and be
grieved.

He shall gnash with his teeth, and
melt away.

The desire of the wicked will
perish.

Psalm 113

[1]Praise YAH.
Praise, you servants of
YHWH,
praise the name of YHWH.
[2]Blessed be the name of YHWH,
from this time forth and
forevermore.
[3]From the rising of the sun to the
going down of the
same,
YHWH's name is to be
praised.
[4]YHWH is high above all nations,
his glory above the heavens.
[5]Who is like YHWH, our God,
who has his seat on high,
[6]Who stoops down to see in
heaven and in the
earth?
[7]He raises up the poor out of the
dust.
Lifts up the needy from the
ash heap;
[8]that he may set him with princes,
even with the princes of his
people.
[9]He settles the barren woman in
her home,
as a joyful mother of
children.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 114

[1]When Israel went forth out of
Egypt,

[a]112:9 2Co 9:9

the house of Jacob from a
people of foreign
language;
2 Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled.
The Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
the little hills like lambs.
5 What was it, you sea, that you
fled?
You Jordan, that you turned
back?
6 You mountains, that you skipped
like rams;
you little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, you earth, at the
presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of
Jacob,
8 who turned the rock into a pool of
water,
the flint into a spring of
waters.

Psalm 115

1 Not to us, YHWH, not to us,
but to your name be the
glory,
for your loving kindness and[a] for
your faithfulness.
2 Why should the nations say,
"Where is their God, now?"
3 But our God is in the heavens.
He does whatever he
pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they do
not speak.
They have eyes, but they do
not see.
6 They have ears, but they do not
hear.
They have noses, but they do
not smell.
7 They have hands, but they do not
feel.
They have feet, but they do
not walk,
neither do they speak
through their throat.
8 Those who make them will be
like them;
yes, everyone who trusts in
them.
9 Israel, trust in YHWH.
He is their help and their
shield.
10 House of Aaron, trust in YHWH.
He is their help and their
shield.
11 You who fear YHWH, trust in
YHWH.
He is their help and their
shield.
12 YHWH remembers us. He will
bless us.
He will bless the house of
Israel.
He will bless the house of
Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear
YHWH,
both small and great.
14 May YHWH increase you more
and more,
you and your children.
15 Blessed are you by YHWH,
who made heaven and earth.

[a] 115:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "and"

16 The heavens are the heavens of YHWH;
but the earth has he given to the descendants of Adam.
17 The dead do not praise YAH,
neither any who go down into silence;
18 But we will bless YAH,
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 116

1 I love YHWH, because he listens to my[a] voice,
and my cries for mercy.
2 Because he has turned his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death surrounded me,
the pains of Sheol got a hold of me.
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then I called on the name of YHWH:
"YHWH, I beg you, deliver my soul."
5 YHWH is Gracious and righteous.
Yes, our God is merciful.
6 YHWH preserves the simple.
I was brought low, and he saved me.
7 Return to your rest, my soul,
for YHWH has dealt bountifully with you.
8 For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before YHWH in the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore I said,[b]
"I am greatly afflicted."
11 I said in my haste,
"All men are liars."
12 What will I give to YHWH for all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of YHWH.
14 I will pay my vows to YHWH,
yes, in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of YHWH is the death of his faithful ones.
16 YHWH, truly I am your servant.
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid.
You have freed me from my chains.
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and will call on the name of YHWH.
18 I will pay my vows to YHWH,
yes, in the presence of all his people,
19 in the courts of YHWH's house,
in the midst of you, Jerusalem.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 117

1 Praise YHWH, all you nations.

[a] 116:1 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr read "the"

[b] 116:10 2Co 4:13

Praise him, all you peoples.[a]
2For his loving kindness is great
toward us.
YHWH's faithfulness
endures forever.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 118

1Give thanks to YHWH, for he is
good,
for his loving kindness
endures forever.
2Let Israel now say
that his loving kindness
endures forever.
3Let the house of Aaron now say
that his loving kindness
endures forever.
4Now let those who fear YHWH
say
that his loving kindness
endures forever.
5Out of my distress, I called on
YAH.
YAH answered me with
freedom.
6YHWH is my helper;[b] I will not
fear.
What can humans do to me?[c]
7YHWH is my helper;[d]
and I will look in triumph on
those who hate me.
8It is better to take refuge in
YHWH,
than to put confidence in
man.
9It is better to take refuge in
YHWH,
than to put confidence in
princes.
10All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of YHWH, I
cut them off.
11They surrounded me, yes, they
surrounded me.
In the name of YHWH I
indeed cut them off.
12They surrounded me like bees.
They blazed[e] like a fire
among thorns.
In the name of YHWH I cut
them off.
13I was pushed[f] hard, to make me
fall,
but YHWH helped me.
14YAH is my strength and my
song,[g]
He has become my
salvation.
15The voice of rejoicing and
salvation is in the tents
of the righteous.
"The right hand of YHWH
does valiantly.
16The right hand of YHWH is
exalted.

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[a]117:1 Romans 15:11
[b]118:6 LXX, reading emoi boethos = לי בעזר. MT lacks "helper"
[c]118:6 Hebrews 13:6
[d]118:7 LXX, reading emoi boethos = לי בעזר. MT reads "to/for me among my helpers"
[e]118:12 LXX. MT reads "they were extinguished"
[f]118:13 LXX Syr Hier. MT reads "You pushed me." Cf. L. C. Allen, Psalms 101-150 (WBC), 121
[g]118:14 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr Vg, reading "my song." MT reads "song," having lost a yod suffix from haplography, or is a harmonization to Exodus 15:2

The right hand of YHWH
does valiantly."
17 I will not die, but live,
and declare the works of
YAH.
18 YAH has punished me severely,
but he has not given me over
to death.
19 Open to me the gates of
righteousness.
I will enter into them and
praise YAH.
20 This is the gate of YHWH;
the righteous will enter into
it.
21 I will give thanks to you, for you
have answered me,
and have become my
salvation.
22 The stone which the builders
rejected has become
the cornerstone.[a]
23 This is YHWH's doing.
It is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that YHWH has
made.
We will rejoice and be glad
in it.
25 Save us now, we beg you,
YHWH.
YHWH, we beg you, send
prosperity now.
26 Blessed is he who comes in the
name of YHWH.[b]
We have blessed you[c] out of
the house of YHWH.
27 YHWH is God, and he has given
us light.
Bind the sacrifice with
cords, even to the
horns of the altar.
28 You are my God, and I will give
thanks to you.
You are my God, I will exalt
you.
29 Oh give thanks to YHWH, for he
is good,
for his loving kindness
endures forever.

Psalm 119

1 Blessed are those whose ways are
blameless,
who walk according to the
law of YHWH.
2 Blessed are those who keep his
decrees,
who seek him with their
whole heart.
3 Yes, they do nothing wrong.
They walk in his ways.
4 You have commanded your
precepts,
that we should fully obey
them.
5 Oh that my ways were steadfast
to obey your statutes.
6 Then I wouldn't be disappointed,
when I consider all of your
commandments.
7 I will give thanks to you with
uprightness of heart,
when I learn your righteous
judgments.
8 I will observe your statutes.

[a] 118:22 Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1Peter 2:7. Possible Hebrew word-play between "the stone" (h'bn) and "the son" (hbn)

[b] 118:26 Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13

[c] 118:26 DSS Ms adds "by (your) name," possibly lost by homoioteleuton: m-m

Do not utterly forsake me.

9How can a young man keep his
way pure?
By living according to your
word.
10With my whole heart, I have
sought you.
Do not let me wander from
your commandments.
11In my heart I have hidden your
word, that I might not
sin against you.
12Blessed are you, YHWH.
Teach me your statutes.
13With my lips,
I have declared all the
ordinances of your
mouth.
14I have rejoiced in the way of
your testimonies,
as much as in all riches.
15I will meditate on your precepts,
and consider your ways.
16I will delight myself in your
statutes.
I will not forget your word.

17Deal bountifully with your
servant,
that I may live and keep
your word.
18Open my eyes,
that I may see wondrous
things out of your
Law.
19I am a stranger on the earth.
Do not hide your
commandments from
me.
20My soul is consumed with
longing for your
ordinances at all times.
21You have rebuked the proud who
are cursed,
who wander from your
commandments.
22Take reproach and contempt
away from me,
for I have kept your statutes.
23Though princes sit and slander
me,
your servant will meditate
on your statutes.
24Indeed your statutes are my
delight,
and my counselors.

25My soul is laid low in the dust.
Revive me according to your
word.
26I declared my ways, and you
answered me.
Teach me your statutes.
27Let me understand the teaching
of your precepts.
Then I will meditate on your
wondrous works.
28My soul is weary with sorrow:
strengthen me according to
your word.
29Keep me from the way of deceit.
Grant me your Law
graciously.
30I have chosen the way of truth.
I have set your ordinances
before me.
31I cling to your statutes, YHWH.
Do not let me be
disappointed.
32I run in the path of your
commandments,
for you have set my heart
free.

33Teach me, YHWH, the way of
your statutes.
I will keep them to the end.
34Give me understanding, and I
will keep your Law.

Yes, I will obey it with my
whole heart.
35Direct me in the path of your
commandments,
for I delight in them.
36Turn my heart toward your
statutes,
not toward selfish gain.
37Turn my eyes away from looking
at worthless things.
Revive me in your ways.
38Fulfill your promise to your
servant,
that you may be feared.
39Take away my disgrace that I
dread,
for your ordinances are
good.
40Look, I long for your precepts.
Revive me in your
righteousness.

41Let your loving kindness also
come to me, YHWH,
your salvation, according to
your word.
42So I will have an answer for him
who reproaches me,
for I trust in your word.
43Do not snatch the word of truth
out of my mouth,
for I put my hope in your
ordinances.
44So I will obey your Law
continually,
forever and ever.
45I will walk in liberty,
for I have sought your
precepts.
46I will also speak of your statutes
before kings,
and will not be disappointed.
47I will delight myself in your
commandments,
because I love them.

48I reach out my hands for your
commandments, which
I love.
I will meditate on your
statutes.

49Remember your word to your
servant,
because you gave me hope.
50This is my comfort in my
affliction,
for your word has revived
me.
51The arrogant mock me
excessively,
but I do not swerve from
your Law.
52I remember your ordinances of
old, YHWH,
and have comforted myself.
53Indignation has taken hold on
me,
because of the wicked who
forsake your Law.
54Your statutes have been my
songs,
in the house where I live.
55I have remembered your name,
YHWH, in the night,
and I obey your Law.
56This is my way,
that I keep your precepts.

57YHWH is my portion.
I promised to obey your
words.
58I sought your favor with my
whole heart.
Be merciful to me according
to your word.
59I considered my ways,
and turned my steps to your
statutes.
60I will hurry, and not delay,
to obey your
commandments.

61 The ropes of the wicked bind
me,
but I won't forget your Law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give
thanks to you,
because of your righteous
ordinances.
63 I am a friend of all those who
fear you,
of those who observe your
precepts.
64 The earth is full of your loving
kindness, YHWH.
Teach me your statutes.

65 Do good to your servant,
according to your word,
YHWH.
66 Teach me good judgment and
knowledge,
for I believe in your
commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted, I went
astray;
but now I observe your
word.
68 You are good, and do good.
Teach me your statutes.
69 The proud have smeared a lie
upon me.
With my whole heart, I will
keep your precepts.
70 Their heart is as callous as the
fat,
but I delight in your Law.
71 It is good for me that I have been
afflicted,
that I may learn your
statutes.
72 The Law you have spoken is
better to me than
thousands of pieces of
gold and silver.

73 Your hands have made me and
formed me.
Give me understanding, that
I may learn your
commandments.
74 Those who fear you will see me
and be glad,
because I have put my hope
in your word.
75 YHWH, I know that your
judgments are
righteous,
that in faithfulness you have
humbled[a] me.
76 Please let your loving kindness
be for my comfort,
according to your word to
your servant.
77 Let your tender mercies come to
me, that I may live;
for your Law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be disappointed,
for they have
overthrown me
wrongfully.
I will meditate on your
precepts.
79 Let those who fear you turn to
me.
They will know your
statutes.
80 Let my heart be blameless
toward your decrees,
that I may not be
disappointed.

81 My soul faints for your salvation.
I hope in your word.
82 My eyes fail for your word.
I say, "When will you
comfort me?"

[a] 119:75 Or, afflicted

[83]For I have become like a
wineskin in the smoke.
I do not forget your statutes.
[84]How many are the days of your
servant?
When will you execute
judgment on those
who persecute me?
[85]The proud have dug pits for me,
contrary to your Law.
[86]All of your commandments are
faithful.
They persecute me
wrongfully.
Help me.
[87]They had almost wiped me from
the earth,
but I did not forsake your
precepts.
[88]Preserve my life according to
your loving kindness,
so I will obey the statutes of
your mouth.

[89]YHWH, your word is settled in
heaven forever.
[90]Your faithfulness is to all
generations.
You have established the
earth, and it remains.
[91]Your laws remain to this day,
for all things serve you.
[92]Unless your Law had been my
delight,
I would have perished in my
affliction.
[93]I will never forget your precepts,
for with them, you have
revived me.
[94]I am yours.
Save me, for I have sought
your precepts.
[95]The wicked have waited for me,
to destroy me.
I will consider your statutes.

[96]I have seen a limit to all
perfection,
but your commands are
boundless.

[97]How I love your Law.
It is my meditation all day.
[98]Your commandments make me
wiser than my
enemies,
for your commandments are
always with me.
[99]I have more understanding than
all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my
meditation.
[100]I understand more than the
aged,
because I have kept your
precepts.
[101]I have kept my feet from every
evil way,
that I might observe your
word.
[102]I have not turned aside from
your ordinances,
for you have taught me.
[103]How sweet are your promises to
my taste,
more than honey to my
mouth.
[104]Through your precepts, I get
understanding;
therefore I hate every false
way.

[105]Your word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light for my path.
[106]I have sworn, and have
confirmed it,
that I will obey your
righteous ordinances.
[107]I am afflicted very much.
Revive me, YHWH,
according to your
word.

[108]Please accept the freewill
offerings of my mouth,
YHWH, and teach me your
ordinances.
[109]My soul is continually in my[a]
hand,
yet I won't forget your Law.
[110]The wicked have laid a snare for
me,
yet I haven't gone astray
from your precepts.
[111]I have taken your testimonies as
a heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my
heart.
[112]I have set my heart to perform
your statutes forever,
even to the end.

[113]I hate double-minded men,
but I love your Law.
[114]You are my hiding place and
my shield.
I hope in your word.
[115]Depart from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the
commandments of my
God.
[116]Uphold me according to your
word, that I may live.
Let me not be ashamed of
my hope.
[117]Hold me up, and I will be safe,
and will have respect for
your statutes
continually.
[118]You reject all those who stray
from your statutes,
for their deceit is in vain.
[119]You put away all the wicked of
the earth like dross.
Therefore I love your
testimonies.
[120]My flesh trembles for fear of
you.
I am afraid of your
judgments.

[121]I have done what is just and
righteous.
Do not leave me to my
oppressors.
[122]Ensure your servant's well-
being.
Do not let the proud oppress
me.
[123]My eyes fail looking for your
salvation,
for your righteous word.
[124]Deal with your servant
according to your
loving kindness.
Teach me your statutes.
[125]I am your servant. Give me
understanding,
that I may know your
testimonies.
[126]It is time to act, YHWH,
for they break your Law.
[127]Therefore I love your
commandments more
than gold,
yes, more than pure gold.
[128]Therefore I consider all of your
precepts to be right.
I hate every false way.

[129]Your testimonies are wonderful,
therefore my soul keeps
them.
[130]The entrance of your words
gives light.

[a]119:109 MT DSS LXX. LXX(R) Syr OL read "your." A k-y interchange

It gives understanding to the simple.
131 I opened my mouth wide and panted,
for I longed for your commandments.
132 Turn to me, and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.
133 Establish my footsteps in your word.
Do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,
so I will observe your precepts.
135 Make your face shine on your servant.
Teach me your statutes.
136 Streams of tears run down my eyes,
because they do not observe your Law.

137 You are righteous, YHWH.
Your judgments are upright.
138 You have commanded your statutes in righteousness.
They are fully trustworthy.
139 My zeal wears me out,
because my enemies ignore your words.
140 Your promises have been thoroughly tested,
and your servant loves them.
141 I am small and despised.
I do not forget your precepts.
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness.
Your Law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me.
Your commandments are my delight.
144 Your testimonies are righteous forever.
Give me understanding, that I may live.

145 I have called with my whole heart.
Answer me, YHWH.
I will keep your statutes.
146 I have called to you. Save me.
I will obey your statutes.
147 I rise before dawn and cry for help.
I put my hope in your words.
148 My eyes stay open through the night watches,
that I might meditate on your word.
149 Hear my voice according to your loving kindness.
Revive me, YHWH, according to your ordinances.
150 They draw near who follow after wickedness.
They are far from your Law.
151 You are near, YHWH.
All your commandments are truth.
152 Of old I have known from your testimonies,
that you have founded them forever.

153 Consider my affliction, and deliver me,
for I do not forget your Law.
154 Plead my cause, and redeem me.
Revive me according to your promise.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked,

for they do not seek your
statutes.
156Great are your tender mercies,
YHWH.
Revive me according to your
ordinances.
157Many are my persecutors and
my adversaries.
I haven't swerved from your
testimonies.
158I look at the faithless with
loathing,
because they do not observe
your word.
159Consider how I love your
precepts.
Revive me, YHWH,
according to your
loving kindness.
160All of your words are truth.
Every one of your righteous
ordinances endures
forever.

161Princes have persecuted me
without a cause,
but my heart stands in awe
of your words.
162I rejoice at your word,
as one who finds great spoil.
163I hate and abhor falsehood.
I love your Law.
164Seven times a day, I praise you,
because of your righteous
ordinances.
165Those who love your Law have
great peace.
Nothing causes them to
stumble.
166I have hoped for your salvation,
YHWH.
I have done your
commandments.
167My soul has observed your
testimonies.
I love them exceedingly.
168I have obeyed your precepts and
your testimonies,
for all my ways are before
you.

169Let my cry come before you,
YHWH.
Give me understanding
according to your
word.
170Let my petition come before
you.
Deliver me according to
your word.
171Let my lips utter praise,
for you teach me your
statutes.
172Let my tongue sing of your
word,
for all your commandments
are righteousness.
173Let your hand be ready to help
me,
for I have chosen your
precepts.
174I have longed for your salvation,
YHWH.
Your Law is my delight.
175Let my soul live, that I may
praise you.
Let your ordinances help
me.
176I have gone astray like a lost
sheep.
Seek your servant, for I do
not forget your
commandments.

Psalm 120

A Song of Ascents.

1In my distress, I cried to YHWH.
He answered me.

[2]Deliver my soul, YHWH, from
lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.
[3]What will be given to you, and
what will be done
more to you,
you deceitful tongue?
[4]Sharp arrows of the mighty,
with coals of juniper.
[5]Woe is me, that I live in
Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents
of Kedar.
[6]My soul has had her dwelling too
long
with him who hates peace.
[7]I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are
for war.

Psalm 121

A Song of Ascents.

[1]I will lift up my eyes to the hills.
Where does my help come
from?
[2]My help comes from YHWH,
who made heaven and earth.
[3]He will not allow your foot to be
moved.
He who keeps you will not
slumber.
[4]Look, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor
sleep.
[5]YHWH is your keeper.
YHWH is your shade on your
right hand.
[6]The sun will not harm you by
day,
nor the moon by night.
[7]YHWH will keep you from all
evil.
He will keep your soul.
[8]YHWH will keep your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth, and
forevermore.

Psalm 122

A Song of Ascents. By David.

[1]I was glad when they said to me,
"Let's go to YHWH's
house."
[2]Our feet are standing within your
gates, Jerusalem;
[3]Jerusalem, that is built as a
city that is joined[a]
together;
[4]where the tribes go up, even the
tribes of YAH,
according to an ordinance
for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of
YHWH.
[5]For there are set thrones for
judgment,
the thrones of David's
house.
[6]Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
Those who love you will
prosper.
[7]Peace be within your walls,
and prosperity within your
palaces.
[8]For my brothers' and
companions' sakes,
I will now say, "Peace be
within you."

[a]122:3 Or, "that has a company"

[9]For the sake of the house of
YHWH our God,
I will seek your good.

Psalm 123

A Song of Ascents.

[1]To you I do lift up my eyes,
you who sit in the heavens.
[2]Look, as the eyes of servants look
to the hand of their
master,
as the eyes of a maid to the
hand of her mistress;
so our eyes look to YHWH,
our God,
until he has mercy on us.
[3]Have mercy on us, YHWH, have
mercy on us,
for we have endured much
contempt.
[4]Our soul is exceedingly filled
with the scoffing of
those who are at ease,
with the contempt of the
proud.

Psalm 124

A Song of Ascents. By David.

[1]If it had not been YHWH who was
on our side,
let Israel now say,
[2]if it had not been YHWH who was
on our side,
when men rose up against
us;
[3]then they would have swallowed
us up alive,
when their wrath was
kindled against us;
[4]then the waters would have
overwhelmed us,
the stream would have gone
over our soul;
[5]then the proud waters would have
gone over our soul.
[6]Blessed be YHWH,
who has not given us as a
prey to their teeth.
[7]Our soul has escaped like a bird
out of the fowler's
snare.
The snare is broken, and we
have escaped.
[8]Our help is in the name of YHWH,
who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125

A Song of Ascents.

[1]Those who trust in YHWH are as
Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but
remains forever.
[2]As the mountains surround
Jerusalem,
so YHWH surrounds his
people from this time
forth and forevermore.
[3]For the scepter of wickedness
won't remain over the
allotment of the
righteous;
so that the righteous won't
use their hands to do
evil.
[4]Do good, YHWH, to those who
are good,
to those who are upright in
their hearts.
[5]But as for those who turn aside to
their crooked ways,

YHWH will lead them away
with evildoers.
Peace be on Israel.

Psalm 126

A Song of Ascents.

[1]When YHWH brought back those
who returned to Zion,
we were like those who
dream.
[2]Then our mouth was filled with
laughter,
and our tongue with singing.
Then they said among the nations,
"YHWH has done great
things for them."
[3]YHWH has done great things for
us,
and we are glad.
[4]Restore our fortunes again,
YHWH,
like the streams in the
Negev.
[5]Those who sow in tears will reap
in joy.
[6]He who goes out weeping,
carrying seed for
sowing,
will certainly come again
with joy, carrying his
sheaves.

Psalm 127

A Song of Ascents. By Solomon.

[1]Unless YHWH builds the house,
they labor in vain who build
it.
Unless YHWH watches over the
city,
the watchman guards it in
vain.
[2]It is vain for you to rise up early,
to stay up late,
eating the bread of toil;
for he gives sleep to his
loved ones.
[3]Look, children are a heritage of
YHWH.
The fruit of the womb is a
reward.
[4]As arrows in the hand of a mighty
man,
so are the children of youth.
[5]Blessed is the man who has his
quiver full of them.
They won't be disappointed
when they speak with
their enemies in the
gate.

Psalm 128

A Song of Ascents.

[1]Blessed is everyone who fears
YHWH,
who walks in his ways.
[2]For you will eat the labor of your
hands;
you will be blessed, and it
will be well with you.
[3]Your wife will be as a fruitful
vine,
in the innermost parts of
your house;
your children like olive
plants,
around your table.
[4]Look, thus is the man blessed
who fears YHWH.
[5]May YHWH bless you out
of Zion,

and may you see the good of
Jerusalem all the days
of your life.
6Yes, may you see your children's
children.
Peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 129

A Song of Ascents.

1Many times they have afflicted
me from my youth up.
Let Israel now say,
2many times they have afflicted
me from my youth up,
yet they have not prevailed
against me.
3The plowers plowed on my back.
They made their furrows
long.
4YHWH is righteous.
He has cut apart the cords of
the wicked.
5Let them be disappointed and
turned backward,
all those who hate Zion.
6Let them be as the grass on the
housetops,
which withers before it
grows up;
7with which the reaper doesn't fill
his hand,
nor he who binds sheaves,
his bosom.
8Neither do those who go by say,
"The blessing of YHWH be
on you.
We bless you in the name of
YHWH."

Psalm 130

A Song of Ascents.

1Out of the depths I have cried to
you, YHWH.
2YHWH,[a] hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to
the voice of my
petitions.
3If you, YAH, kept a record of sins,
YHWH,[b] who could stand?
4But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
5I wait for YHWH.
My soul waits.
I hope in his word.
6My soul longs for YHWH[c] more
than watchmen long
for the morning;
more than watchmen for the
morning.
7Israel, hope in YHWH,
for with YHWH there is
loving kindness.
With him is abundant
redemption.
8He will redeem Israel from all
their sins.

Psalm 131

A Song of Ascents. By David.

1YHWH, my heart isn't haughty,
nor my eyes lofty;
nor do I concern myself with
great matters,

[a]130:2 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]130:3 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]130:6 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

or things too wonderful for me.
[2]Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with his mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
[3]Israel, hope in YHWH,
from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 132

A Song of Ascents.

[1]YHWH, remember David and all his affliction,
[2]how he swore to YHWH,
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
[3]"Surely I will not come into the structure of my house,
nor go up into my bed;
[4]I will not give sleep to my eyes,
or slumber to my eyelids;
[5]until I find out a place for YHWH,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
[6]Look, we heard of it in Ephrathah.
We found it in the field of Jaar:
[7]"We will go into his dwelling place.
We will worship at his footstool.
[8]Arise, YHWH, to your resting place,
you and the ark of your strength.
[9]Let your priest be clothed with righteousness.
Let your faithful ones shout for joy."
[10]For your servant David's sake,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
[11]YHWH has sworn to David in truth.
He will not turn from it:
"I will set the fruit of your body on your throne.
[12]If your children will keep my covenant,
my testimony that I will teach them,
their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."
[13]For YHWH has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling.
[14]"This is my resting place forever.
Here I will live, for I have desired it.
[15]I will abundantly bless her provision.
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
[16]Her priests I will also clothe with salvation.
Her faithful ones will shout aloud for joy.
[17]There I will make the horn of David to bud.
I have ordained a lamp for my anointed.
[18]I will clothe his enemies with shame,
but on himself, his crown will be resplendent."

Psalm 133

A Song of Ascents. By David.

[1]See how good and how pleasant it
is
for brothers to live together
in unity.
[2]It is like the precious oil on the
head,
that ran down on the beard,
even Aaron's beard;
that came down on the edge
of his robes;
[3]like the dew of Hermon,
that comes down on the hills
of Zion:
for there YHWH gives the
blessing,
even life forevermore.

Psalm 134

A Song of Ascents.

[1]Look. Praise YHWH, all you
servants of YHWH,
who stand by night in
YHWH's house.
[2]Lift up your hands in the
sanctuary.
Praise YHWH.
[3]May YHWH bless you from Zion;
even he who made heaven
and earth.

Psalm 135

[1]Praise YAH.
Praise the name of YHWH.
Praise him, you servants of
YHWH,
[2]you who stand in the house of
YHWH,
in the courts of our God's
house.
[3]Praise YAH, for YHWH is good.
Sing praises to his name, for
that is pleasant.
[4]For YAH has chosen Jacob for
himself;
Israel for his own
possession.
[5]For I know that YHWH is great,
that our Lord is above all
gods.
[6]Whatever YHWH pleased, that he
has done,
in heaven and in earth, in the
seas and in all deeps;
[7]who causes the clouds to rise
from the farthest parts
of the earth;
who makes lightnings with
the rain;
who brings forth the wind
out of his treasuries;
[8]Who struck the firstborn of
Egypt,
both of man and animal;
[9]Who sent signs and wonders into
the midst of you,
Egypt,
on Pharaoh, and on all his
servants;
[10]who struck many nations,
and killed mighty kings,
[11]Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of
Canaan,
[12]and gave their land for a
heritage,
a heritage to Israel, his
people.
[13]Your name, YHWH, endures
forever;
your renown, YHWH,
throughout all
generations.
[14]For YHWH will judge his people,

and have compassion on his
servants.
15The idols of the nations are silver
and gold,
the work of men's hands.
16They have mouths, but they can't
speak.
They have eyes, but they
can't see.
17They have ears, but they can't
hear;
neither is there any breath in
their mouths.
18Those who make them will be
like them;
yes, everyone who trusts in
them.
19House of Israel, praise YHWH.
House of Aaron, praise
YHWH.
20House of Levi, praise YHWH.
You who fear YHWH, praise
YHWH.
21Blessed be YHWH from Zion,
Who dwells at Jerusalem.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 136

1Give thanks to YHWH, for he is
good;
for his loving kindness
endures forever.
2Give thanks to the God of gods;
for his loving kindness
endures forever.
3Give thanks to the Lord of lords;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
4To him who alone does great
wonders;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
5To him who by understanding
made the heavens;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
6To him who spread out the earth
above the waters;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
7To him who made the great
lights;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
8The sun to rule by day;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
9The moon and stars to rule by
night;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
10To him who struck down the
Egyptian firstborn;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
11And brought out Israel from
among them;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
12With a strong hand, and with an
outstretched arm;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
13To him who divided the Red Sea
apart;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
14And made Israel to pass through
its midst;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
15But shook off Pharaoh and his
army in the Red Sea;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
16To him who led his people
through the
wilderness;

for his loving kindness
endures forever:
17To him who struck great kings;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
18And killed mighty kings;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
19Sihon king of the Amorites;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
20Og king of Bashan;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
21And gave their land as an
inheritance;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
22Even a heritage to Israel his
servant;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
23Who remembered us in our low
estate;
for his loving kindness
endures forever;
24And has delivered us from our
adversaries;
for his loving kindness
endures forever:
25Who gives food to every
creature;
for his loving kindness
endures forever.
26Oh give thanks to the God of
heaven;
for his loving kindness
endures forever.

Psalm 137

1By the rivers of Babylon, there
we sat down.
Yes, we wept, when we
remembered Zion.
2On the willows in its midst,
we hung up our harps.
3For there, those who led us
captive asked us for
songs.
Those who tormented us
demanded songs of
joy:
"Sing us one of the songs of
Zion."
4How can we sing YHWH's song
in a foreign land?
5If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand be
forgotten.[a]
6Let my tongue stick to the roof of
my mouth if I do not
remember you;
if I do not prefer Jerusalem
above my chief joy.
7Remember, YHWH, against the
descendants of Edom,
the day of Jerusalem;
who said, "Raze it.
Raze it even to its
foundation."
8Daughter of Babylon, doomed to
destruction,
he will be blessed who
rewards you,
as you have served us.
9Blessed shall he be
who takes and dashes your
little ones against the
rock.

[a]137:5 LXX. MT reads "hand forget"

Psalm 138

By David.

[1]I will give you thanks, YHWH[a],
with my whole heart.
Before the gods[b]
I will sing praises to you.
[2]I will bow down toward your holy
temple,
and give thanks to your
Name for your loving
kindness and for your
truth;
for you have exalted your
Name and your word
above all.
[3]In the day that I called, you
answered me.
You encouraged me with
strength in my soul.
[4]All the kings of the earth will
give you thanks,
YHWH,
for they have heard the
words of your mouth.
[5]Yes, they will sing of the ways of
YHWH;
for great is YHWH's glory.
[6]For though YHWH is high, yet he
looks after the lowly;
but the proud, he knows
from afar.
[7]Though I walk in the midst of
trouble, you will
revive me.
You will stretch forth your
hand against the wrath
of my enemies.
Your right hand will save
me.
[8]YHWH will fulfill that which
concerns me;
your loving kindness,
YHWH, endures
forever.
Do not forsake the works of
your own hands.

Psalm 139

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm
by David.

[1]YHWH, you have searched me,
and you know me.
[2]You know my sitting down and
my rising up.
You perceive my thoughts
from afar.
[3]You search out my path and my
lying down,
and are acquainted with all
my ways.
[4]For there is not a word on my
tongue,
but, look, YHWH, you know
it altogether.
[5]You encircle me behind and in
front,
and you place your hand
upon me.
[6]This knowledge is beyond me.
It's lofty.
I can't attain it.
[7]Where could I go from your
Spirit?
Or where could I flee from
your presence?

[a]138:3 DSS(11QPs (a)) LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "Lord"

[b]138:1 Psa 95:3; 96:5

[8]If I ascend up into heaven, you are there.
If I make my bed in Sheol, look, you are there.
[9]If I take the wings of the dawn,
and settle in the uttermost parts of the sea;
[10]Even there your hand will lead me,
and your right hand will hold me.
[11]If I say, “Surely the darkness will overwhelm me;
the light around me will be night;”
[12]even the darkness doesn’t hide from you,
but the night shines as the day.
The darkness is like light to you.
[13]For you formed my inmost being.
You knit me together in my mother’s womb.
[14]I will give thanks to you,
for I am awesomely and wonderfully made.
Your works are wonderful,
and my soul knows that very well.
[15]My frame wasn’t hidden from you,
when I was made in secret,
woven together in the depths of the earth.
[16]Your eyes saw my body.
In your book they were all written,
the days that were ordained for me,
when as yet there were none of them.
[17]How precious to me are your thoughts, God.
How vast is the sum of them.
[18]If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand.
When I wake up, I am still with you.
[19]If only you, God, would kill the wicked.
Get away from me, you bloodthirsty men.
[20]For they speak against you wickedly.
Your enemies take your name in vain.
[21]YHWH, do I not hate those who hate you?
Am I not grieved with those who rise up against you?
[22]I hate them with perfect hatred.
They have become my enemies.
[23]Search me, God, and know my heart.
Try me, and know my thoughts.
[24]See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 140

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David.

[1]Deliver me, YHWH, from the evil man.
Preserve me from the violent man;
[2]those who devise mischief in their hearts.

They continually gather
themselves together
for war.
3 They have sharpened their
tongues like a serpent.
Viper's poison is under their
lips.
Selah.
4 YHWH, keep me from the hands
of the wicked.
Preserve me from the violent
men who have
determined to trip my
feet.
5 The proud have hidden a snare for
me,
they have spread the cords
of a net by the path.
They have set traps for me.
Selah.
6 I said to YHWH, "You are my
God."
Listen to the cry of my
petitions, YHWH.
7 YHWH, the Lord,[a] the strength of
my salvation,
you have covered my head
in the day of battle.
8 YHWH, do not grant the desires of
the wicked.
Do not let their evil plans
succeed, or they will
become proud.
Selah.
9 As for the head of those who
surround me,
let the mischief of their own
lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall on them.
Let them be thrown into the
fire,
into miry pits, from where
they never rise.
11 An evil speaker won't be
established in the
earth.
Evil will hunt the violent
man to overthrow him.
12 I know that YHWH will maintain
the cause of the
afflicted,
and justice for the needy.
13 Surely the righteous will give
thanks to your name.
The upright will dwell in
your presence.

Psalm 141

A Psalm by David.

1 YHWH, I have called on you.
Come to me quickly.
Listen to my voice when I
call to you.
2 Let my prayer be set before you
like incense;
the lifting up of my hands
like the evening
sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, YHWH, before my
mouth.
Keep the door of my lips.
4 Do not incline my heart to any
evil thing,
to practice deeds of
wickedness with men
who work iniquity.
Do not let me eat of their
delicacies.
5 Let the righteous strike me, it is
kindness;
let him reprove me, it is like
oil on the head;

[a] 140:7 OL(G) lacks "the Lord"

do not let my head refuse it;
Yet my prayer is always
against evil deeds.
6Their judges are thrown down by
the sides of the rock.
They will hear my words,
for they are well
spoken.
7"As when one plows and breaks
up the earth,
our bones are scattered at the
mouth of Sheol."
8For my eyes are on you, YHWH.[a]
In you, I take refuge.
Do not leave my soul
destitute.
9Keep me from the snare which
they have laid for me,
from the traps of evildoers.
10Let the wicked fall together into
their own nets,
while I pass by.

Psalm 142

A contemplation by David, when
he was in the cave. A Prayer.

1I cry with my voice to YHWH.
With my voice, I ask YHWH
for mercy.
2I pour out my complaint before
him.
I tell him my troubles.
3When my spirit was overwhelmed
within me,
you knew my path.
In the way in which I walk,
they have hidden a snare for
me.
4Look on my right, and see;
for there is no one who is
concerned for me.
Refuge has fled from me.
No one cares for my soul.
5I cried to you, YHWH.
I said, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the
living."
6Listen to my cry,
for I am in desperate need.
Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are stronger than
me.
7Bring my soul out of prison,
that I may give thanks to
your name.
The righteous will surround me,
for you will be good to me.

Psalm 143

A Psalm by David.

1Hear my prayer, YHWH.
Listen to my petitions.
In your faithfulness and
righteousness, relieve
me.
2Do not enter into judgment with
your servant,
for in your sight no man
living is righteous.
3For the enemy pursues my soul.
He has struck my life down
to the ground.
He has made me live in dark
places, as those who
have been long dead.

[a]141:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Ms OL Ms
Sa Syr; Aug. MT adds "the Lord"

4 Therefore my spirit is
overwhelmed within
me.
My heart within me is
desolate.
5 I remember the days of old.
I meditate on all your
doings.
I contemplate the work of
your hands.
6 I spread forth my hands to you.
My soul thirsts for you, like
a parched land.
Selah.
7 Hurry to answer me, YHWH.
My spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me,
so that I do not become like
those who go down
into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear your loving
kindness in the
morning,
for I trust in you.
Cause me to know the way in
which I should walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.
9 Deliver me, YHWH, from my
enemies.
I run to you for refuge.[a]
10 Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of
uprightness.
11 Revive me, YHWH, for your
name's sake.
In your righteousness, bring
my soul out of trouble.
12 In your loving kindness, cut off
my enemies,
and destroy all those who
afflict my soul,
For I am your servant.

Psalm 144

By David.

1 Blessed be YHWH, my Rock,
who teaches my hands to
war,
and my fingers to battle:
2 my loving kindness, my fortress,
my high tower, my deliverer,
my shield, and he in whom I
take refuge;
who subdues peoples[b] under
me.
3 YHWH, what is man, that you
care for him?
Or the son of man, that you
think of him?
4 Man is like a breath.
His days are like a shadow
that passes away.
5 Part your heavens, YHWH, and
come down.
Touch the mountains, and
they will smoke.
6 Throw out lightning, and scatter
them.
Send out your arrows, and
rout them.
7 Stretch out your hand from above,
rescue me, and deliver me
out of great waters,
out of the hands of
foreigners;
8 whose mouths speak deceit,

[a] 143:9 Hebrew Ms LXX. MT reads "To you I have covered"

[b] 144:2 DSS Hebrew Mss. MT reads "subues my people"

Whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song to you, God.
On a ten-stringed lyre, I will sing praises to you.
10 You are he who gives salvation to kings,
who rescues David, his servant, from the deadly sword.
11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hands of foreigners,
whose mouths speak deceit,
whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

12 Then our sons will be like well-nurtured plants,
our daughters like pillars carved to adorn a palace.
13 Our storehouses are full, filled with all kinds of provision.
Our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields.
14 Our oxen will pull heavy loads.
There is no breaking in, and no going away,
and no outcry in our streets.

15 Blessed are the people who are in such a situation.
Blessed are the people whose God is YHWH.

Psalm 145

A praise psalm by David.

1 I will exalt you,[a] my God, the King.
I will praise your name forever and ever.[b]

2 Every day I will praise you.
I will extol your name forever and ever.[c]

3 Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised.
His greatness is unsearchable.[d]

4 One generation will commend your works to another,
and will declare your mighty acts.[e]

5 Of the glorious splendor of your majesty
they will speak,[f]
of your wondrous works, I will meditate.[g]

[a] 145:1 DSS adds "YHWH"
[b] 145:1 DSS adds "Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever"
[c] 145:2 DSS adds "Blessed be YHWH, his name forever and ever"
[d] 145:3 DSS adds "Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever"
[e] 145:4 DSS adds "Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever"
[f] 145:5 DSS LXX. MT reads "and the words of," a waw-yod double switch
[g] 145:5 DSS adds "Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever"

[6]Men will speak of the might of
your awesome acts.
I will declare your
greatness.[a]

[7]They will utter the memory of
your great goodness,
and will sing of your
righteousness.

[8]YHWH is gracious, merciful,
slow to anger, and of great
loving kindness.

[9]YHWH is good to all.
His tender mercies are over
all his works.

[10]All your works will give thanks
to you, YHWH.
And your faithful ones will
bless you.

[11]They will speak of the glory of
your kingdom,
and talk about your power;

[12]to make known to the
descendants of Adam
his mighty acts,
the glory of the majesty of
his kingdom.[b]

[13]Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom.
Your dominion endures
throughout all
generations.[c]

YHWH[d] is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his
deeds.[e]
[14]YHWH upholds all who fall,
and raises up all those who
are bowed down.[f]

[15]The eyes of all wait for you.
You give them their food in
due season.[g]

[16]You open your hand,
and satisfy the desire of
every living thing.[h]

[17]YHWH is righteous in all his
ways,
and faithful in all his deeds.[i]

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[a]145:6 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[b]145:12 DSS adds “[Blessed be YHWH] and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[c]145:13 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[d]145:13 DSS reads “God”
[e]145:13 Hebrew Ms (cf. DSS) LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks verse from haplography: mn_yhwh-mk_yhwh. The sight confusion of final n and final k has been documented elsewhere.
[f]145:14 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[g]145:15 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[h]145:16 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[i]145:17 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”

18 YHWH is near to all those who
call on him,[a]
to all who call on him in
truth.[b]

19 He will fulfill the desire of those
who fear him.
He also will hear their cry,
and will save them.[c]

20 YHWH preserves all those who
love him,
but all the wicked he will
destroy.[d]

21 My mouth will speak the praise
of YHWH.
Let all flesh bless his holy
name forever and
ever.[e]

Psalm 146

1 Praise YAH.
Praise YHWH, my soul.
2 While I live, I will praise YHWH.
I will sing praises to my God
as long as I exist.
3 Do not put your trust in princes,
each a son of man in whom
there is no help.
4 His spirit departs, and he returns
to the earth.
In that very day, his thoughts
perish.

5 Blessed is the one who has the
God of Jacob for his
help,
whose hope is in YHWH his
God,
6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in
them;
who keeps truth forever;
7 who executes justice for the
oppressed;
who gives food to the
hungry.
YHWH frees the prisoners.
8 YHWH opens the eyes of
the blind.
YHWH raises up those who
are bowed down.
YHWH loves the righteous.
9 YHWH preserves the foreigners.
He upholds the fatherless
and widow,
but the way of the wicked he
turns upside down.
10 YHWH will reign forever;
your God, O Zion, to all
generations.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 147

1 Praise YAH,
for it is good to sing praises
to our God;

[a] 145:18 DSS adds “and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[b] 145:18 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[c] 145:19 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[d] 145:20 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever”
[e] 145:21 DSS adds “Blessed be YHWH and blessed be his name forever and ever. This is for a memorial…”

for it is pleasant and fitting
to praise him.
2 YHWH builds up Jerusalem.
He gathers together the
outcasts of Israel.
3 He heals the broken in heart,
and binds up their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars.
He calls them all by their
names.
5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in
power.
His understanding is infinite.
6 YHWH upholds the humble.
He brings the wicked down
to the ground.
7 Sing to YHWH with thanksgiving.
Sing praises on the harp to
our God,
8 who covers the sky with clouds,
who prepares rain for the
earth,
who makes grass grow on
the mountains.
9 He provides food for the
livestock,
and for the young ravens
when they call.
10 He doesn't delight in the strength
of the horse.
He takes no pleasure in the
legs of a man.
11 YHWH takes pleasure in those
who fear him,
in those who hope in his
loving kindness.
12 Praise YHWH, Jerusalem.
Praise your God, Zion.
13 For he has strengthened the bars
of your gates.
He has blessed your children
within you.
14 He makes peace in your borders.
He fills you with the finest
of the wheat.
15 He sends out his commandment
to the earth.
His word runs very swiftly.
16 He gives snow like wool,
and scatters frost like ashes.
17 He hurls down his hail like
pebbles.
Who can stand before his
cold?
18 He sends out his word, and melts
them.
He causes his wind to blow,
and the waters flow.
19 He shows his word to Jacob;
his statutes and his
ordinances to Israel.
20 He has not done this for just any
nation.
They do not know his
ordinances.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 148

1 Praise YAH.
Praise YHWH from the
heavens.
Praise him in the heights.
2 Praise him, all his angels.
Praise him, all his army.
3 Praise him, sun and moon.
Praise him, all you shining
stars.
4 Praise him, you heavens of
heavens,
You waters that are above
the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of
YHWH,
For he commanded, and they
were created.
6 He has also established them
forever and ever.

He has made a decree which
will not pass away.
7Praise YHWH from the earth,
you great sea creatures, and
all depths.
8Lightning and hail, snow and
clouds;
stormy wind, fulfilling his
word;
9mountains and all hills;
fruit trees and all cedars;
10wild animals and all livestock;
small creatures and flying
birds;
11kings of the earth and all
peoples;
princes and all judges of the
earth;
12both young men and maidens;
old men and children:
13let them praise the name of
YHWH,
for his name alone is
exalted.
His glory is above the earth
and the heavens.
14He has lifted up the horn of his
people,
the praise of all his faithful
ones;
even of the children of
Israel, a people near to
him.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 149

1Praise YAH.
Sing to YHWH a new song,
his praise in the assembly of
the faithful ones.
2Let Israel rejoice in him who
made them.
Let the people of Zion be
joyful in their King.
3Let them praise his name in the
dance.
Let them sing praises to him
with tambourine and
harp.
4For YHWH takes pleasure in his
people.
He crowns the humble with
salvation.
5Let the faithful ones rejoice in
glory.
Let them sing for joy on
their beds.
6May the high praises of God be in
their mouths,
and a two-edged sword in
their hand;
7To execute vengeance on the
nations,
and punishments on the
peoples;
8To bind their kings with chains,
and their nobles with fetters
of iron;
9to execute on them the written
judgment.
All his faithful ones have
this honor.
Praise YAH.

Psalm 150

1Praise YAH.
Praise God in his sanctuary.
Praise him in his heavens for
his acts of power.
2Praise him for his mighty acts.
Praise him according to his
excellent greatness.
3Praise him with the sounding of
the trumpet.

Praise him with harp and
lyre.
4Praise him with tambourine and
dancing.
Praise him with stringed
instruments and flute.
5Praise him with loud cymbals.
Praise him with resounding
cymbals.
6Let everything that has breath
praise YAH.
Praise YAH.

Proverbs

1 The proverbs of
Solomon, the son of
David, king of Israel:
2To know wisdom and instruction,
to discern the words of
understanding.
3To receive instruction in wise
dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and
equity.
4To give shrewdness to the
inexperienced,
knowledge and discretion to
the young man.
5A wise man will hear and
increase in learning,
and a man of understanding
will attain to sound
counsel.
6To understand a proverb, and
parables,
the words and riddles of the
wise.

7The fear of YHWH is the
beginning of
knowledge;
but the foolish despise
wisdom and
instruction.
8My son, listen to your father's
instruction,
and do not forsake your
mother's teaching:
9for they will be a garland to grace
your head,
and a necklace around your
neck.
10My son, if sinners entice you, do
not consent.
11If they say, "Come with us,
Let's lie in wait for blood;
let's lurk secretly for the
innocent without
cause;
12let's swallow them up alive like
Sheol,
and whole, like those who
go down into the pit.
13We'll find all valuable wealth.
We'll fill our houses with
spoil.
14Throw in your lot with us.
We'll all have one purse."
15My son, do not walk in the way
with them.
Keep your foot from their
path,
16for their feet run to evil.
They hurry to shed blood.
17For in vain is the net spread in
the sight of any bird:
18but these lie in wait for their own
blood.
They lurk secretly for their
own lives.
19So are the ways of everyone who
is greedy for gain.
It takes away the life of its
owners.

20Wisdom calls aloud in the street.

She utters her voice in the
public squares.
21 She calls at the head of noisy
places.
At the entrance of the city
gates, she utters her
words:
22 "How long, you simple ones,
will you love
simplicity?
How long will mockers
delight themselves in
mockery,
and fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn at my reproof.
Look, I will pour out my
spirit on you.
I will make known my
words to you.
24 Because I have called, and you
have refused;
I have stretched out my
hand, and no one has
paid attention;
25 but you have ignored all my
counsel,
and wanted none of my
reproof;
26 I also will laugh at your disaster.
I will mock when calamity
overtakes you;
27 when calamity overtakes you
like a storm,
when your disaster comes on
like a whirlwind;
when distress and anguish
come on you.
28 Then will they call on me, but I
will not answer.
They will seek me
diligently, but they
will not find me;
29 because they hated knowledge,
and did not choose the fear
of YHWH.
30 They wanted none of my
counsel.
They despised all my
reproof.
31 Therefore they will eat of the
fruit of their own way,
and be filled with their own
schemes.
32 For the backsliding of the simple
will kill them.
The careless ease of fools
will destroy them.
33 But whoever listens to me will
dwell securely,
and will be at ease, without
fear of harm."

2 My son, if you will
receive my words,
and store up my
commandments within
you;
2 So as to turn your ear to wisdom,
and apply your heart to
understanding;
3 Yes, if you call out for
discernment,
and lift up your voice for
understanding;
4 If you seek her as silver,
and search for her as for
hidden treasures:
5 then you will understand the fear
of YHWH,
and find the knowledge of
God.
6 For YHWH gives wisdom.
Out of his mouth comes
knowledge and
understanding.
7 He lays up sound wisdom for the
upright.
He is a shield to those who
walk in integrity;

[8]that he may guard the paths of
justice,
and preserve the way of his
faithful ones.[a]
[9]Then you will understand
righteousness and
justice,
equity and every good path.
[10]For wisdom will enter into your
heart.
Knowledge will be pleasant
to your soul.
[11]Discretion will watch over you.
Understanding will keep
you,
[12]to deliver you from the way of
evil,
from the men who speak
perverse things;
[13]who forsake the paths of
uprightness,
to walk in the ways of
darkness;
[14]who rejoice to do evil,
and delight in the
perverseness of evil;
[15]who are crooked in their ways,
and wayward in their paths:
[16]To deliver you from the strange
woman,
even from the foreigner who
flatters with her
words;
[17]who forsakes the friend of her
youth,
and forgets the covenant of
her God:
[18]for her house leads down to
death,
her paths to the dead.
[19]None who go to her return again,
neither do they attain to the
paths of life:
[20]that you may walk in the way of
good men,
and keep the paths of the
righteous.
[21]For the upright will dwell in the
land.
The perfect will remain in it.
[22]But the wicked will be cut off
from the land.
The treacherous will be
uprooted out of it.

3 My son, do not forget
my teaching;
but let your heart keep
my commandments:
[2]for length of days, and years of
life,
and peace, will they add to
you.
[3]Do not let kindness and truth
forsake you.
Bind them around your
neck.
Write them on the tablet of
your heart.
[4]So you will find favor,
and good understanding in
the sight of God and
man.
[5]Trust in YHWH with all your
heart,
and do not lean on your own
understanding.
[6]In all your ways remember him,
and he will make your paths
straight.
[7]Do not be wise in your own eyes.

[a]2:8 MT Qere LXX Syr. MT Kethib reads sg

Fear YHWH, and depart
from evil.
[8]It will be health to your body,
and nourishment to your
bones.
[9]Honor YHWH with your
substance,
with the first fruits of all
your increase:
[10]so your storehouses will be filled
with plenty,
and your vats will overflow
with new wine.
[11]My son, do not despise the
discipline of YHWH,
nor resent his correction.
[12]For whom YHWH loves he
disciplines,
and punishes[a] every[b] son
he accepts.[c]
[13]Blessed is the man who finds
wisdom,
the man who gets
understanding.
[14]For her good profit is better than
getting silver,
and her return is better than
fine gold.
[15]She is more precious than
rubies.[d]
None of the things you can
desire are to be
compared to her.
[16]Length of days is in her right
hand.
In her left hand are riches
and honor.
[17]Her ways are ways of
pleasantness.
All her paths are peace.
[18]She is a tree of life to those who
lay hold of her,
and those who hold on to her
are blessed.
[19]By wisdom YHWH founded the
earth.
By understanding, he
established the
heavens.
[20]By his knowledge, the depths
were broken up,
and the skies drop down the
dew.
[21]My son, let them not depart from
your eyes.
Keep sound wisdom and
discretion:
[22]so they will be life to your soul,
and grace for your neck.
[23]Then you shall walk in your way
securely,
and your foot won't stumble.

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[a]3:12 LXX cf. BHS, reading mastigoi de = וייכאב or ויכאיב we yak'ib (Hiphil) "and punishes/inflicts pain," cf. Hol3663; BDB 4309; Proverbs 14:13, Job 5:18. MT reads….. וכאב "and as a father," a scribal misreading of the consonantal text

[b]3:12 LXX, reading panta = kl. MT lacks "every" from homoioarcton by sight confusion: כ-ב

[c]3:12 Revocalization based on LXX, reading paradechetai (Thayer 3983: "2…to accept, receive") = yeratseh (Niph) "accepts" (Hol8041: "nif…be treated as acceptable"). MT vocalizes the same consonantal text as yirtseh (Qal) "delights" (Hol8041: "qal…be pleased with"). LXX translates Heb. yirtseh as eudokeo "delight in, pleased," in Job 14:16 and Psalm 147:10. Hebrews 12:5-6

[d]3:15 LXX adds "nothing evil shall resist her; she is well known to all that draw near to her"

24When you lie down, you will not
be afraid;
you will lie down, and your
sleep will be sweet.
25Do not be afraid of sudden fear,
or of the storm of the wicked
when it comes:
26for YHWH will be your
confidence,
and will keep your foot from
being taken.

27Do not withhold good from those
to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of
your hand to do it.
28Do not say to your neighbor,
"Go, and come again;
tomorrow I will give it to
you,"
when you have it by you.
29Do not devise evil against your
neighbor,
seeing he dwells securely by
you.
30Do not strive with a man without
cause,
if he has done you no harm.
31Do not envy the man of violence.
Choose none of his ways.
32For the perverse is an
abomination to
YHWH,
but his friendship is with the
upright.
33YHWH's curse is in the house of
the wicked,
but he blesses the habitation
of the righteous.
34Surely he is scornful to scoffers,[a]
but he gives grace to the
humble.[b]
35The wise will inherit glory,
but shame will be the
promotion of fools.

4 Listen, sons, to a
father's instruction.
Pay attention and know
understanding;
2for I give you sound learning.
Do not forsake my law.
3For I was a son to my father,
tender and an only child in
the sight of my
mother.
4He taught me, and said to me:
"Let your heart retain my
words.
Keep my commandments,
and live.
5Get wisdom.
Get understanding.
Do not forget, neither
swerve from the words
of my mouth.
6Do not forsake her, and she will
preserve you.
Love her, and she will keep
you.
7Wisdom is supreme.
Get wisdom.
Yes, though it costs all your
possessions, get
understanding.
8Esteem her, and she will exalt
you.
She will bring you to honor,
when you embrace
her.
9She will give to your head a
garland of grace.

[a]3:34 LXX reads "The Lord resists the proud." Compare Proverbs 21:24

[b]3:34 James 4:6; 1Peter 5:5

She will deliver a crown of
splendor to you."

10 Listen, my son, and receive my
sayings.
The years of your life will be
many.
11 I have taught you in the way of
wisdom.
I have led you in straight
paths.
12 When you go, your steps will not
be hampered.
When you run, you will not
stumble.
13 Take firm hold of instruction.
Do not let her go.
Keep her, for she is your
life.
14 Do not enter into the path of the
wicked.
Do not walk in the way of
evil men.
15 Avoid it, and do not pass by it.
Turn from it, and pass on.
16 For they do not sleep, unless
they do evil.
Their sleep is taken away,
unless they make
someone fall.
17 For they eat the bread of
wickedness,
and drink the wine of
violence.
18 But the path of the righteous is
like a shining light,
that shines brighter and
brighter until the full
day.
19 The way of the wicked is like
darkness.
They do not know what they
stumble over.

20 My son, attend to my words.
Turn your ear to my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from your
eyes.
Keep them in the midst of
your heart.
22 For they are life to him who
finds them,
and health to all of his body.
23 Guard your heart with all
diligence,
for out of it is the wellspring
of life.
24 Put away from yourself a
perverse mouth.
Put corrupt lips far from
you.
25 Let your eyes look straight
ahead.
Fix your gaze directly before
you.
26 Make the path of your feet level.[a]
Let all of your ways be
established.
27 Do not turn to the right hand nor
to the left.
Remove your foot from evil.

5 My son, pay attention to
my wisdom.
Turn your ear to my
understanding:
2 that you may maintain discretion,
that your lips may preserve
knowledge.
3 For the lips of an adulteress drip
honey.
Her mouth is smoother than
oil,
4 But in the end she is as bitter as
wormwood,

[a] 4:26 Hebrews 12:13

and as sharp as a two-edged
sword.
5Her feet go down to death.
Her steps lead straight to
Sheol.
6She gives no thought to the way
of life.
Her ways are crooked, and
she doesn't know it.

7Now therefore, son,[a] listen to me.
Do not depart from the
words of my mouth.
8Remove your way far from her.
Do not come near the door
of her house,
9lest you give your honor to
others,
and your years to the
merciless;
10lest strangers feast on your
wealth,
and your labors enrich
another man's house.
11You will groan at your latter end,
when your flesh and your
body are consumed,
12and say, "How I have hated
instruction,
and my heart despised
reproof;
13neither have I obeyed the voice
of my teachers,
nor turned my ear to those
who instructed me.
14I have come to the brink of utter
ruin,
in the midst of the gathered
assembly."

15Drink water out of your own
cistern,
running water out of your
own well.
16Should your springs overflow in
the streets,
streams of water in the
public squares?
17Let them be for yourself alone,
not for strangers with you.
18Let your spring be blessed.
Rejoice in the wife of your
youth.
19A loving doe and a graceful
deer—
let her breasts satisfy you at
all times.
Be captivated always with
her love.
20For why should you, my son, be
captivated with an
adulteress?
Why embrace the bosom of
another?
21For the ways of man are before
the eyes of YHWH.
He examines all his paths.
22The evil deeds of the wicked
ensnare him.
The cords of his sin hold
him firmly.
23He will die for lack of
instruction.
In the greatness of his folly,
he will go astray.

6 My son, if you have
become collateral for
your neighbor,
if you have struck your
hand[b] in pledge for a
stranger;

[a]5:7 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT reads "my sons"

[b]6:1 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "hands"

[2]You are trapped by the words of
your mouth.
You are ensnared with the
words of your mouth.
[3]Do this now, my son, and deliver
yourself,
seeing you have come into
the hand of your
neighbor.
Go, humble yourself.
Press your plea with your
neighbor.
[4]Give no sleep to your eyes,
nor slumber to your eyelids.
[5]Free yourself, like a gazelle from
the hand of the hunter,
like a bird from the snare of
the fowler.

[6]Go to the ant, you sluggard.
Consider her ways, and be
wise;
[7]which having no chief, overseer,
or ruler,
[8]provides her bread in the
summer,
and gathers her food in the
harvest.
[9]How long will you sleep,
sluggard?
When will you arise out of
your sleep?
[10]A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands
to sleep:
[11]so your poverty will come as a
robber,
and your scarcity as an
armed man.

[12]A worthless person, a man of
iniquity,
is he who walks with a
perverse mouth;
[13]who winks with his eyes, who
signals with his feet,
who motions with his
fingers;
[14]in whose heart is perverseness,
who devises evil continually,
who always sows discord.
[15]Therefore his calamity will come
suddenly.
He will be broken suddenly,
and that without
remedy.

[16]There are six things which
YHWH hates;
yes, seven which are an
abomination to him:
[17]haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent
blood;
[18]a heart that devises wicked
schemes,
feet that are swift in running
to mischief,
[19]a false witness who utters lies,
and he who sows discord
among brothers.

[20]My son, keep your father's
commandment,
and do not forsake your
mother's teaching.
[21]Bind them continually on your
heart.
Tie them around your neck.
[22]When you walk, it will lead you.
When you sleep, it will
watch over you.
When you awake, it will talk
with you.
[23]For the commandment is a lamp,
and the Law is light.
Reproofs of instruction are
the way of life,
[24]to keep you from the immoral
woman,
from the flattery of the
foreign woman.

[25]Do not lust after her beauty in
your heart,
neither let her captivate you
with her eyelids.
[26]For a prostitute reduces you to a
piece of bread.
The adulteress hunts for
your precious life.
[27]Can a man scoop fire into his
lap,
and his clothes not be
burned?
[28]Or can one walk on hot coals,
and his feet not be scorched?
[29]So is he who goes in to his
neighbor's wife.
Whoever touches her will
not be unpunished.
[30]Men do not despise a thief,
if he steals to satisfy himself
when he is hungry:
[31]but if he is found, he must repay
seven times.
He shall give all the wealth
of his house.
[32]He who commits adultery with a
woman is void of
understanding.
He who does it destroys his
own soul.
[33]He will get wounds and
dishonor.
His reproach will not be
wiped away.
[34]For jealousy arouses the fury of
the husband.
He won't spare in the day of
vengeance.
[35]He won't regard any ransom,
neither will he rest content,
though you give many
gifts.

7 My son, keep my
words.
Lay up my commandments
within you.
[2]Keep my commandments and
live.
Guard my teaching as the
apple of your eye.
[3]Bind them on your fingers.
Write them on the tablet of
your heart.
[4]Tell wisdom, "You are my
sister."
Call understanding your
relative,
[5]that they may keep you from the
strange woman,
from the foreigner who
flatters with her words.
[6]For at the window of my house,
I looked out through my
lattice.
[7]I saw among the simple ones.
I discerned among the
youths a young man
void of understanding,
[8]passing through the street near
her corner,
he went the way to her
house,
[9]in the twilight, in the evening of
the day,
in the middle of the night
and in the darkness.
[10]Look, there a woman met him
with the attire of a
prostitute,
and with crafty intent.
[11]She is loud and defiant.
Her feet do not stay in her
house.
[12]Now she is in the streets, now in
the squares,
and lurking at every corner.
[13]So she caught him, and kissed
him.
With an impudent face she
said to him:

14"Sacrifices of peace offerings are
with me.
This day I have paid my
vows.
15Therefore I came out to meet
you,
to diligently seek your face,
and I have found you.
16I have spread my couch with
carpets of tapestry,
with striped cloths of the
yarn of Egypt.
17I have perfumed my bed with
myrrh, aloes, and
cinnamon.
18Come, let's take our fill of
loving until the
morning.
Let's solace ourselves with
loving.
19For my husband isn't at home.
He has gone on a long
journey.
20He has taken a bag of money
with him.
He will come home at the
full moon."
21With persuasive words, she led
him astray.
With the flattering of her
lips, she seduced him.
22He followed her immediately,
as an ox goes to the
slaughter,
as a fool to the correction of
the stocks.
23Until an arrow strikes through
his liver,
as a bird hurries to the snare,
and doesn't know that it will
cost his life.
24Now therefore, son,[a] listen to me.
Pay attention to the words of
my mouth.
25Do not let your heart turn to her
ways.
Do not go astray in her
paths,
26for she has thrown down many
wounded.
Yes, all her slain are a
mighty army.
27Her house is the way to Sheol,
going down to the chambers
of death.

8 Doesn't wisdom cry
out?
Doesn't understanding
raise her voice?
2On the top of high places by the
way,
where the paths meet, she
stands.
3Beside the gates, at the entry of
the city,
at the entry doors, she cries
aloud:
4"To you men, I call.
I send my voice to the sons
of humankind.
5You simple, understand prudence.
You fools, be of an
understanding heart.
6Hear, for I will speak excellent
things.
The opening of my lips is for
right things.
7For my mouth speaks truth.
Wickedness is an
abomination to my
lips.

[a]7:24 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT reads "my sons"

[8]All the words of my mouth are in
righteousness.
There is nothing crooked or
perverse in them.
[9]They are all plain to him who
understands,
right to those who find
knowledge.
[10]Receive my instruction rather
than silver;
knowledge rather than
choice gold.
[11]For wisdom is better than rubies.
All the things that may be
desired can't be
compared to it.

[12]"I, wisdom, have made prudence
my dwelling.
Find out knowledge and
discretion.
[13]The fear of YHWH is to hate evil.
I hate pride, arrogance, the
evil way, and the
perverse mouth.
[14]Counsel and sound knowledge
are mine.
I have understanding and
power.
[15]By me kings reign,
and rulers decree justice.
[16]By me princes rule;
nobles, and all the righteous
rulers of the earth.
[17]I love those who love me.
Those who seek me
diligently will find me.
[18]With me are riches, honor,
enduring wealth, and
prosperity.
[19]My fruit is better than gold, yes,
than fine gold;
my yield than choice silver.
[20]I walk in the way of
righteousness,
in the midst of the paths of
justice;
[21]That I may give wealth to those
who love me.
I fill their treasuries.

[22]"YHWH created me in the
beginning of his way,
before his works of old.
[23]I was set up from everlasting,
from the beginning,
before the earth existed.
[24]When there were no depths, I
was brought forth,
when there were no springs
abounding with water.
[25]Before the mountains were
settled in place,
before the hills, I was
brought forth;
[26]while as yet he had not made the
earth, nor the fields,
nor the beginning of the dust
of the world.
[27]When he established the
heavens, I was there;
when he set a circle on the
surface of the deep,
[28]when he established the clouds
above,
when the springs of the deep
became strong,
[29]when he gave to the sea its
boundary,
that the waters should not
violate his
commandment,
when he marked out the
foundations of the
earth;
[30]then I was the craftsman by his
side.
I was a delight day by day,
always rejoicing before him,
[31]Rejoicing in his whole world.

My delight was with the
sons of men.

32"Now therefore, son,[a] listen to
me,
for blessed are those who
keep my ways.
33Hear instruction, and be wise.
Do not refuse it.
34Blessed is the man who hears
me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting at my door posts.
35For whoever finds me, finds life,
and will obtain favor from
YHWH.
36But he who sins against me
wrongs his own soul.
All those who hate me love
death."

9 Wisdom has built her
house.
She has set up her
seven pillars.
2She has prepared her meat.
She has mixed her wine.
She has also set her table.
3She has sent out her maidens.
She cries from the highest
places of the city:
4"Whoever is simple, let him turn
in here."
As for him who is void of
understanding, she
says to him,
5"Come, eat some of my bread,
Drink some of the wine
which I have mixed.
6Leave your simple ways, and live.
Walk in the way of
understanding."

7He who corrects a mocker invites
insult.
He who reproves a wicked
man invites abuse.
8Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he
hate you.
Reprove a wise man, and he
will love you.
9Instruct a wise man, and he will
be still wiser.
Teach a righteous man, and
he will increase in
learning.
10The fear of YHWH is the
beginning of wisdom.
The knowledge of the Holy
One is understanding.
11For by me your days will be
multiplied.
The years of your life will be
increased.
12If you are wise, you are wise for
yourself.
If you mock, you alone will
bear it.

13The foolish woman is loud,
Undisciplined, and knows
nothing.
14She sits at the door of her house,
on a seat in the high places
of the city,
15To call to those who pass by,
who go straight on their
ways,
16"Whoever is simple, let him turn
in here."

[a]8:32 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT reads "my sons"

as for him who is void of
understanding, she
says to him,
17"Stolen water is sweet.
Food eaten in secret is
pleasant."
18But he doesn't know that the
dead are there,
that her guests are in the
depths of Sheol.

10 The proverbs of Solomon.
A wise son makes a
glad father;
but a foolish son brings grief
to his mother.
2Treasures of wickedness profit
nothing,
but righteousness delivers
from death.
3YHWH will not allow the soul of
the righteous to go
hungry,
but he thrusts away the
desire of the wicked.
4He becomes poor who works with
a lazy hand,
but the hand of the diligent
brings wealth.
5He who gathers in summer is a
wise son,
but he who sleeps during the
harvest is a son who
causes shame.
6Blessings are on the head of the
righteous,
but violence covers the
mouth of the wicked.
7The memory of the righteous is
blessed,
but the name of the wicked
will rot.
8The wise in heart accept
commandments,
but a chattering fool will
fall.
9He who walks blamelessly walks
surely,
but he who perverts his ways
will be found out.
10The one who winks with the eye
causes trouble,
but the one who boldly
rebukes makes peace.[a]
11The mouth of the righteous is a
spring of life,
but violence covers the
mouth of the wicked.
12Hatred stirs up strife,
but love covers all wrongs.
13Wisdom is found on the lips of
him who has
discernment,
but a rod is for the back of
him who is void of
understanding.
14Wise men lay up knowledge,
but the mouth of the foolish
is near ruin.
15The rich man's wealth is his
strong city.
The destruction of the poor
is their poverty.
16The labor of the righteous leads
to life.
The increase of the wicked
leads to sin.
17He is in the way of life who
heeds correction,
but he who forsakes reproof
leads others astray.

[a]10:10 LXX Syr. MT reads "but a chattering fool will fall," an accidental dittography from v.8b. Cf. M. V. Fox, Proverbs 10-31 (AB), 517

18 He who hides hatred has lying
lips.
He who utters a slander is a
fool.
19 In the multitude of words there is
no lack of
disobedience,
but he who restrains his lips
does wisely.
20 The tongue of the righteous is
like choice silver.
The heart of the wicked is of
little worth.
21 The lips of the righteous feed
many,
but the foolish die for lack of
understanding.
22 YHWH's blessing brings wealth,
and he adds no trouble to it.
23 It is a fool's pleasure to do
wickedness,
but wisdom is a man of
understanding's
pleasure.
24 What the wicked fear, will
overtake them,
but the desire of the
righteous will be
granted.
25 When the whirlwind passes, the
wicked is no more;
but the righteous stand firm
forever.
26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as
smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those
who send him.
27 The fear of YHWH prolongs
days,
but the years of the wicked
shall be shortened.
28 The prospect of the righteous is
joy,
but the hope of the wicked
will perish.
29 The way of YHWH is a
stronghold to the
upright,
but it is a destruction to
evildoers.
30 The righteous will never be
removed,
but the wicked will not
dwell in the land.
31 The mouth of the righteous
brings forth wisdom,
but the perverse tongue will
be cut off.
32 The lips of the righteous know
what is acceptable,
but the mouth of the wicked
is perverse.

11 A false balance is an
abomination to
YHWH,
but accurate weights are his
delight.
2 When pride comes, then comes
shame,
but with humility comes
wisdom.
3 The integrity of the upright shall
guide them,
but the perverseness of the
treacherous shall
destroy them.
4 Riches do not profit in the day of
wrath,
but righteousness delivers
from death.
5 The righteousness of the
blameless will direct
his way,
but the wicked shall fall by
his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright
shall deliver them,
but the unfaithful will be
trapped by evil desires.

7 When a wicked man dies, hope perishes,
and expectation of power comes to nothing.
8 A righteous person is delivered out of trouble,
and the wicked takes his place.
9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,
but the righteous will be delivered through knowledge.
10 When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices.
When the wicked perish, there is shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright, the city is exalted,
but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 One who despises his neighbor is void of wisdom,
but a man of understanding holds his peace.
13 One who brings gossip betrays a confidence,
but one who is of a trustworthy spirit is one who keeps a secret.
14 Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls,
but in the multitude of counselors there is victory.
15 He who is collateral for a stranger will suffer for it,
but he who refuses pledges of collateral is secure.
16 A gracious woman obtains honor,
but she who hates virtue makes a throne for dishonor.
The slothful become destitute,[a]
and ruthless men grab wealth.
17 The merciful man does good to his own soul,
but he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.
18 Wicked people earn deceitful wages,
but one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.
19 He who is truly righteous gets life.
He who pursues evil gets death.
20 Those who are perverse in heart are an abomination to YHWH,
but those whose ways are blameless are his delight.
21 Most certainly, the evil man will not be unpunished,
but the descendants of the righteous will be delivered.
22 Like a gold ring in a pig's snout,
is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only good.

[a] 11:16 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "but she who…destitute," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w

The expectation of the
wicked is wrath.
24 There is one who scatters, and
increases yet more.
There is one who withholds
more than is
appropriate, but gains
poverty.
25 The liberal soul shall be made
fat.
He who waters shall be
watered also himself.
26 People curse someone who
withholds grain,
but blessing will be on the
head of him who sells
it.
27 He who diligently seeks good
seeks favor,
but he who searches after
evil, it shall come to
him.
28 He who trusts in his riches will
fall,
but the righteous shall
flourish as the green
leaf.
29 He who troubles his own house
shall inherit the wind.
The foolish shall be servant
to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous[a] is a
tree of life;
and he who plucks that life
is wise.[b]
31 If[c] the righteous is delivered[d] with
difficulty,[e] where will the ungodly
and the sinner appear?[f]

12 Whoever loves
correction loves
knowledge,
but he who hates reproof is
stupid.
2 A good man shall obtain favor
from YHWH,
but he will condemn a man
of wicked devices.
3 A man shall not be established by
wickedness,
but the root of the righteous
shall not be moved.
4 A worthy woman is the crown of
her husband,
but a disgraceful wife is as
rottenness in his
bones.

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[a] 11:30 LXX cf. BHS

[b] 11:30 Or, "who wins souls is wise." Cf. L. M. Fields, Proverbs 11:30: Soul-Winning Or Wise Living? JETS 50/3 (September 2007) 517–35. LXX Syr read "captures souls is violent"

[c] 11:31 The Heb. word hen here is usually translated as "look" but also has the meaning of "if," cf. Hol2042, Exodus 4:1, Jeremiah 2:10

[d] 11:31 LXX, reading sozetai = ימלט "delivered" or "escapes," cf. 1Samuel 19:12; Proverbs 28:26. MT reads ישלם "is repaid," a misreading involving a tet-mem confusion in a square script in a damaged scroll, perhaps in reminiscence of Proverbs 6:31

[e] 11:31 LXX, reading molis = במאמץ or בקשי or כמעט "with difficulty." MT reads בארץ "on earth," a possible graphic confusion

[f] 11:31 LXX, reading pou phaneitai = אנה יראה "where will appear." MT has lost these words by homoioarcton: aleph-aleph, with an adjustment by the addition of the words אף כי "how much more." 1 Peter 4:18

[5]The thoughts of the righteous are
just,
but the advice of the wicked
is deceitful.
[6]The words of the wicked are
about lying in wait for
blood,
but the speech of the upright
rescues them.
[7]The wicked are overthrown, and
are no more,
but the house of the
righteous shall stand.
[8]A person is commended
according to his good
sense,
but the one who has a
perverse mind is
despised.
[9]Better is he who is lightly
esteemed, and has a
servant,
than he who honors himself,
and lacks bread.
[10]A righteous man regards the life
of his animal,
but the tender mercies of the
wicked are cruel.
[11]He who tills his land shall have
plenty of bread,
but he who chases fantasies
is void of
understanding.
[12]The wicked desires the plunder
of evil men,
but the root of the righteous
flourishes.
[13]An evil man is trapped by
sinfulness of lips,
but the righteous shall come
out of trouble.
[14]A man shall be satisfied with
good by the fruit of his
mouth.
The work of a man's hands
shall be rewarded to
him.
[15]The way of a fool is right in his
own eyes,
but he who is wise listens to
counsel.
[16]A fool shows his annoyance the
same day,
but one who overlooks an
insult is prudent.
[17]He who is truthful testifies
honestly,
but a false witness lies.
[18]There is one who speaks rashly
like the piercing of a
sword,
but the tongue of the wise
heals.
[19]Truth's lips will be established
forever,
but a lying tongue is only
momentary.
[20]Deceit is in the heart of those
who plot evil,
but joy comes to the
promoters of peace.
[21]No mischief shall happen to the
righteous,
but the wicked shall be filled
with evil.
[22]Lying lips are an abomination to
YHWH,
but those who do the truth
are his delight.
[23]A prudent man keeps his
knowledge,
but the hearts of fools
proclaim foolishness.
[24]The hands of the diligent ones
shall rule,
but laziness ends in slave
labor.
[25]Anxiety in a man's heart weighs
it down,

but a kind word makes it
glad.
[26]A righteous person is cautious in
friendship,
but the way of the wicked
leads them astray.
[27]The slothful man doesn't roast
his game,
but the possessions of
diligent men are
prized.
[28]In the way of righteousness is
life;
in its path there is no death.

13 A wise son listens to
his father's
instruction,
but a scoffer doesn't listen to
rebuke.
[2]By the fruit of his lips, a man
enjoys good things;
but the unfaithful crave
violence.
[3]He who guards his mouth guards
his soul.
One who opens wide his lips
comes to ruin.
[4]The soul of the sluggard desires,
and has nothing,
but the desire of the diligent
shall be fully satisfied.
[5]A righteous man hates lies,
but a wicked man brings
shame and disgrace.
[6]Righteousness guards the way of
integrity,
but wickedness overthrows
the sinner.
[7]There are some who pretend to be
rich, yet have nothing.
There are some who pretend
to be poor, yet have
great wealth.
[8]The ransom of a man's life is his
riches,
but the poor hear no threats.
[9]The light of the righteous shines
brightly,
but the lamp of the wicked is
snuffed out.
[10]Pride only breeds quarrels,
but with ones who take
advice is wisdom.
[11]Wealth gained dishonestly
dwindles away,
but he who gathers by hand
makes it grow.
[12]Hope deferred makes the heart
sick,
but when longing is fulfilled,
it is a tree of life.
[13]Whoever despises instruction
will pay for it,
but he who respects a
command will be
rewarded.
[14]The teaching of the wise is a
spring of life,
to turn from the snares of
death.
[15]Good understanding brings
favor;[a]
but the way of the unfaithful
leads to calamity.[b]
[16]Every prudent man acts from
knowledge,
but a fool exposes folly.
[17]A wicked messenger falls into
trouble,
but a trustworthy envoy
gains healing.

[a]13:15 LXX adds "and to know the law is the sign of a sound understanding"

[b]13:15 LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "unfaithful is harsh"

[18]Poverty and shame come to him
who refuses discipline,
but he who heeds correction
shall be honored.
[19]Longing fulfilled is sweet to the
soul,
but fools detest turning from
evil.
[20]One who walks with wise men
grows wise,
but a companion of fools
suffers harm.
[21]Misfortune pursues sinners,
but prosperity rewards the
righteous.
[22]A good man leaves an
inheritance to his
children's children,
but the wealth of the sinner
is stored for the
righteous.
[23]An abundance of food is in poor
people's fields,
but injustice sweeps it away.
[24]One who spares the rod hates his
son,
but one who loves him is
careful to discipline
him.
[25]The righteous one eats to the
satisfying of his soul,
but the belly of the wicked
goes hungry.

14 Every wise woman
builds her house,
but the foolish one
tears it down with her
own hands.
[2]He who walks in his uprightness
fears YHWH,
but he who is perverse in his
ways despises him.
[3]The fool's talk brings a rod to his
back,
but the lips of the wise
protect them.
[4]Where no oxen are, the crib is
clean,
but much increase is by the
strength of the ox.
[5]A truthful witness will not lie,
but a false witness pours out
lies.
[6]A scoffer seeks wisdom, and
doesn't find it,
but knowledge comes easily
to a discerning person.
[7]Stay away from a foolish man,
for you won't find
knowledge on his lips.
[8]The wisdom of the prudent is to
think about his way,
but the folly of fools is
deceit.
[9]Fools mock at making atonement
for sins,
but among the upright there
is good will.
[10]The heart knows its own
bitterness and joy;
he will not share these with a
stranger.
[11]The house of the wicked will be
destroyed,
but the tent of the upright
will flourish.
[12]There is a way which seems right
to a man,
but in the end it leads to
death.
[13]Even in laughter the heart may
be sorrowful,
and mirth may end in
heaviness.
[14]The unfaithful will be repaid for
his own ways;
likewise a good man will be
rewarded for his ways.
[15]A simple man believes
everything,

but the prudent man
carefully considers his
ways.
16A wise man is cautious[a] and
turns away from evil,
but the fool is arrogant and
reckless.
17He who is quick to become
angry will commit
folly,
and a crafty man is hated.
18The simple inherit folly,
but the prudent are crowned
with knowledge.
19The evil bow down before the
good,
and the wicked at the gates
of the righteous.
20The poor person is shunned even
by his own neighbor,
but the rich person has many
friends.
21He who despises his neighbor
sins,
but blessed is he who shows
kindness to the poor.
22Do they not go astray who plot
evil?
But love and faithfulness
belong to those who
plan good.
23In all hard work there is profit,
but the talk of the lips leads
only to poverty.
24The crown of the wise is their
riches,
but the folly of fools crowns
them with folly.
25A truthful witness saves souls,
but a false witness is
deceitful.
26In the fear of YHWH is a secure
fortress,
and he will be a refuge for
his children.
27The fear of YHWH is a fountain
of life,
turning people from the
snares of death.
28In the multitude of people is the
king's glory,
but in the lack of people is
the destruction of the
prince.
29He who is slow to anger has
great understanding,
but he who has a quick
temper displays folly.
30The life of the body is a heart at
peace,
but envy rots the bones.
31He who oppresses the poor
shows contempt for
his Maker,
but he who is kind to the
needy honors him.
32The wicked is brought down in
his calamity,
but the righteous has a
refuge in his death.[b]
33Wisdom rests in the heart of one
who has
understanding,
and is even made known in
the inward part of
fools.
34Righteousness exalts a nation,
but sin is a disgrace to any
people.

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[a]14:16 Or, "fears"

[b]14:32 MT, reading bmwtw "in his death." LXX reads eautou osioteti = btwmw "in his integrity," a possible metathesis. BHS suggests the latter reading. Cf. B. Waltke (AUSS) vol. 34, No. 2, 330-332

35 The king's favor is toward a
servant who deals
wisely,
but his wrath is toward one
who causes shame.

15 A gentle answer
turns away wrath,
but a harsh word
stirs up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise
commends knowledge,
but the mouth of fools gush
out folly.
3 The eyes of YHWH are
everywhere,
keeping watch on the evil
and the good.
4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but deceit in it crushes the
spirit.
5 A fool despises his father's
correction,
but he who heeds reproof
shows prudence.
6 In the house of the righteous is
much treasure,
but the income of the wicked
brings trouble.
7 The lips of the wise spread
knowledge;
not so with the heart of
fools.
8 The sacrifice made by the wicked
is an abomination to
YHWH,
but the prayer of the upright
is his delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an
abomination to
YHWH,
but he loves him who
follows after
righteousness.
10 There is stern discipline for one
who forsakes the way:
whoever hates reproof shall
die.
11 Sheol and Abaddon are before
YHWH—
how much more then the
hearts of human
beings.
12 A scoffer doesn't love to be
reproved;
he will not go to the wise.
13 A glad heart makes a cheerful
face;
but an aching heart breaks
the spirit.
14 The heart of one who has
understanding seeks
knowledge,
but the mouths of fools feed
on folly.
15 All the days of the afflicted are
wretched,
but one who has a cheerful
heart enjoys a
continual feast.
16 Better is little, with the fear of
YHWH,
than great treasure with
trouble.
17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where
love is,
than a fattened calf with
hatred.
18 A wrathful man stirs up
contention,
but one who is slow to anger
appeases strife.
19 The way of the sluggard is like a
thorn patch,
but the path of the upright is
a highway.
20 A wise son makes a father glad,
but a foolish man despises
his mother.

21 Folly is joy to one who is void of wisdom,
but a man of understanding keeps his way straight.
22 Where there is no counsel, plans fail;
but in a multitude of counselors they are established.
23 Joy comes to a man with the reply of his mouth.
How good is a word at the right time.
24 The path of life leads upward for the wise,
to keep him from going downward to Sheol.
25 YHWH will uproot the house of the proud,
but he will keep the widow's borders intact.
26 YHWH detests the thoughts of the wicked,
but the thoughts of the pure are pleasing.
27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house,
but he who hates bribes will live.
28 The heart of the righteous weighs answers,
but the mouth of the wicked gushes out evil.
29 YHWH is far from the wicked,
but he hears the prayer of the righteous.
30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart.
Good news gives health to the bones.
31 The ear that listens to reproof lives,
and will be at home among the wise.
32 He who refuses correction despises his own soul,
but he who listens to reproof gets understanding.
33 The fear of YHWH teaches wisdom.
Before honor is humility.

16 The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from YHWH.
2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;
but YHWH weighs the motives.
3 Entrust your works to YHWH,
and your plans will be established.
4 YHWH has made everything for its own end—
yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.
5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to YHWH:
they shall certainly not be unpunished.
6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for.
By the fear of YHWH men depart from evil.
7 When a man's ways please YHWH,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
8 Better is a little with righteousness,
than great revenues with injustice.
9 A man's heart plans his course,
but YHWH directs his steps.

[10]Inspired judgments are on the
lips of the king.
He shall not betray his
mouth.
[11]Honest balances and scales are
YHWH's;
all the weights in the bag are
his work.
[12]It is an abomination to kings to
do wickedness,
for the throne is established
by righteousness.
[13]Righteous lips are the delight of
kings.
They value one who speaks
the truth.
[14]The king's wrath is a messenger
of death,
but a wise man will pacify it.
[15]In the light of the king's face is
life.
His favor is like a cloud of
the spring rain.
[16]How much better it is to get
wisdom than gold.
Yes, to get understanding is
to be chosen rather
than silver.
[17]The highway of the upright is to
depart from evil.
He who keeps his way
preserves his soul.
[18]Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a
fall.
[19]It is better to be of a lowly spirit
with the poor,
than to divide the plunder
with the proud.
[20]He who heeds the word finds
prosperity,
and blessed is he who trusts
in YHWH.
[21]The wise in heart shall be called
prudent.
Pleasantness of the lips
promotes instruction.
[22]Understanding is a fountain of
life to one who has it,
but the punishment of fools
is their folly.
[23]The heart of the wise instructs
his mouth,
and adds learning to his lips.
[24]Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul, and health
to the bones.
[25]There is a way which seems right
to a man,
but in the end it leads to
death.
[26]The appetite of the laboring man
labors for him;
for his mouth urges him on.
[27]A worthless man devises
mischief.
His speech is like a
scorching fire.
[28]A perverse man stirs up strife,
and a gossip separates close
friends.
[29]A man of violence entices his
neighbor,
and leads him in a way that
is not good.
[30]One who winks his eyes to plot
perversities,
one who compresses his lips,
is bent on evil.
[31]Gray hair is a crown of glory.
It is found in the path of
righteousness.
[32]One who is slow to anger is
better than the mighty;
one who rules his spirit, than
he who takes a city.
[33]The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from
YHWH.

17 Better is a dry morsel with quietness,
than a house full of feasting with strife.
2 A servant who deals wisely will rule over a son who causes shame,
and shall have a part in the inheritance among the brothers.
3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold,
but YHWH tests the hearts.
4 An evildoer heeds wicked lips.
A liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue.
5 Whoever mocks the poor reproaches his Maker.
He who is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
6 Children's children are the crown of old men;
the glory of children are their parents.
7 Arrogant speech isn't fitting for a fool,
much less do lying lips fit a prince.
8 A bribe is a precious stone in the eyes of him who gives it;
wherever he turns, he prospers.
9 He who covers an offense promotes love;
but he who repeats a matter separates best friends.
10 A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding
than a hundred lashes into a fool.
11 An evil man seeks only rebellion;
therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man,
rather than a fool in his folly.
13 Whoever rewards evil for good,
evil shall not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is like breaching a dam,
therefore stop contention before quarreling breaks out.
15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous,
both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH.
16 Why is there money in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom,
seeing he has no understanding?
17 A friend loves at all times;
and a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding strikes hands,
and becomes collateral in the presence of his neighbor.
19 He who loves disobedience loves strife.
One who builds a high gate seeks destruction.
20 One who has a perverse heart doesn't find prosperity,
and one who has a deceitful tongue falls into trouble.
21 He who becomes the father of a fool grieves.

The father of a fool has no joy.
22 A cheerful heart makes good medicine,
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
23 A wicked man receives a bribe in secret,
to pervert the ways of justice.
24 Wisdom is before the face of one who has understanding,
but the eyes of a fool wander everywhere.
25 A foolish son brings grief to his father,
and bitterness to her who bore him.
26 Also to punish the righteous is not good,
nor to flog officials for their integrity.
27 He who spares his words has knowledge.
He who is even tempered is a man of understanding.
28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is counted wise.
When he shuts his lips, he is thought to be discerning.

18 An unfriendly man pursues selfishness,
and defies all sound judgment.
2 A fool has no delight in understanding,
but only in revealing his own opinion.
3 When wickedness comes,
contempt also comes,
and with shame comes disgrace.
4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters.
The fountain of wisdom is like a flowing brook.
5 To be partial to the faces of the wicked is not good,
nor to deprive the innocent of justice.
6 A fool's lips come into strife,
and his mouth invites beatings.
7 A fool's mouth is his destruction,
and his lips are a snare to his soul.
8 The words of a gossip are like tasty morsels,
and they go down into a person's innermost parts.
9 One who is slack in his work
is brother to him who is a master of destruction.
10 The name of YHWH is a strong tower;
the righteous run into it and are safe.
11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city,
like an unscalable wall in his own imagination.
12 Before destruction the heart of man is proud,
but before honor is humility.
13 He who gives answer before he hears,
that is folly and shame to him.
14 A man's spirit will sustain him in sickness,
but a crushed spirit, who can bear?
15 The heart of the discerning gets knowledge.

The ear of the wise seeks
knowledge.
16 A man's gift makes room for
him,
and brings him before great
men.
17 He who pleads his cause first
seems right;
until another comes and
questions him.
18 The lot settles disputes,
and keeps strong ones apart.
19 A brother offended is more
difficult than a
fortified city;
and disputes are like the bars
of a fortress.
20 A man's stomach is filled with
the fruit of his mouth.
With the harvest of his lips
he is satisfied.
21 Death and life are in the power
of the tongue;
those who love it will eat its
fruit.
22 Whoever finds a wife finds a
good thing,
and obtains favor of YHWH.
23 The poor plead for mercy,
but the rich answer harshly.
24 A man of many companions may
be ruined,
but there is a friend who
sticks closer than a
brother.

19 Better is the poor
who walks in his
integrity
than he who is perverse in
his lips and is a fool.
2 It isn't good to have zeal without
knowledge;
nor being hasty with one's
feet and missing the
way.
3 The foolishness of man subverts
his way;
his heart rages against
YHWH.
4 Wealth adds many friends,
but the poor is separated
from his friend.
5 A false witness shall not be
unpunished.
He who pours out lies shall
not go free.
6 Many will seek the favor of a
ruler,
and everyone is a friend to a
man who gives gifts.
7 All the relatives of the poor shun
him:
how much more do his
friends avoid him.[a]
He pursues them with pleas,
but they are gone.
8 He who gets wisdom loves his
own soul.
He who keeps understanding
shall find good.
9 A false witness shall not be
unpunished.
He who utters lies shall
perish.
10 Delicate living is not appropriate
for a fool,
much less for a servant to
have rule over princes.
11 The discretion of a man makes
him slow to anger.
It is his glory to overlook an
offense.

[a] 19:7 LXX adds "Insight will draw near to those that know it, and the man of good sense will find it. He that does much evil perfects wickedness"

12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,
but his favor is like dew on the grass.
13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father.
A wife's quarrels are a continual dripping.
14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers,
but a prudent wife is from YHWH.
15 Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep.
The idle soul shall suffer hunger.
16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul,
but he who is contemptuous in his ways shall die.
17 He who has pity on the poor lends to YHWH;
he will reward him.
18 Discipline your son, for there is hope;
do not be a willing party to his death.
19 A hot-tempered man must pay the penalty,
for if you rescue him, you must do it again.
20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
that you may be wise in your latter end.
21 There are many plans in a man's heart,
but YHWH's counsel will prevail.
22 That which makes a man to be desired is his kindness.
A poor man is better than a liar.
23 The fear of YHWH leads to life,
then contentment;
he rests and will not be touched by trouble.
24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
he will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
25 Flog a scoffer, and the simple will learn prudence;
rebuke one who has understanding, and he will gain knowledge.
26 He who robs his father and drives away his mother,
is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.
27 If you stop listening to instruction, my son,
you will stray from the words of knowledge.
28 A corrupt witness mocks justice,
and the mouth of the wicked gulps down iniquity.
29 Penalties are prepared for scoffers,
and beatings for the backs of fools.

20 Wine is a mocker, and beer is a brawler.
Whoever is led astray by them is not wise.
2 The terror of a king is like the roaring of a lion.
He who provokes him to anger forfeits his own life.
3 It is an honor for a person to keep away from strife,
but every fool quarrels.
4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter;

therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
[5]Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water;
but a man of understanding will draw it out.
[6]Many men claim to be men of unfailing love,
but who can find a faithful man?
[7]A righteous man walks in integrity;
blessed are his children after him.
[8]A king who sits on the throne of judgment
scatters away all evil with his eyes.
[9]Who can say, "I have made my heart pure.
I am clean and without sin?"
[10]Differing weights and differing measures,
both of them alike are an abomination to YHWH.
[11]Even a child makes himself known by his doings,
whether his work is pure, and whether it is right.
[12]The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
YHWH has made even both of them.
[13]Do not love sleep, lest you come to poverty.
Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread.
[14]"It's no good, it's no good," says the buyer;
but when he is gone his way, then he boasts.
[15]There is gold and abundance of rubies;
but the lips of knowledge are a rare jewel.
[16]Take the garment of one who puts up collateral for a stranger;
and hold him in pledge for a wayward woman.
[17]Fraudulent food is sweet to a man,
but afterwards his mouth is filled with gravel.
[18]Plans are established by advice;
by wise guidance you wage war.
[19]He who goes about as a tale-bearer reveals secrets;
therefore do not keep company with him who opens wide his lips.
[20]Whoever curses his father or his mother,
his lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.
[21]An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning,
won't be blessed in the end.
[22]Do not say, "I will pay back evil."
Wait for YHWH, and he will save you.
[23]YHWH detests differing weights,
and dishonest scales are no good.
[24]A man's steps are from YHWH;
how then can man understand his way?
[25]It is a snare to a man to make a rash dedication,
then later to consider his vows.
[26]A wise king winnows out the wicked,
and drives the threshing wheel over them.

[27]The spirit of man is YHWH's
lamp,
searching all his innermost
parts.
[28]Love and faithfulness keep the
king safe.
His throne is sustained by
love.
[29]The glory of young men is their
strength.
The splendor of old men is
their gray hair.
[30]Wounding blows cleanse away
evil,
and beatings purge the
innermost parts.

21 The king's heart is in YHWH's hand like the
watercourses.
He turns it wherever he
desires.
[2]Every way of a man is right in his
own eyes,
but YHWH weighs the
hearts.
[3]To do righteousness and justice
is more acceptable to YHWH
than sacrifice.
[4]A high look, and a proud heart,
the lamp of the wicked, is
sin.
[5]The plans of the diligent surely
lead to profit;
and everyone who is hasty
surely rushes to
poverty.
[6]Getting treasures by a lying
tongue
is a fleeting vapor for those
who seek death.
[7]The violence of the wicked will
drive them away,
because they refuse to do
what is right.
[8]The way of the guilty is devious,
but the conduct of the
innocent is upright.
[9]It is better to dwell in the corner
of the housetop,
than to share a house with a
contentious woman.
[10]The soul of the wicked desires
evil;
his neighbor finds no mercy
in his eyes.
[11]When the mocker is punished,
the simple gains
wisdom.
When the wise is instructed,
he receives
knowledge.
[12]The Righteous One considers the
house of the wicked,
and brings the wicked to
ruin.
[13]Whoever stops his ears at the cry
of the poor,
he will also cry out, but shall
not be heard.
[14]A gift in secret pacifies anger;
and a bribe in the cloak,
strong wrath.
[15]It is joy to the righteous to do
justice;
but it is a destruction to
evildoers.
[16]The man who wanders out of the
way of understanding
shall rest in the assembly of
the dead.
[17]He who loves pleasure shall be a
poor man.
He who loves wine and oil
shall not be rich.
[18]The wicked is a ransom for the
righteous;
the treacherous for the
upright.

[19]It is better to dwell in a desert
land,
than with a contentious and
fretful woman.
[20]There is precious treasure and oil
in the dwelling of the
wise;
but a foolish man swallows
it up.
[21]He who follows after
righteousness and
kindness
finds life, righteousness, and
honor.
[22]A wise man scales the city of the
mighty,
and brings down the strength
of its confidence.
[23]Whoever guards his mouth and
his tongue
keeps his soul from troubles.
[24]The proud and haughty man,
"scoffer" is his name;
he works in the arrogance of
pride.
[25]The desire of the sluggard kills
him,
for his hands refuse to labor.
[26]There are those who covet
greedily all day long;
but the righteous give and do
not withhold.
[27]The sacrifice of the wicked is an
abomination:
how much more, when he
brings it with a wicked
mind.
[28]A false witness will perish,
and a man who listens
speaks to eternity.
[29]A wicked man hardens his face;
but as for the upright, he
establishes his ways.
[30]There is no wisdom nor
understanding
nor counsel against YHWH.
[31]The horse is prepared for the day
of battle;
but victory is with YHWH.

22 A good name is more desirable than great riches,
and loving favor is better
than silver and gold.
[2]The rich and the poor have this in
common:
YHWH is the maker of them
all.
[3]The shrewd see danger and take
cover,
but the naive keep on going
and suffer for it.
[4]The result of humility and the fear
of YHWH
is wealth, honor, and life.
[5]Thorns and snares are in the path
of the wicked:
whoever guards his soul
stays from them.
[6]Train a child in the way he should
go,
and when he is old he will
not depart from it.
[7]The rich rule over the poor.
The borrower is servant to
the lender.
[8]He who sows wickedness reaps
trouble,
and the rod of his fury will
fail.

God blesses a cheerful and
generous person, but the vanity of
his deeds he will bring to an end.[a]
9He who has a generous eye will
be blessed;
for he shares his food with
the poor.
10Drive out the mocker, and strife
will go out;
yes, quarrels and insults will
stop.
11He who loves purity of heart and
speaks gracefully
is the king's friend.
12The eyes of YHWH watch over
knowledge;
but he frustrates the words
of the unfaithful.
13The sluggard says, "There is a
lion outside.
I will be killed in the
streets."
14The mouth of an adulteress is a
deep pit:
he who is under YHWH's
wrath will fall into it.
15Folly is bound up in the heart of
a child:
the rod of discipline drives it
far from him.
16Whoever oppresses the poor for
his own increase and
whoever gives to the
rich,
both come to poverty.

17 The words of the wise: Incline
your ear and hear my words,[b] and
apply your heart to my instruction.
18For it is a pleasant thing if you
keep them within you,
if all of them are ready on
your lips.
19That your trust may be in YHWH,
I teach you today, even you.
20Haven't I written to you thirty
excellent things
of counsel and knowledge,
21To teach you truth, reliable
words,
to give sound answers to the
ones who sent you?

22Do not exploit the poor, because
he is poor;
and do not crush the needy
in court;
23for YHWH will plead their case,
and plunder the life of those
who plunder them.

24Do not befriend a hot-tempered
man,
and do not associate with
one who harbors
anger:
25lest you learn his ways,
and ensnare your soul.

26Do not be one of those who
strike hands,
of those who are collateral
for debts.
27If you do not have means to pay,
why should he take away
your bed from under
you?

28Do not move the ancient
boundary stone,
which your fathers have set
up.

[a]22:8 LXX. MT lacks "God blesses…end" from a two-word homoioteleuton

[b]22:17 LXX. MT has a different word order, and lacks "my words"

[29]Do you see a man skilled in his
work?
He will serve kings.
He won't serve obscure
men.

23 When you sit to eat
with a ruler,
consider diligently
what is before you;
[2]put a knife to your throat,
if you are a man given to
appetite.
[3]Do not be desirous of his dainties,
seeing they are deceitful
food.
[4]Do not weary yourself to be rich.
In your wisdom, show
restraint.
[5]Why do you set your eyes on that
which is not?
For it certainly sprouts
wings like an eagle
and flies in the sky.
[6]Do not eat the food of him who
has a stingy eye,
and do not crave his
delicacies:
[7]for as he thinks about the
cost, so he is.
"Eat and drink." he says to
you,
but his heart is not with you.
[8]The morsel which you have eaten
you shall vomit up,
and lose your good words.

[9]Do not speak in the ears of a fool,
for he will despise the
wisdom of your words.

[10]Do not move the ancient
boundary stone.
Do not encroach on the
fields of the fatherless:
[11]for their Defender is strong.
He will plead their case
against you.

[12]Apply your heart to instruction,
and your ears to the words of
knowledge.
[13]Do not withhold correction from
a child.
If you punish him with the
rod, he will not die.
[14]Punish him with the rod,
and save his soul from
Sheol.

[15]My son, if your heart is wise,
then my heart will be glad,
even mine:
[16]yes, my heart will rejoice,
when your lips speak what is
right.
[17]Do not let your heart envy
sinners;
but rather fear YHWH all the
day long.
[18]For surely there is a future,
and your hope will not be
cut off.
[19]Listen, my son, and be wise,
and keep your heart on the
right path.
[20]Do not be among ones drinking
too much wine,
or those who gorge
themselves on meat:
[21]for the drunkard and the glutton
shall become poor;
and drowsiness clothes them
in rags.
[22]Listen to your father who gave
you life,
and do not despise your
mother when she is
old.

[23]Buy the truth, and do not sell it.
Get wisdom, discipline, and
understanding.
[24]The father of the righteous has
great joy.
Whoever fathers a wise child
delights in him.
[25]Let your father and your mother
be glad.
Let her who bore you
rejoice.
[26]My son, give me your heart;
and let your eyes keep in my
ways.
[27]For a prostitute is a deep pit;
and a wayward wife is a
narrow well.
[28]Yes, she lies in wait like a
robber,
and increases the unfaithful
among men.

[29]Who has woe?
Who has sorrow?
Who has strife?
Who has complaints?
Who has needless bruises?
Who has bloodshot eyes?
[30]Those who stay long at the wine;
those who go to seek out
mixed wine.
[31]Do not look at the wine when it
is red,
when it sparkles in the cup,
when it goes down
smoothly.
[32]In the end, it bites like a serpent,
and poisons like a viper.
[33]Your eyes will see strange
things,
and your mind will imagine
confusing things.
[34]Yes, you will be as he who lies
down in the midst of
the sea,
or as he who lies on top of
the rigging:
[35]"They hit me, and I was not hurt.
They beat me, and I do not
feel it.
When will I wake up? I can
do it again.
I can find another."

24 Do not be envious of
evil men;
neither desire to be
with them:
[2]for their hearts plot violence,
and their lips talk about
mischief.
[3]Through wisdom a house is built;
by understanding it is
established;
[4]by knowledge the rooms are filled
with all rare and beautiful
treasure.
[5]A wise man has great power;
and a knowledgeable man
increases strength;
[6]for by wise guidance you wage
your war;
and victory is in many
advisors.
[7]Wisdom is too high for a fool:
he doesn't open his mouth in
the gate.
[8]One who plots to do evil
will be called a schemer.
[9]The schemes of folly are sin.
The mocker is detested by
men.
[10]If you falter in the time of
trouble,
your strength is small.
[11]Rescue those who are being led
away to death.
Indeed, hold back those who
are staggering to the
slaughter.

12 If you say, “Look, we did not
know this;”
doesn’t he who weighs the
hearts consider it?
He who keeps your soul, doesn’t
he know it?
Shall he not render to every
man according to his
work?[a]
13 My son, eat honey, for it is good;
the droppings of the
honeycomb, which are
sweet to your taste.
14 Likewise, know that wisdom is
such to your soul;
if you have found it, then
there will be a reward,
and your hope will not be
cut off.
15 Do not lie in wait, wicked man,
against the habitation
of the righteous.
Do not destroy his resting
place.
16 For the righteous may fall seven
times,[b] but gets up
again,
but the wicked will stumble
in adversity.
17 Do not rejoice when your enemy
falls.
Do not let your heart be glad
when he is
overthrown;
18 lest YHWH see it, and it displease
him,
and he turn away his wrath
from him.
19 Do not fret yourself because of
evildoers;
neither be envious of the
wicked:
20 for there will be no reward to the
evil man;
and the lamp of the wicked
shall be snuffed out.
21 My son, fear YHWH and the
king.
Do not join those who are
rebellious:
22 for their calamity will rise
suddenly;
the destruction from them
both—who knows?

23 These also are sayings of
the wise.
To show partiality in judgment is
not good.
24 He who says to the wicked,
“You are righteous;”
peoples shall curse him, and
nations shall abhor
him—
25 but it will go well with those
who convict the guilty,
and a rich blessing will
come on them.
26 An honest answer
is like a kiss on the lips.
27 Prepare your work outside,
and get your fields ready.
Afterwards, build your
house.
28 Do not be a witness against your
neighbor without
cause.
Do not deceive with your
lips.

[a] 24:12 Romans 2:6

[b] 24:16 The word “times” is implicit. For other cases where times is implicit see e.g. Leviticus 26:18-28

29 Do not say, “I will do to him as
he has done to me;
I will render to the man
according to his
work.”
30 I went by the field of the
sluggard,
by the vineyard of the man
void of understanding;
31 Look, it was all grown over with
thorns.
Its surface was covered with
nettles,
and its stone wall was
broken down.
32 Then I saw, and considered well.
I saw, and received
instruction:
33 a little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands
to sleep;
34 so your poverty will come as a
robber,
and your want as an armed
man.

25 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.
2 It is the glory of God to conceal a
thing,
but the glory of kings is to
search out a matter.
3 As the heavens for height, and the
earth for depth,
so the hearts of kings are
unsearchable.
4 Take away the dross from the
silver,
and material comes out for
the refiner;
5 Take away the wicked from the
king’s presence,
and his throne will be
established in
righteousness.
6 Do not exalt yourself in the
presence of the king,
or claim a place among great
men;
7 for it is better that it be said to
you, “Come up here,”
than that you should be put
lower in the presence
of the prince,
whom your eyes have seen.
8 Do not be hasty in bringing
charges to court.
What will you do in the end
when your neighbor
shames you?
9 Debate your case with your
neighbor,
and do not betray the
confidence of another;
10 lest one who hears it put
you to shame,
and your bad reputation
never depart.

11 A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in
settings of silver.
12 As an earring of gold, and an
ornament of fine gold,
so is a wise reprover to an
obedient ear.
13 As the cold of snow in the time
of harvest,
so is a faithful messenger to
those who send him;
for he refreshes the soul of
his masters.
14 As clouds and wind without rain,
so is he who boasts of gifts
deceptively.
15 By patience a ruler is persuaded.
A soft tongue breaks the
bone.

16 Have you found honey?
Eat as much as is sufficient for you,
lest you eat too much, and vomit it.
17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,
lest he be weary of you, and hate you.
18 A man who gives false testimony against his neighbor
is like a club, a sword, or a sharp arrow.
19 Confidence in someone unfaithful in time of trouble
is like a bad tooth, or a lame foot.
20 As one who takes away a garment in cold weather,
or vinegar on soda,
so is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.
21 If your enemy is hungry, give him something[a] to eat.[b]
If he is thirsty, give him something[c] to drink,
22 for by doing this[d] you will heap coals of fire on his head,[e] and YHWH will reward you.
23 The north wind brings forth rain:
so a backbiting tongue brings an angry face.
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
than to share a house with a contentious woman.
25 Like cold water to a thirsty soul,
so is good news from a far country.
26 Like a muddied spring, and a polluted well,
so is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
27 It is not good to eat much honey;
nor is it honorable to seek one's own honor.[f]
28 Like a city that is broken down and without walls
is a man whose spirit is without restraint.

26 Like snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
so honor is not fitting for a fool.
2 Like a fluttering sparrow,
like a darting swallow,
so the undeserved curse doesn't come to rest.
3 A whip is for the horse,
a bridle for the donkey,
and a rod for the back of fools.
4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly,

[a] 25:21 LXX Syr Vg. MT adds "bread"
[b] 25:21 Or, "hungry, feed him." Lit. "give him to eat"
[c] 25:21 LXX Syr. MT adds "water"
[d] 25:22 LXX. MT lacks "by doing this" from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: ky-kn
[e] 25:21-22 The word "coal" is sometimes used in a metaphorical sense, e.g., 2 Samuel 14:7. To "heap coals of fire on his head" is a figure of speech for an action by someone that will produce remorse in the other person. Romans 12:20
[f] 25:27 LXX cf. Tg Syr read "honey; but it is right to honor notable sayings.

lest you also be like him.
[5]Answer a fool according to his folly,
lest he be wise in his own eyes.
[6]One who sends a message by the hand of a fool
is cutting off feet and drinking violence.
[7]Like the legs of the lame that hang loose:
so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
[8]As one who binds a stone in a sling,
so is he who gives honor to a fool.
[9]Like a thornbush that goes into the hand of a drunkard,
so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
[10]As an archer who wounds all,
so is he who hires a fool
or he who hires those who pass by.
[11]As a dog that returns to his vomit,[a]
so is a fool who repeats his folly.
[12]Do you see a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
[13]The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road.
A fierce lion roams the streets.”
[14]As the door turns on its hinges,
so does the sluggard on his bed.
[15]The sluggard buries his hand in the dish.
He is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.
[16]The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
than seven men who answer with discretion.
[17]Like one who grabs a dog’s ears
is one who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own.
[18]Like a madman who shoots firebrands, arrows, and death,
[19]is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, “Am I not joking?”
[20]Without wood a fire goes out.
Without gossip, contention ceases.
[21]As coals are to hot embers,
and wood to fire,
so is a contentious man to kindling strife.
[22]The words of a gossip are as tasty morsels,
they go down into the innermost parts.
[23]Like silver dross on an earthen vessel
are the lips of a fervent one with an evil heart.
[24]A malicious man disguises himself with his lips,
but he harbors evil in his heart.
[25]When his speech is charming, do not believe him;
for there are seven abominations in his heart.
[26]His malice may be concealed by deception,

[a]26:11 2Peter 2:22

but his wickedness will be
exposed in the
assembly.
[27]Whoever digs a pit shall fall into
it.
Whoever rolls a stone, it will
come back on him.
[28]A lying tongue hates those it
hurts;
and a flattering mouth works
ruin.

27 Do not boast about
tomorrow;
for you do not know
what a day may bring
forth.
[2]Let another man praise you,
and not your own mouth;
a stranger, and not your own
lips.
[3]A stone is heavy,
and sand is a burden;
but a fool's provocation is
heavier than both.
[4]Wrath is cruel,
and anger is overwhelming;
but who is able to stand
before jealousy?
[5]Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
[6]Faithful are the wounds of a
friend;
although the kisses of an
enemy are profuse.
[7]A full soul loathes a honeycomb;
but to a hungry soul, every
bitter thing is sweet.
[8]As a bird that wanders from her
nest,
so is a man who wanders
from his home.
[9]Perfume and incense bring joy to
the heart;
so does earnest counsel from
a man's friend.
[10]Do not forsake your friend and
your father's friend.
Do not go to your brother's
house in the day of
your disaster:
better is a neighbor who is
near than a distant
brother.
[11]Be wise, my son,
and bring joy to my heart,
then I can answer my
tormentor.
[12]A prudent man sees danger and
takes refuge;
but the simple pass on, and
suffer for it.
[13]Take his garment when he puts
up collateral for a
stranger.
Hold it for a wayward
woman.
[14]He who blesses his neighbor
with a loud voice early
in the morning,
it will be taken as a curse by
him.
[15]A continual dropping on a rainy
day
and a contentious wife are
alike:
[16]restraining her is like restraining
the wind,
or like grasping oil in his
right hand.

[17]Iron sharpens iron;
so a man sharpens his
friend's countenance.
[18]Whoever tends the fig tree shall
eat its fruit.
He who looks after his
master shall be
honored.
[19]As water reflects a face,

so a man's heart reflects the man.
[20]Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied;
and a man's eyes are never satisfied.[a]
[21]The crucible is for silver,
and the furnace for gold;
but man is refined by his praise.[b]
[22]Though you grind a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with grain,
yet his foolishness will not be removed from him.

[23]Know well the state of your flocks,
and pay attention to your herds:
[24]for riches are not forever,
nor does even the crown endure to all generations.
[25]The hay is removed, and the new growth appears,
the grasses of the hills are gathered in.
[26]The lambs are for your clothing,
and the goats are the price of a field.
[27]There will be plenty of goats' milk for your food,
for your family's food,
and for the nourishment of your servant girls.

28 The wicked flee when no one pursues;
but the righteous are as bold as a lion.
[2]In rebellion, a land has many rulers,
but order is maintained by a man of understanding and knowledge.
[3]A needy man who oppresses the poor
is like a driving rain which leaves no crops.
[4]Those who forsake the Law praise the wicked;
but those who keep the Law contend with them.
[5]Evil men do not understand justice;
but those who seek YHWH understand it fully.
[6]Better is the poor who walks in his integrity,
than he who is perverse in his ways, and he is rich.
[7]Whoever keeps the Law is a wise son;
but he who is a companion of gluttons shames his father.
[8]He who increases his wealth by excessive interest
gathers it for one who has pity on the poor.
[9]He who turns away his ear from hearing the Law,
even his prayer is an abomination.
[10]Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way,

[a]27:20 LXX adds "He that fixes his eye is an abomination to YHWH, and the uninstructed do not restrain their tongue"

[b]27:21 LXX (Syr Vg Mss) add "The heart of wicked seeks evil, but the righteous heart seeks knowledge"

he will fall into his own trap;
but the blameless will inherit good.
[11]The rich man is wise in his own eyes;
but the poor who has understanding sees through him.
[12]When the righteous triumph, there is great glory;
but when the wicked rise, men hide themselves.
[13]He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper,
but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
[14]Blessed is the man who is always reverent;
but the one who hardens his heart will fall into evil.
[15]As a roaring lion or a charging bear,
so is a wicked ruler over helpless people.
[16]A prince who lacks understanding is a cruel oppressor,
but one who hates ill-gotten gain will prolong his days.
[17]A man who is tormented by life blood will be a fugitive until death;
no one will support him.
[18]Whoever walks blamelessly is kept safe;
but one with perverse ways will fall suddenly.
[19]One who works his land will have an abundance of food;
but one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.
[20]A faithful man is rich with blessings;
but one who is eager to be rich will not go unpunished.
[21]To show partiality is not good;
yet a man will do wrong for a piece of bread.
[22]A stingy man hurries after riches,
and doesn't know that poverty waits for him.
[23]One who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor
than one who flatters with the tongue.
[24]Whoever robs his father or his mother, and says, "It's not wrong."
He is a partner with a destroyer.
[25]One who is greedy stirs up strife;
but one who trusts in YHWH will prosper.
[26]One who trusts in himself is a fool;
but one who walks in wisdom is kept safe.
[27]One who gives to the poor has no lack;
but one who closes his eyes will have many curses.
[28]When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
but when they perish, the righteous thrive.

29 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck
will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.
[2]When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice;

but when the wicked rule,
the people groan.
3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy
to his father;
but a companion of
prostitutes squanders
his wealth.
4 The king by justice makes the
land stable,
but he who takes bribes tears
it down.
5 A man who flatters his neighbor
spreads a net for his feet.
6 An evil man is snared by his sin,
but the righteous can sing
and be glad.
7 The righteous is concerned about
justice for the poor.
The wicked does not
understand the
concern.
8 Mockers stir up a city,
but wise men turn away
anger.
9 If a wise man goes to court with a
foolish man,
the fool rages or scoffs, and
there is no peace.
10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of
integrity;
and they seek the life of the
upright.
11 A fool vents all of his anger,
but a wise man brings
himself under control.
12 If a ruler listens to lies,
all of his officials are
wicked.
13 The poor man and the oppressor
have this in common:
YHWH gives sight to the
eyes of both.
14 The king who fairly judges the
poor,
his throne shall be
established forever.
15 The rod of correction gives
wisdom,
but a child left to himself
causes shame to his
mother.
16 When the wicked increase, sin
increases;
but the righteous will see
their downfall.
17 Correct your son, and he will
give you peace;
yes, he will bring delight to
your soul.
18 Where there is no revelation, the
people cast off
restraint;
but he who keeps the law is
blessed.
19 A servant can't be corrected by
words.
Though he understands, yet
he will not respond.
20 Do you see a man who is hasty
in his words?
There is more hope for a
fool than for him.
21 He who pampers his servant
from youth
will have him become a son
in the end.
22 An angry man stirs up strife,
and a wrathful man abounds
in sin.
23 A man's pride brings him low,
but one of lowly spirit gains
honor.
24 Whoever is an accomplice of a
thief is an enemy of
his own soul.
He takes an oath, but dares
not testify.
25 The fear of man proves to be a
snare,
but whoever puts his trust in
YHWH will be set on
high.

[26]Many seek the ruler's favor,
but a man's justice comes
from YHWH.
[27]A dishonest man detests the
righteous,
and the upright in their ways
detest the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the oracle:
the man says to Ithiel,
to Ithiel and Ucal:
[2]"Surely I am the most ignorant
man,
and do not have a man's
understanding.
[3]I have not learned wisdom,
neither do I have the
knowledge of the Holy
One.
[4]Who has ascended up into
heaven, and
descended?
Who has gathered the wind
in his fists?
Who has bound the waters in
his garment?
Who has established every
part of the earth?
What is his name, and what
is his son's name, if
you know?

[5]"Every word of God is flawless.
He is a shield to those who
take refuge in him.
[6]Do not add to his words,
lest he reprove you, and you
be found a liar.

[7]"Two things I have asked of you;
do not deny me before I die:
[8]Remove far from me falsehood
and lies.
Give me neither poverty nor
riches.
Feed me with the food that is
needful for me;
[9]lest I be full, deny you, and say,
'Who is YHWH?'
or lest I be poor, and steal,
and so dishonor the name of
my God.

[10]"Do not slander a servant to his
master,
lest he curse you, and you be
held guilty.
[11]There is a generation that curses
their father,
and doesn't bless their
mother.
[12]There is a generation that is pure
in their own eyes,
yet are not washed from
their filthiness.
[13]There is a generation, oh how
lofty are their eyes.
Their eyelids are lifted up.
[14]There is a generation whose
teeth are like swords,
and their jaws like knives,
to devour the poor from the
earth, and the needy
from among men.

[15]"The leach has two daughters:
'Give, give.'

"There are three things that are
never satisfied;
four that do not say,
'Enough:'
[16]Sheol,
the barren womb;
the earth that is not satisfied
with water;
and the fire that doesn't say,
'Enough.'

17 "The eye that mocks at his
father,
and scorns obedience to his
mother:
the ravens of the valley shall
pick it out,
the young eagles shall eat it.

18 "There are three things which are
too amazing for me,
four which I do not
understand:
19 The way of an eagle in the
air;
the way of a serpent on a
rock;
the way of a ship in the
midst of the sea;
and the way of a man with a
maiden.

20 "So is the way of an adulterous
woman:
she eats and wipes her
mouth,
and says, 'I have done
nothing wrong.'

21 "For three things the earth
tremble,
and under four, it can't bear
up:
22 For a servant when he is
king;
a fool when he is filled with
food;
23 for an unloved woman
when she is married;
and a handmaid who is heir
to her mistress.

24 "There are four things which are
little on the earth,
but they are exceedingly
wise:
25 the ants are not a strong
people,
yet they provide their food
in the summer.
26 The conies are but a feeble
folk,
yet make they their houses
in the rocks.
27 The locusts have no king,
yet they advance in ranks.
28 You can catch a lizard with
your hands,
yet it is in kings' palaces.

29 "There are three things which are
stately in their march,
four which are stately in
going:
30 The lion, which is
mightiest among
animals,
and doesn't turn away for
any;
31 the greyhound,
the male goat also;
and the king against whom
there is no rising up.

32 "If you have done foolishly in
lifting up yourself,
or if you have thought evil,
put your hand over your mouth.
33 For as the churning of milk
brings forth butter,
and the wringing of the nose
brings forth blood;
so the forcing of wrath
brings forth strife."

31 The words of king Lemuel; the oracle which his mother
taught him.
2 "Oh, my son.
Oh, son of my womb.

Oh, son of my vows.
3 Do not give your strength to
women,
nor your ways to that which
destroys kings.
4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel,
it is not for kings to drink
wine,
or for princes to take strong
drink,
5 lest they drink, and forget the
decree,
and pervert the justice due to
anyone who is
afflicted.
6 Give strong drink to him who is
ready to perish;
and wine to the bitter in
soul:
7 Let him drink, and forget his
poverty,
and remember his misery no
more.
8 Open your mouth for the mute,
in the cause of all who are
left desolate.
9 Open your mouth, judge
righteously,
and serve justice to the poor
and needy."

10 Who can find a worthy woman?
For her price is far above
rubies.

11 The heart of her husband trusts
in her.
He shall have no lack of
gain.

12 She does him good, and not
harm,
all the days of her life.

13 She seeks wool and flax,
and works eagerly with her
hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships.
She brings her bread from
afar.

15 She rises also while it is yet
night,
gives food to her household,
and portions for her servant
girls.

16 She considers a field, and buys
it.
With the fruit of her hands,
she plants a vineyard.

17 She girds her waist with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

18 She perceives that her
merchandise is
profitable.
Her lamp doesn't go out by
night.

19 She lays her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the
spindle.

20 She opens her arms to the poor;
yes, she extends her hands to
the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for
her household;
for all her household are
clothed with scarlet.

22 She makes for herself carpets of
tapestry.
Her clothing is fine linen
and purple.

[23]Her husband is respected in the
gates,
when he sits among the
elders of the land.

[24]She makes linen garments and
sells them,
and delivers sashes to the
merchant.

[25]Strength and dignity are her
clothing.
She laughs at the time to
come.

[26]She opens her mouth with
wisdom.
Faithful instruction is on her
tongue.

[27]She looks well to the ways of her
household,
and doesn't eat the bread of
idleness.

[28]Her children rise up and call her
blessed.
Her husband also praises
her:

[29]"Many women do noble things,
but you excel them all."

[30]Charm is deceitful, and beauty is
vain;
but a woman who fears
YHWH, she shall be
praised.

[31]Give her of the fruit of her
hands.
Let her works praise her in
the gates.

Ecclesiastes

1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem:

[2]"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." [3]What does man gain from all his labor in which he labors under the sun? [4]One generation goes, and another generation comes; but the earth remains forever. [5]The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it rises. [6]The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north. It turns around continually as it goes, and the wind returns again to its courses. [7]All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again. [8]All things are full of weariness beyond uttering. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. [9]That which has been is that which shall be; and that which has been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. [10]Is there a thing of which it may be said, "Look, this is new?" It has been long ago, in the ages which were before us. [11]There is no memory of the former; neither shall there be any memory of the latter that are to come, among those that shall come after.

[12]I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. [13]I applied my heart to seek and to search out

by wisdom concerning all that is done under the sky. It is a heavy burden that God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with. 14I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and look, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 15That which is crooked can't be made straight; and that which is lacking can't be counted. 16I said to myself, "Look, I have obtained for myself great wisdom above all who were before me in Jerusalem. Yes, my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." 17I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also was a chasing after wind. 18For in much wisdom is much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

2 I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth: therefore enjoy pleasure;" and look, this also was vanity. 2I said of laughter, "It is foolishness;" and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

3I searched in my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart yet guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold of folly, until I might see what it was good for the sons of men that they should do under heaven all the days of their lives. 4I made myself great works. I built myself houses. I planted myself vineyards. 5I made myself gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit. 6I made myself pools of water, to water from it the forest where trees were reared. 7I bought male servants and female servants, and had servants born in my house. I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem; 8I also gathered silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got myself male and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men—musical instruments, and that of all sorts. 9So I was great, and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also remained with me. 10Whatever my eyes desired, I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor, and this was my portion from all my labor. 11Then I looked at all the works that my hands had worked, and at the labor that I had labored to do; and look, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.

12I turned myself to consider wisdom, madness, and folly. For what can the man who comes after the king do? Just that which he[a] has already done. 13Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness. 14The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walks in darkness—and yet I perceived that one event happens to them all. 15Then said I in my heart,

[a]2:12 Hebrew Mss

"As it happens to the fool, so will it
happen even to me; and why was I
then more wise?" Then said I in my
heart that this also is vanity.[a] 16For
of the wise man, even as of the fool,
there is no memory for ever, seeing
that in the days to come all will
have been long forgotten. Indeed,
the wise man must die just like the
fool.

17So I hated life, because the
work that is worked under the sun
was grievous to me; for all is vanity
and a chasing after wind. 18I hated
all my labor in which I labored
under the sun, seeing that I must
leave it to the man who comes after
me. 19Who knows whether he will
be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will
have rule over all of my labor in
which I have labored, and in which
I have shown myself wise under the
sun. This also is vanity.

20Therefore I began to cause
my heart to despair concerning all
the labor in which I had labored
under the sun. 21For there is a man
whose labor is with wisdom, with
knowledge, and with skillfulness;
yet he shall leave it for his portion
to a man who has not labored for it.
This also is vanity and a great evil.
22For what has a man of all his
labor, and of the striving of his
heart, in which he labors under the
sun? 23For all his days are sorrows,
and his travail is grief; yes, even in
the night his heart takes no rest.
This also is vanity. 24There is
nothing better for a man than that
he should eat and drink, and make
his soul enjoy good in his labor.
This also I saw, that it is from the
hand of God. 25For who can eat, or
who can have enjoyment, apart
from him?[b] 26For to the man who
pleases him, God gives wisdom,
knowledge, and joy; but to the
sinner he gives travail, to gather
and to heap up, that he may give to
him who pleases God. This also is
vanity and a chasing after wind.

3 For everything there is a
season, and a time for
every purpose under
heaven:
2a time to be born,
and a time to die;
a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up that
which is planted;
3a time to kill,
and a time to heal;
a time to break down,
and a time to build up;
4a time to weep,
and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn,
and a time to dance;
5a time to cast away stones,
and a time to gather stones
together;
a time to embrace,
and a time to refrain from
embracing;
6a time to seek,
and a time to lose;
a time to keep,
and a time to cast away;

[a] 2:16 LXX adds "because the fool speaks of his abundance"

[b] 2:25 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "more than I?"

[7]a time to tear,
and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence,
and a time to speak;
[8]a time to love,
and a time to hate;
a time for war,
and a time for peace.

[9]What profit has he who works in that in which he labors? [10]I have seen the burden which God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with. [11]He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in their hearts, yet so that man can't find out the work that God has done from the beginning even to the end. [12]I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice, and to do good as long as they live. [13]Also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy good in all his labor, is the gift of God. [14]I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; and God has done it, that men should fear before him. [15]That which is has been long ago, and that which is to be has been long ago: and God seeks again that which is passed away.

[16]Moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there. [17]I said in my heart, "God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." [18]I said in my heart, "As for the sons of men, God tests them, so that they may see that they themselves are like animals. [19]For that which happens to the sons of men happens to animals. Even one thing happens to them. As the one dies, so the other dies. Yes, they have all one breath; and man has no advantage over the animals: for all is vanity. [20]All go to one place. All are from the dust, and all turn to dust again. [21]Who knows the spirit of man, whether it goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, whether it goes downward to the earth?"

[22]Therefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for who can bring him to see what will be after him?

4 Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and look, the tears of those who were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter. [2]Therefore I praised the dead who have been long dead more than the living who are yet alive. [3]Yes, better than them both is him who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. [4]Then I saw all the labor and achievement that is the envy of a man's neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

[5]The fool folds his hands together and ruins himself. [6]Better is a handful, with quietness, than two handfuls with labor and chasing after wind.

[7]Then I returned and saw
vanity under the sun. [8]There is one
who is alone, and he has neither son
nor brother. There is no end to all
of his labor, neither are his eyes
satisfied with wealth. For whom
then, do I labor, and deprive my
soul of enjoyment? This also is
vanity, yes, it is a miserable
business.

[9]Two are better than one,
because they have a good reward
for their labor. [10]For if they fall, the
one will lift up his fellow; but woe
to him who is alone when he falls,
and doesn't have another to lift him
up. [11]Again, if two lie together,
then they have warmth; but how
can one keep warm alone? [12]If a
man prevails against one who is
alone, two shall withstand him; and
a threefold cord is not quickly
broken.

[13]Better is a poor and wise
youth than an old and foolish king
who doesn't know how to receive
admonition any more. [14]For out of
prison he came forth to be king;
yes, even in his kingdom he was
born poor. [15]I saw all the living who
walk under the sun, that they were
with the youth, the other, who
succeeded him. [16]There was no end
of all the people, even of all them
over whom he was—yet those who
come after shall not rejoice in him.
Surely this also is vanity and a
chasing after wind.

5 Guard your step[a] when
you go to the house of
God. To draw near to
listen is better than to
give the sacrifice of fools, for they
do not know that they do evil. [2]Do
not be rash with your mouth, and do
not let your heart be hasty to utter
anything before God; for God is in
heaven, and you on earth.
Therefore let your words be few.
[3]For as a dream comes with a
multitude of cares, so a fool's
speech with a multitude of words.
[4]When you vow a vow to God, do
not defer to pay it; for he has no
pleasure in fools. Pay that which
you vow. [5]It is better that you
should not vow, than that you
should vow and not pay. [6]Do not
allow your mouth to lead you into
sin. Do not protest before the
messenger that this was a mistake.
Why should God be angry at your
voice, and destroy the work of your
hands? [7]For in the multitude of
dreams there are vanities, as well as
in many words: but you must fear
God.

[8]If you see the oppression of
the poor, and the violent taking
away of justice and righteousness
in a district, do not marvel at the
matter: for one official is eyed by a
higher one; and there are officials
over them. [9]Moreover the profit of
the earth is for all. The king profits
from the field.

[a]5:1 Hebrew Mss (cf. LXX Syr Vg
Tg). MT reads "steps"

10 He who loves silver shall
not be satisfied with silver; nor he
who loves abundance, with
increase: this also is vanity. 11 When
goods increase, those who eat them
are increased; and what advantage
is there to its owner, except to feast
on them with his eyes?

12 The sleep of a laboring man
is sweet, whether he eats little or
much; but the abundance of the rich
will not allow him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil
which I have seen under the sun:
wealth kept by its owner to his
harm. 14 Those riches perish by
misfortune, and if he has fathered a
son, there is nothing in his hand.
15 As he came forth from his
mother's womb, naked shall he go
again as he came, and shall take
nothing for his labor, which he may
carry away in his hand. 16 This also
is a grievous evil, that in all points
as he came, so shall he go. And
what profit does he have who
labors for the wind? 17 All his days
are in darkness and mourning,[a] he
is frustrated, and has sickness and
wrath.

18 Look, that which I have
seen to be good and proper is for
one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy
good in all his labor, in which he
labors under the sun, all the days of
his life which God has given him;
for this is his portion. 19 Every man
also to whom God has given riches
and wealth, and has given him
power to eat of it, and to take his
portion, and to rejoice in his
labor—this is the gift of God. 20 For
he shall not often reflect on the
days of his life; because God
occupies him with the joy of his
heart.

6 There is an evil which I
have seen under the
sun, and it is heavy on
men: 2 a man to whom God gives
riches, wealth, and honor, so that he
lacks nothing for his soul of all that
he desires, yet God gives him no
power to eat of it, but a foreigner
eats it. This is vanity, and it is an
evil disease.

3 If a man fathers a hundred
children, and lives many years, so
that the days of his years are many,
but his soul is not filled with good,
and moreover he has no burial; I
say, that a stillborn child is better
than he: 4 for it comes in vanity, and
departs in darkness, and its name is
covered with darkness. 5 Moreover
it has not seen the sun nor known it.
This has rest rather than the other.
6 Yes, though he live a thousand
years twice told, and yet fails to
enjoy good, do not all go to one
place? 7 All the labor of man is for
his mouth, and yet the appetite is
not filled. 8 For what advantage has
the wise more than the fool? What
has the poor man, that knows how
to walk before the living? 9 Better is
the sight of the eyes than the

[a] 5:17 LXX, reading penthos = w'bl "mourning." MT reads y'kl "eats"

wandering of the desire. This also
is vanity and a chasing after wind.
10Whatever has been, its name was
given long ago; and it is known
what man is; neither can he contend
with him who is mightier than he.
11For there are many words that
create vanity. What does that profit
man? 12For who knows what is
good for man in life, all the days of
his vain life which he spends like a
shadow? For who can tell a man
what will be after him under the
sun?

7 A good name is better
than fine perfume; and
the day of death better
than the day of one's birth. 2It is
better to go to the house of
mourning than to go to the house of
feasting: for that is the end of all
men, and the living should take this
to heart. 3Sorrow is better than
laughter; for by the sadness of the
face the heart is made good. 4The
heart of the wise is in the house of
mourning; but the heart of fools is
in the house of mirth. 5It is better to
hear the rebuke of the wise, than for
a man to hear the song of fools.
6For as the crackling of thorns
under a pot, so is the laughter of the
fool. This also is vanity. 7Surely
extortion makes the wise man
foolish; and a bribe destroys the
understanding. 8Better is the end of
a thing than its beginning.

The patient in spirit is better
than the proud in spirit. 9Do not be
hasty in your spirit to be angry, for
anger rests in the bosom of fools.
10Do not say, "Why were the
former days better than these?" For
you do not ask wisely about this.

11Wisdom is as good as an
inheritance. Yes, it is more
excellent for those who see the sun.
12For wisdom is a defense, even as
money is a defense; but the
excellency of knowledge is that
wisdom preserves the life of him
who has it.

13Consider the work of God,
for who can make that straight,
which he has made crooked? 14In
the day of prosperity be joyful, and
in the day of adversity consider;
yes, God has made the one side by
side with the other, to the end that
man should not find out anything
after him.

15All this have I seen in my
days of vanity: there is a righteous
man who perishes in his
righteousness, and there is a wicked
man who lives long in his
evildoing. 16Do not be overly
righteous, neither make yourself
overly wise. Why should you
destroy yourself? 17Do not be too
wicked, neither be foolish. Why
should you die before your time?
18It is good that you should take
hold of this. Yes, also from that do
not withdraw your hand; for he who
fears God will come forth from
them all. 19Wisdom is a strength to
the wise man more than ten rulers
who are in a city. 20Surely there is
not a righteous man on earth, who
does good and doesn't sin. 21Also
do not take heed to all words that
are spoken, lest you hear your
servant curse you; 22for often your

own heart knows that you yourself have likewise cursed others. [23]All this have I proved in wisdom. I said, "I will be wise;" but it was far from me. [24]That which is, is far off and exceedingly deep. Who can find it out? [25]I turned around, and my heart sought to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know that wickedness is stupidity, and that foolishness is madness.

[26]I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and traps, whose hands are chains. Whoever pleases God shall escape from her; but the sinner will be ensnared by her.

[27]Look, this have I found, says the Preacher, one to another, to find out the scheme; [28]which my soul still seeks; but I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. [29]Look, this only have I found, that God made humankind upright, but they search for many schemes.

8 Who is like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed. [2]Keep[a] the king's command, because of the oath to God. [3]Do not be hasty to go out of his presence. Do not persist in an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him, [4]for the king's word is supreme. Who can say to him, "What are you doing?" [5]Whoever keeps the commandment shall not come to harm, and his wise heart will know the time and procedure. [6]For there is a time and procedure for every purpose, although the misery of man is heavy on him. [7]For he doesn't know that which will be; for who can tell him how it will be? [8]There is no man who has power over the spirit to contain the spirit; neither does he have power over the day of death. There is no discharge in war; neither shall wickedness deliver those who practice it.

[9]All this have I seen, and applied my mind to every work that is done under the sun. There is a time in which one man has power over another to his hurt. [10]So I saw the wicked buried. Indeed they came also from holy place. They went and were praised[b] in the city where they did this. This also is vanity. [11]Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. [12]Though a sinner commits crimes a hundred times, and lives long, yet surely I know that it will be better with those who fear God, who are reverent before him. [13]But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he lengthen days like a

[a]8:2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg Tg. MT reads 'ny "I" instead of 'et "Keep"

[b]8:10 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg, reading wystbhw "praise/boast." MT reads wystkhw "forget"

shadow; because he doesn't fear God.

14There is a vanity which is done on the earth, that there are righteous men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked. Again, there are wicked men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. 15Then I commended mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful: for that will accompany him in his labor all the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

16When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on the earth (for also there is that neither day nor night sees sleep with his eyes), 17then I saw all the work of God, that man can't find out the work that is done under the sun, because however much a man labors to seek it out, yet he won't find it. Yes even though a wise man thinks he can comprehend it, he won't be able to find it.

9 For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hatred, man doesn't know it; all is before them. 2It is the same for all: one event to the righteous and to the wicked, to the good and to the evil,[a] and to the clean and to the unclean, to him who sacrifices, and to him who doesn't sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; he who swears is as he who fears an oath. 3This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event to all: yes also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. 4For to him who is joined with all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5For the living know that they will die, but the dead do not know anything, neither do they have any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6Also their love, their hatred, and their envy has perished long ago; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.

7Go your way—eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already accepted your works. 8Let your garments be always white, and do not let your head lack oil. 9Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your life of vanity, which he has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity: for that is your portion in life, and in your labor in which you labor under the sun. 10Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work,

[a]9:2 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "and to the evil" from haplography by homoioarcton: lh-lh

nor device, nor knowledge, nor
wisdom, in Sheol, where you are
going.

11 I returned, and saw under
the sun, that the race is not to the
swift, nor the battle to the strong,
neither yet bread to the wise, nor
yet riches to men of understanding,
nor yet favor to men of skill; but
time and chance happen to them all.
12 For man also doesn't know his
time. As the fish that are taken in an
evil net, and as the birds that are
caught in the snare, even so are the
sons of men snared in an evil time,
when it falls suddenly on them.

13 I have also seen wisdom
under the sun in this way, and it
seemed great to me. 14 There was a
little city, and few men within it;
and a great king came against it,
besieged it, and built great siege
works against it. 15 Now a poor wise
man was found in it, and he by his
wisdom delivered the city; yet no
man remembered that same poor
man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is
better than strength. Nevertheless
the poor man's wisdom is despised,
and his words are not heard. 17 The
words of the wise heard in quiet are
better than the cry of him who rules
among fools. 18 Wisdom is better
than weapons of war; but one
sinner destroys much good.

10 Dead flies cause the
oil of the perfumer
to send forth an evil
odor; so does a little folly outweigh
wisdom and honor. 2 A wise man's
heart is at his right hand, but a
fool's heart at his left. 3 Yes also,
when the fool walks by the way, his
understanding fails him, and he
says to everyone that he is a fool.
4 If the spirit of the ruler rises up
against you, do not leave your
place; for gentleness lays great
offenses to rest.

5 There is an evil which I have
seen under the sun, the sort of error
which proceeds from the ruler.
6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the
rich sit in a low place. 7 I have seen
servants on horses, and princes
walking like servants on the earth.
8 He who digs a pit may fall into it;
and whoever breaks through a wall
may be bitten by a serpent.
9 Whoever carves out stones may be
injured by them. Whoever splits
wood may be endangered thereby.
10 If the axe is blunt, and one doesn't
sharpen the edge, then he must use
more strength; but skill brings
success.

11 If the serpent bites before it
is charmed, then is there no profit
for the charmer's tongue. 12 The
words of a wise man's mouth are
gracious; but a fool is swallowed by
his own lips. 13 The beginning of the
words of his mouth is foolishness;
and the end of his talk is
mischievous madness. 14 A fool also
multiplies words.

Man doesn't know what will
be; and that which will be after him,
who can tell him? 15 The labor of
fools wearies every one of them;
for he doesn't know how to go to
the city.
16 Woe to you, land, when your
king is a child,

and your princes eat in the
morning. [17]Blessed are
you, land, when your
king is the son of
nobles,
and your princes eat in due
season,
for strength, and not for
drunkenness.
[18]By slothfulness the roof sinks in;
and through idleness of the
hands the house leaks.
[19]A feast is made for laughter,
and wine makes the life
glad;
and money is the answer for
all things.
[20]Do not curse the king, no, not in
your thoughts;
and do not curse the rich in
your bedchamber:
for a bird of the sky may
carry your voice,
and that which has wings
may tell the matter.

11 Cast your bread on
the waters;
for you shall find it
after many days.
[2]Give a portion to seven, yes, even
to eight;
for you do not know what
evil will be on the
earth.
[3]If the clouds are full of rain, they
empty themselves on
the earth;
and if a tree falls toward the
south, or toward the
north,
in the place where the tree
falls, there shall it be.
[4]He who observes the wind won't
sow;
and he who regards the
clouds won't reap.
[5]As you do not know what is the
way of the wind,
nor how the bones grow in
the womb of her who
is with child;
even so you do not know the
work of God who does
all.
[6]In the morning sow your seed,
and in the evening do not
withhold your hand;
for you do not know which
will prosper, whether
this or that,
or whether they will both be
equally good.
[7]Truly the light is sweet,
and a pleasant thing it is for
the eyes to see the sun.
[8]Yes, if a man lives many years,
let him rejoice in them
all;
but let him remember the
days of darkness, for
they shall be many.
All that comes is vanity.
[9]Rejoice, young man, in your
youth,
and let your heart cheer you
in the days of your
youth,
and walk in the ways of your
heart,
and in the sight of your eyes;
but know that for all these
things God will bring
you into judgment.
[10]Therefore remove sorrow from
your heart,
and put away evil from your
flesh;
for youth and the dawn of
life are vanity.

12 Remember also your Creator[a] in the days of your youth,
before the evil days come, and the years draw near,
when you will say, “I have no pleasure in them;”
2 Before the sun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened,
and the clouds return after the rain;
3 in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble,
and the strong men shall bow themselves,
and the grinders cease because they are few,
and those who look out of the windows are darkened,
4 and the doors shall be shut in the street;
when the sound of the grinding is low,
and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird,
and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;
5 Also, they are afraid of heights,
and of terrors in the way;
and the almond tree blossoms,
and the grasshopper is burdened,
and the caper bush fails;
because man goes to his everlasting home,
and the mourners go about the streets:
6 before the silver cord is severed,
or the golden bowl is broken,
or the pitcher is broken at the spring,
or the wheel broken at the cistern,
7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher.
All is vanity.

9 Further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he pondered, sought out, and set in order many proverbs. 10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words, and that which was written blamelessly, words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like goads; and like nails well fastened are words from the masters of collections, which are given from one shepherd. 12 Furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden

[a]12:1 The Hebrew word Boreeyka is in the plural form, i.e., “Creators.” Some Hebrew Mss read Boreyka, the singular form

thing, whether it is good, or whether it is evil.

Song of Solomon

1 The Song of songs, which is Solomon's.

Beloved
2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth;
for your love is better than wine.
3 Your oils have a pleasing fragrance.
Your name is oil poured forth,
therefore the virgins love you.
4 Take me away with you.
Let us hurry.
The king has brought me into his chambers.

Friends
We will be glad and rejoice in you.
We will praise your love more than wine.

Beloved
They are right to love you.
5 I am dark, but lovely,
you daughters of Jerusalem,
like Kedar's tents,
like Solomon's curtains.
6 Do not stare at me because I am dark,
because the sun has scorched me.
My mother's sons were angry with me.
They made me keeper of the vineyards.
I haven't kept my own vineyard.
7 Tell me, you whom my soul loves,
where you graze your flock,
where you rest them at noon;
For why should I be as one who is veiled
beside the flocks of your companions?

Lover
8 If you do not know, most beautiful among women,
follow the tracks of the sheep.
Graze your young goats beside the shepherds' tents.

9 I have compared you, my love,
to a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
10 Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings,
your neck with strings of jewels.
11 We will make you earrings of gold,
with studs of silver.

Beloved
12 While the king sat at his table,
my perfume spread its fragrance.
13 My beloved is to me a sachet of myrrh,
that lies between my breasts.
14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blossoms

from the vineyards of En
Gedi.

Lover
15 Look, you are beautiful, my love.
Look, you are beautiful.
Your eyes are doves.

Beloved
16 Look, you are beautiful, my
beloved, yes, pleasant;
and our couch is verdant.

Lover
17 The beams of our house are
cedars.
Our rafters are firs.
Beloved

2 I am a crocus of Sharon,
a lily of the valleys.

Lover
2 As a lily among thorns,
so is my love among the
daughters.

Beloved
3 As the apple tree among the trees
of the wood,
so is my beloved among the
sons.
I sat down under his shadow with
great delight,
his fruit was sweet to my
taste.
4 He brought me to the banquet
hall,
and his banner over me was
love.
5 Strengthen me with raisins,
refresh me with apples;
For I am faint with love.
6 His left hand is under my head.
His right hand embraces me.

7 I adjure you, daughters of
Jerusalem,
by the roes, or by the hinds
of the field,
that you not stir up, nor
awaken love,
until it so desires.

8 The voice of my beloved.
Look, he comes,
leaping on the mountains,
skipping on the hills.
9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a
young stag.[a]
Look, he stands behind our
wall.
He looks in at the windows.
He glances through the
lattice.

10 My beloved spoke, and said to
me,
"Rise up, my love, my
beautiful one, and
come away.
11 For, look, the winter is past.
The rain is over and gone.
12 The flowers appear on the earth.
The time of the singing has
come,
and the voice of the
turtledove is heard in
our land.
13 The fig tree ripens her green figs.
The vines are in blossom.
They give forth their
fragrance.

[a] 2:9 LXX adds "on the mountains of Bethel"

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,
and come away."

Lover
14 My dove in the clefts of the rock,
In the hiding places of the mountainside,
Let me see your face.
Let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

15 Catch for us the foxes,
the little foxes that spoil the vineyards;
for our vineyards are in blossom.

Beloved
16 My beloved is mine, and I am his.
He browses among the lilies.
17 Until the day is cool, and the shadows flee away,
turn, my beloved,
and be like a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.

3 By night on my bed,
I sought him whom my soul loves.
I sought him, but I did not find him.
2 I will get up now, and go about the city;
in the streets and in the squares I will seek him whom my soul loves.
I sought him, but I did not find him.
3 The watchmen who go about the city found me;
"Have you seen him whom my soul loves?"
4 I had scarcely passed from them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go,
until I had brought him into my mother's house,
into the chamber of her who conceived me.

5 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem,
by the roes, or by the hinds of the field,
that you not stir up, nor awaken love,
until it so desires.

6 Who is this who comes up from the wilderness like pillars of smoke,
perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
with all spices of the merchant?
7 Look, it is Solomon's carriage.
Sixty mighty men are around it,
of the mighty men of Israel.
8 They all handle the sword, and are expert in war.
Every man has his sword on his thigh,
because of fear in the night.
9 King Solomon made himself a carriage
of the wood of Lebanon.
10 He made its pillars of silver,
its bottom of gold, its seat of purple,
its midst being paved with love,
from the daughters of Jerusalem.
11 Go forth, you daughters of Zion,
and see king Solomon,

with the crown with which
his mother has
crowned him,
in the day of his weddings,
in the day of the gladness of
his heart.

Lover

4 Look, you are beautiful,
my love.
Look, you are
beautiful.
Your eyes are doves behind your
veil.
Your hair is as a flock of
goats,
that descend from Mount
Gilead.
2 Your teeth are like a newly shorn
flock,
which have come up from
the washing,
where every one of them has
twins.
None is bereaved among
them.
3 Your lips are like scarlet thread.
Your mouth is lovely.
Your temples are like a
piece of a
pomegranate behind
your veil.
4 Your neck is like David's tower
built for an armory,
whereon a thousand shields
hang,
all the shields of the mighty
men.
5 Your two breasts are like two
fawns
that are twins of a gazelle,
which feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day is cool, and the
shadows flee away,
I will go to the mountain of
myrrh,
to the hill of frankincense.

7 You are all beautiful, my love.
There is no spot in you.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, my
bride,
with me from Lebanon.
Look from the top of
Amana,
from the top of Senir and
Hermon,
from the lions' dens,
from the mountains of the
leopards.
9 You have ravished my heart, my
sister, my bride.
You have ravished my heart
with one of your eyes,
with one chain of your neck.
10 How beautiful is your love, my
sister, my bride.
How much better is your
love than wine.
The fragrance of your
perfumes than all
manner of spices.
11 Your lips, my bride, drip like the
honeycomb.
Honey and milk are under
your tongue.
The smell of your garments
is like the smell of
Lebanon.
12 A locked up garden is my sister,
my bride;
a locked up spring,
a sealed fountain.
13 Your shoots are an orchard of
pomegranates, with
precious fruits:
henna with spikenard plants,
14 spikenard and saffron,

calamus and cinnamon, with
every kind of incense
tree;
myrrh and aloes, with all the
best spices,
15a fountain of gardens,
a well of living waters,
flowing streams from
Lebanon.

Beloved
16Awake, north wind; and come,
you south.
Blow on my garden, that its
spices may flow out.
Let my beloved come into his
garden,
and taste his precious fruits.

Lover

5 I have come into my
garden, my sister, my
bride.
I have gathered my myrrh
with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb
with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with
my milk.

Friends
Eat, friends.
Drink, yes, drink
abundantly, beloved.

Beloved
2I was asleep, but my heart was
awake.
It is the voice of my beloved
who knocks:
"Open to me, my sister, my
love, my dove, my
undefiled;
for my head is filled with
dew,
and my hair with the
dampness of the
night."
3I have taken off my robe. Indeed,
must I put it on?
I have washed my feet.
Indeed, must I soil
them?
4My beloved thrust his hand in
through the latch
opening.
My heart pounded for him.
5I rose up to open for my beloved.
My hands dripped with
myrrh,
my fingers with liquid
myrrh,
on the handles of the lock.
6I opened to my beloved;
but my beloved left; and had
gone away.
My heart went out when he spoke.
I looked for him, but I did
not find him.
I called him, but he did not
answer.
7The watchmen who go about the
city found me.
They beat me.
They bruised me.
The keepers of the walls
took my cloak away
from me.
8I adjure you, daughters of
Jerusalem,
If you find my beloved,
that you tell him that I am
faint with love.

Friends
9How is your beloved better than
another beloved,
you fairest among women?

How is your beloved better than
another beloved,
that you do so adjure us?

Beloved
10 My beloved is radiant and tan.
The best among ten
thousand.
11 His head is like the purest gold.
His hair is bushy, black as a
raven.
12 His eyes are like doves beside
the water brooks,
washed with milk, mounted
like jewels.
13 His cheeks are like a bed of
spices with towers of
perfumes.
His lips are like lilies,
dropping liquid myrrh.
14 His hands are like rings of gold
set with beryl.
His body is like ivory work
overlaid with
sapphires.
15 His legs are like pillars of marble
set on sockets of fine
gold.
His appearance is like
Lebanon, excellent as
the cedars.
16 His mouth is sweetness;
yes, he is altogether lovely.
This is my beloved, and this is my
friend,
daughters of Jerusalem.

Friends

6 Where has your
beloved gone, you
fairest among women?
Where has your beloved
turned, that we may
seek him with you?

Beloved
2 My beloved has gone down to his
garden,
to the beds of spices,
to feed in the gardens, and to
gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, and my
beloved is mine.
He browses among the lilies,

4 You are beautiful, my love, as
Tirzah,
lovely as Jerusalem,
awesome as an army with
banners.
5 Turn away your eyes from me,
for they have overcome me.
Your hair is like a flock of goats,
that lie along the side of
Gilead.
6 Your teeth are like a flock of
ewes,
which have come up from
the washing;
of which every one has
twins;
none is bereaved among
them.
7 Your temples are like a piece of a
pomegranate behind
your veil.
8 There are sixty queens, eighty
secondary wives,
and virgins without number.
9 My dove, my perfect one, is
unique.
She is her mother's only
daughter.
She is the favorite one of her
who bore her.
The daughters saw her, and called
her blessed;
the queens and the
secondary wives, and
they praised her.

[10]Who is she who looks forth as
the morning,
beautiful as the moon,
clear as the sun,
and awesome as an army
with banners?
[11]I went down into the nut tree
grove,
to see the green plants of the
valley,
to see whether the vine
budded,
and the pomegranates were
in flower.
[12]Without realizing it,
my desire set me with my
royal people's
chariots.

Friends
[13]Return, return, Shulammite.
Return, return, that we may
gaze at you.

Lover
Why do you desire to gaze at the
Shulammite,
as at the dance of
Mahanaim?

7 How beautiful are your
feet in sandals, prince's
daughter.
Your rounded thighs are like
jewels,
the work of the hands of a
skillful workman.
[2]Your body is like a round goblet,
no mixed wine is wanting.
Your waist is like a heap of wheat,
set about with lilies.
[3]Your two breasts are like two
fawns,
that are twins of a gazelle.
[4]Your neck is like an ivory tower.
Your eyes are like the pools
in Heshbon by the gate
of Bathrabbim.
Your nose is like the tower
of Lebanon which
looks toward
Damascus.
[5]Your head on you is like
Carmel.
The hair of your head like
purple.
The king is held captive in
its tresses.
[6]How beautiful and how pleasant
you are,
love, for delights.
[7]This, your stature, is like a palm
tree,
your breasts like its fruit.
[8]I said, "I will climb up into the
palm tree.
I will take hold of its fruit."
Let your breasts be like clusters of
the vine,
the smell of your breath like
apples,

Beloved
[9]Your mouth like the best wine,
that goes down smoothly for
my beloved,
gliding over my lips and my
teeth.[a]

[10]I am my beloved's.
His desire is toward me.

[a]7:9 LXX Aquila Symmachus Syr Vg.
MT reads "of sleepers"

[11]Come, my beloved, let us go
forth into the field.
Let us lodge in the villages.
[12]Let's go early up to the
vineyards.
Let's see whether the vine
has budded,
its blossom is open,
and the pomegranates are in
flower.
There I will give you my
love.
[13]The mandrakes give forth
fragrance.
At our doors are all kinds of
precious fruits, new
and old,
which I have stored up for
you, my beloved.

8 Oh that you were like
my brother,
who sucked the breasts
of my mother.
If I found you outside, I would
kiss you;
yes, and no one would
despise me.
[2]I would lead you, bringing you
into my mother's
house,
who would instruct me.
I would have you drink spiced
wine,
of the juice of my
pomegranate.
[3]His left hand would be under my
head.
His right hand would
embrace me.

[4]I adjure you, daughters of
Jerusalem,
that you not stir up, nor
awaken love,
until it so desires.

Friends
[5]Who is this who comes up from
the wilderness,
leaning on her beloved?

Under the apple tree I aroused you.
There your mother
conceived you.
There she was in labor and
bore you.

[6]Set me as a seal on your heart,
as a seal on your arm;
for love is strong as death.
Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a very flame of YAH.
[7]Many waters can't quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If a man would give all the wealth
of his house for love,
he would be utterly scorned.

Friends
[8]We have a little sister.
She has no breasts.
What shall we do for our sister
in the day when she is to be
spoken for?

[9]If she is a wall,
we will build on her a turret
of silver.
If she is a door,
we will enclose her with
boards of cedar.

Beloved
[10]I am a wall, and my breasts like
towers,
then I was in his eyes like
one who found peace.
[11]Solomon had a vineyard at Baal
Hamon.

He leased out the vineyard
to keepers.
Each was to bring a
thousand shekels of
silver for its fruit.
12My own vineyard is before me.
The thousand are for you,
Solomon;
two hundred for those who
tend its fruit.

Lover
13You who dwell in the gardens,
with friends in
attendance,
let me hear your voice.

Beloved
14Come away, my beloved.
Be like a gazelle or a young
stag on the mountains
of spices.

Isaiah

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
2Hear, heavens,
and listen, earth; for YHWH
has spoken:
I have nourished and brought up
children,
and they have rebelled
against me.
3The ox knows his owner,
and the donkey his master's
crib;
but Israel doesn't know,[a]
my people do not
understand.
4Ah sinful nation,
a people loaded with
iniquity,
offspring of evildoers,
children who deal corruptly.
They have forsaken YHWH.
They have despised the Holy
One of Israel.
They are estranged and
backward.
5Why should you be beaten more,
that you revolt more and
more?
The whole head is sick,
and the whole heart faint.
6From the sole of the foot even to
the head there is no
soundness in it:
wounds, welts, and open
sores.
They haven't been closed,
neither bandaged,
neither soothed with
oil.
7Your country is desolate.
Your cities are burned with
fire.
Strangers devour your land
in your presence,
and it is desolate,
as overthrown by strangers.
8The daughter of Zion is left like a
shelter in a vineyard,[b]
like a hut in a field of
melons,
like a besieged city.

[a]1:3 DSS Ms LXX Syr add "and"

[b]1:8 MT Tg. DSS LXX Symmachus Syr Vg add "and"

9 Unless YHWH of hosts had left us
a few survivors,
we would have been as
Sodom,
and[a] we would have been
like Gomorrah.[b]
10 Hear the word of YHWH, you
rulers of Sodom.
Listen to the law of our God,
you people of
Gomorrah.
11 "What are the multitude of your
sacrifices to me?,"
says YHWH.
"I have had enough of the
burnt offerings of
rams,
and the fat of fed animals.
I do not delight in the blood
of bulls,
or of lambs,
or of male goats.
12 When you come to appear before
me,
who has required this at your
hand, to trample my
courts?
13 Bring no more vain offerings.
Incense is an abomination to
me;
new moons, Sabbaths, and
convocations:
I can't bear with evil
assemblies.
14 My soul hates your New Moons
and your appointed
feasts.
They are a burden to me.
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread forth your
hands, I will hide my
eyes from you.
Yes, when you make many
prayers, I will not
hear.
Your hands are full of
blood.[c]
16 Wash yourselves,[d] make yourself
clean.
Put away the evil of your
doings from before my
eyes.
Cease to do evil.
17 Learn to do well.
Seek justice.
Relieve the oppressed.
Judge the fatherless.
Plead for the widow."

18 "Come now, and let us reason
together," says YHWH:
"Though your sins are like
scarlet, they shall be as
white as snow.
Though they are red like
crimson, they shall be
as wool.
19 If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the
land;
20 but if you refuse and rebel, the
sword shall devour
you;
for the mouth of YHWH has
spoken it."

21 How the faithful city has become
a prostitute.

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[a] 1:9 LXX. MT lacks "and"
[b] 1:9 Romans 9:29
[c] 1:15 DSS Ms adds "your fingers with iniquity." Cf. Isaiah 59:3
[d] 1:16 DSS Ms MT LXX Tg Vg. DSS Ms LXX Mss Tg Mss Syr add "and"

She was full of justice;
righteousness lodged in her,
but now murderers.
22 Your silver has become dross,
your wine mixed with water.
23 Your rulers are rebellious,
companions[a] of thieves.
Everyone loves a bribe,
chasing[b] after payoffs.
They do not judge the fatherless,
neither does the cause of the widow come to them.
24 Therefore[c] YHWH of hosts,
the Mighty One of Israel, says:
"Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries,
and avenge myself of my enemies;
25 and I will turn my hand against you,
and I will purge away your dross,
and I will take away all your slag.
26 I will restore your judges as at the first,
and your counselors as at the beginning.
Afterward you shall be called 'The city of righteousness,
a faithful town.'
27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice,
and her converts with righteousness.
28 But the destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together,
and those who forsake YHWH shall be consumed.
29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired,
and you shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen.
30 For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fades,
and as a garden that has no water.
31 The strong will be like tinder,
and his work like a spark.
They will both burn together,
and no one will quench them."

2 This is what[d] Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 It shall happen in the latter days,
that the mountain of the house of YHWH[e] shall be[f] established on the top of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
and all nations shall flow to it.
3 And many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let's go up to the mountain of YHWH,

[a] 1:23 LXX Vg. MT reads "and companions"
[b] 1:23 DSS LXX pl. MT sg
[c] 1:24 Hebrew(182) Ms LXX(V-88 lII cI) Mss Sa(S). MT adds "the Lord"
[d] 2:1 LXX reads "The word that came from YHWH"
[e] 2:2 LXX reads "God"
[f] 2:2 DSS Mss MT Tg. DSS Ms LXX(vid) Vg lack yihye "shall be"

and[a] to the house of the God
of Jacob;
and he will teach us of his
ways,
and we will walk in his
paths."
For out of Zion the law shall go
forth,
and the word of YHWH from
Jerusalem.
4He will judge between the
nations,
and will decide concerning
many peoples;
and they shall beat their
swords into
plowshares,
and their spears into pruning
hooks.[b]
Nation shall not lift up sword
against nation,
neither shall they learn war
any more.

5House of Jacob, come, and let us
walk in the light of
YHWH.
6For you have forsaken your
people, the house of
Jacob,
because they are filled[c] from
the east
with those who practice
divination like the
Philistines,
and they clasp hands with
the children of
foreigners.
7Their land is full of silver and
gold,
neither is there any end of
their treasures.
Their land also is full of horses,
neither is there any end of
their chariots.
8Their land also is full of idols.
They worship the work of
their own hands,
that which their own fingers
have made.
9So people bow down,
people are low,
therefore do not lift them up.
10Enter into the rock,
and hide in the dust,
from before the terror of YHWH,
and from the glory of his
majesty.[d]
11The proud looks of humankind
will be brought low,
and the arrogance of people
will be brought down;
and YHWH alone will be
exalted in that day.
12For there will be a day of YHWH
of hosts for all that is
proud and haughty,
and for all that is lifted up
and high;[e]
and it shall be brought low:

[a]2:3 DSS Ms LXX Syr Vg Tg Mss. MT lacks "and." Cf. Micah 4:2
[b]2:4 DSS LXX add "and"
[c]2:6 Tg adds "the land with idols." BHS suggests the addition of "divination," which may have fallen out from haplography
[d]2:10 DSS(4QIsa(a.b)) MT. LXX adds "when he shall arise to make the earth tremble." DSS(1QIsa(a)) lacks from v. 9 "and humankind" to end of v. 10
[e]2:12 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "and high," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: w-w

13 For all the cedars of
Lebanon, that are high
and lifted up,
for all the oaks of Bashan,
14 For all the high mountains,
for all the hills that are lifted
up,
15 For every lofty tower,
for every fortified wall,
16 For all the ships of
Tarshish,
and for all pleasant imagery.
17 The loftiness of man shall be
bowed down,
and the haughtiness of men
shall be brought low;
and YHWH alone shall be
exalted in that day.
18 The idols shall utterly pass
away.[a]
19 Men shall go into the caves of
the rocks,
and into the holes of the
earth,
from before the terror of
YHWH,
and from the glory of his
majesty,
when he arises to shake the
earth mightily.
20 In that day, people will cast
away their idols of
silver
and their idols of gold to the
rodents[b] and to the
bats,
which have been made for
themselves to worship;
21 to go into the caverns of the
rocks,
and into the clefts of the
ragged rocks,
from before the terror of
YHWH,
and from the glory of his
majesty,
when he arises to shake the
earth mightily.
22 Stop trusting in man, whose
breath is in his
nostrils;
for of what account is he?[c]

3 For look, Lord YHWH of hosts takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah supply and support,
the whole supply of bread,
and the whole supply of
water;
2 the mighty man,
the man of war,
the judge,
the prophet,
the diviner,
the elder,
3 the captain of fifty,
the honorable man,
the counselor,
the skilled craftsman,
and the clever enchanter.
4 And I will make youths to be
their leaders,
and capricious children shall
rule over them.
5 The people will be oppressed,
everyone by another,
and everyone by his
neighbor.

[a] 2:18 DSS LXX Tg Syr Vg pl. MT sg
[b] 2:20 DSS Theodotion. MT has divided the hapax legomenon into two words, reading "to a hole of rats"
[c] 2:22 DSS MT LXX(LC) Aquila. LXX(B) lacks verse

The child will behave himself
proudly against the old
man,
and the base against the
honorable.
6 Indeed a man shall take hold of
his brother in the
house of his father,
saying,
"You have clothing, you be
our ruler,
and let this ruin be under
your control."
7 In that day he will cry out, saying,
I will not be a healer;
for in my house is neither
bread nor clothing.
You shall not make me ruler
of the people.
8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and
Judah is fallen;
because their tongue and
their doings are
against YHWH,
to provoke the eyes of his glory.
9 The look of their faces testify
against them.
They parade their sin like
Sodom.
They do not hide it.
Woe to their soul.
For they have brought
disaster upon
themselves.
10 Tell the righteous "Good."
For they shall eat the fruit of
their deeds.
11 Woe to the wicked.
Disaster is upon them;
for the work of his hands
will be done to him.
12 As for my people, children[a] are
their oppressors,
and women[b] rule over them.
My people, those who lead
you cause you to err,
and destroy the way of your
paths.
13 YHWH stands up to contend,
and stands to judge his
people.[c]
14 YHWH will enter into judgment
with the elders of his[d]
people,
and their leaders:
"It is you who have eaten up
the vineyard.
The spoil of the poor is in
your houses.
15 What do you mean that you
crush my people,
and grind the face of the
poor?" says[e] YHWH of
hosts.
16 Moreover YHWH said, "Because
the daughters of Zion
are haughty,
and walk with outstretched
necks and flirting eyes,
walking to trip as they go,
jingling ornaments on their
feet;
17 therefore YHWH[f] brings sores on
the crown of the head
of the women of Zion,

[a] 3:12 LXX reads "constables, exactors"
[b] 3:12 LXX reads "creditors"
[c] 3:13 LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "judge the nations"
[d] 3:14 DSS Ms LXX Tg Ms read "the"
[e] 3:15 DSS(1QIsa(a))* Hebrew(4 72) Mss LXX(L) Symmachus. MT adds "Lord"
[f] 3:17 Hebrew Mss OL Ms. MT reads "Lord." LXX reads "God"

and YHWH will make their
scalps bald."
18In that day YHWH[a] will take away
the beauty of their anklets, the
headbands, the crescent necklaces,
19the earrings, the bracelets, the
veils, 20the headdresses, the ankle
chains, the sashes, the perfume
bottles, the charms, 21the signet
rings, the nose rings, 22the fine
robes, the capes, the cloaks, the
purses, 23the hand mirrors, the fine
linen garments, the tiaras, and the
shawls.
24It shall happen that instead of
sweet spices, there
shall be rottenness;
instead of a belt, a rope;
instead of well set hair,
baldness;
instead of a robe, a girding
of sackcloth;
and branding instead of
beauty.
25Your men shall fall by the
sword,
and your mighty in the war.
26Her gates shall lament and
mourn;
and she shall be desolate and
sit on the ground.

4 Seven women shall take
hold of one man in that
day, saying, "We will
eat our own bread, and wear our
own clothing: only let us be called
by your name. Take away our
reproach."
2In that day, the branch of YHWH[b]
will be beautiful and glorious, and
the fruit of the land will be the
beauty and glory of the survivors of
Israel.[c] 3It will happen, that he who
is left in Zion, and he who remains
in Jerusalem, shall be called holy,
even everyone who is written
among the living in Jerusalem;
4when YHWH[d] shall have washed
away the filth of the daughters of
Zion, and shall have purged the
blood of Jerusalem from its midst,
by the spirit of justice, and by the
spirit of burning. 5YHWH will
create over the whole habitation of
Mount Zion, and over her
assemblies, a cloud and smoke by
day, and the shining of a flaming
fire by night; for over all the glory[e]
will be a canopy. 6There will be a
pavilion for a shade in the daytime
from the heat, and for a refuge and
for a shelter from storm and from
rain.

5 Let me sing for my well
beloved a song of my
beloved about his
vineyard.
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fruitful hill.
2He dug it up,
gathered out its stones,
planted it with the choicest
vine,
built a tower in its midst,
and also cut out a winepress
in it.
He looked for it to yield grapes,

[a]3:18 DSS* LXX. MT reads "Lord"
[b]4:2 LXX reads "God"
[c]4:2 DSS adds "and Judah," possibly lost by haplography: w_h-w_h
[d]4:4 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[e]4:5 LXX(A) adds "(of) YHWH"

but it yielded wild grapes.
3"Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
please judge between me
and my vineyard.
4What could have been done more
to my vineyard, that I
have not done in it?
Why, when I looked for it to
yield grapes, did it
yield wild grapes?
5Now I will tell you what I will do
to my vineyard.
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be eaten up.
I will break down its wall of
it, and it will be
trampled down.
6I will lay it a wasteland.
It won't be pruned nor hoed,
but it will grow briers and
thorns.
I will also command the
clouds that they rain
no rain on it."
7For the vineyard of YHWH of
hosts is the house of
Israel,
and the men of Judah his
pleasant plant:
and he looked for justice,
but, look, oppression;
for righteousness, but, look,
a cry of distress.
8Woe to those who join house to
house,
who lay field to field, until
there is no room,
and you are made to dwell
alone in the midst of
the land.
9In my ears, YHWH of hosts says:
"Surely many houses
will be desolate,
even great and beautiful,
unoccupied.
10For ten acres of vineyard shall
yield one bath,
and a homer of seed shall
yield an ephah."

11Woe to those who rise up early
in the morning, that
they may follow
strong drink;
who stay late into the night,
until wine inflames
them.
12The harp, lyre, tambourine, and
flute, with wine, are at
their feasts;
but they do not regard the
work of YHWH,
neither have they considered
the operation of his
hands.
13Therefore my people go into
captivity for lack of
knowledge.[a]
Their honorable men are
famished,
and their multitudes are
parched with thirst.
14Therefore Sheol[b] has enlarged its
desire,
and opened its mouth
without measure;
and their glory, their
multitude, their pomp,
and he who rejoices
among them, descend
into it.
15So man is brought low,

[a]5:13 LXX reads "because they do not know YHWH"

[b]5:14 Sheol is the place of the dead

humankind is humbled,
and the eyes of the arrogant ones are humbled;
16 but YHWH of hosts is exalted in justice,
and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness.
17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture,
and kids[a] will eat in the ruins of the rich.

18 Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords[b] of falsehood,
and wickedness as with cart[c] rope;
19 Who say, "Let him[d] make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it;
and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, that we may know it."
20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;
who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.
21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,
and prudent in their own sight.
22 Woe to those who are mighty to drink wine,
and champions at mixing strong drink;
23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe,
but deny justice for the innocent.
24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours the stubble,
and as the dry grass sinks down in the flame,
so their root shall be as rottenness,
and their blossom shall go up as dust;
because they have rejected the law of YHWH of hosts,
and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
25 Therefore YHWH's anger burns against his people,
and he has stretched out his hand against them, and has struck them.
The mountains tremble,
and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets.
For all this, his anger is not turned away,
but his hand is still stretched out.
26 He will lift up a banner to the nations from far,
and he will whistle for them from the far regions of the earth.
Look, they will come speedily and swiftly.
27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them;
none shall slumber nor sleep;

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[a] 5:17 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "sojourners," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[b] 5:18 LXX Syr read "with a long rope"
[c] 5:18 LXX Syr read "heifer"
[d] 5:19 Syr reads "YHWH"

neither shall the belt of their
waist be untied,
nor the latchet of their shoes
be broken:
28whose arrows are sharp,
and all their bows bent.
Their horses' hoofs will be like
flint[a],
and their wheels like a
whirlwind.
29Their roaring will be like a
lioness.
They will roar like young
lions.
Yes, they shall roar,
and seize their prey and
carry it off,
and there will be no one to
deliver.
30They will roar against them in
that day like the
roaring of the sea.
If one looks to the land look,
darkness and distress.
The light is darkened in its
clouds.

6 In the year that king Uzziah died, I also saw YHWH[b] sitting on a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. 2Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two he covered his face. With two he covered his feet. With two he flew. 3One called to another, and said,
"Holy, holy, holy, is YHWH of
hosts.
The whole earth is full of his
glory."

4The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5Then I said, "Woe is me. For I am undone, because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, YHWH of hosts."

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. 7He touched my mouth with it, and said, "Look, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sins[c] forgiven."
8I heard YHWH's[d] voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me." 9And he said, "Go, and tell this people, 'In hearing you hear, but do not understand; and seeing you see, but do not perceive.'[e] 10The[f] heart of this people has grown dull,[g] and their ears[h] sluggish, and they have

[a]5:28 DSS cf. LXX reads "like rock"
[b]6:1 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]6:7 DSS LXX pl. MT sg.
[d]6:8 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[e]6:9 Luke 8:10
[f]6:10 LXX adds gar, which may translate ky (for, because, that) or a waw (and, so, then). Since the previous word ends with a waw, a waw could have been lost from haplography
[g]6:10 LXX, reading epachunthe, 3rd pl. = hsmn, hoph or qal. MT reads sg
[h]6:10 LXX, reading wsin autwn, 3rd pl = ואזניהם "and their ears." MT reads 3rd sg ואזניו "and his ears"

closed[a] their eyes,[b] otherwise they might see[c] with their eyes,[d] and hear[e] with their ears,[f] and understand with their heart, and turn back, and I would heal them.[g]"[h]

11 Then I said, "YHWH,[i] how long?" He answered,
"Until cities are waste without
inhabitant,
and houses without man,
and the land becomes utterly
waste,
12 and YHWH has removed people
far away,
and the forsaken places are
many in the midst of
the land.
13 If there is a tenth left in it,
that also will in turn be
consumed:
as a terebinth, and as an oak,
whose stock remains
when they are felled.
The[j] holy seed is its stock.[k]"

7 It happened in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but they[l] could not prevail against it. 2 It was told the house of David, saying, "Aram is allied with Ephraim." His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind. 3 Then YHWH said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the Launderers' Field. 4 Tell him, 'Be careful, and keep calm. Do not be afraid, neither let your heart be faint because of these two tails of smoking firebrands, for[m] the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah,

[a] 6:10 LXX, reading ekammusan., 3rd pl = השעם "they have closed." MT reads sg השע.
[b] 6:10 LXX, reading ophthalmous autwn, 3rd pl = ועיניהם "and their eyes." MT reads 3rd sg ועיניו "and his eyes"
[c] 6:10 LXX, reading idwsin, 3rd pl = יראו "they might see." MT reads 3rd sg יראה "he see"
[d] 6:10 LXX, reading tois ophthalmois, pl = בעינים "their eyes." MT reads 3rd sg בעיניו "his eyes"
[e] 6:10 LXX, reading akouswsin 3rd pl = ישמעו. MT reads 3rd sg ישמע
[f] 6:10 LXX, reading wsin 3rd pl = ובאזנים "and their ears." MT reads 3rd sg ובאזניו "and with his ears"
[g] 6:10 LXX, reading kai iasomai (1st sg) autous (pl) = ורפאתים "and I will heal them." MT reads (3rd sg) ורפא "and one heals" (3rd sg) לו "him"
[h] 6:10 Matthew 13:14-15; John 12:40; Acts 28:26-27
[i] 6:11 DSS. MT reads "Lord"
[j] 6:13 DSS. MT lacks "The"
[k] 6:13 LXX lacks "The holy seed…stock," possibly from haplography by homoioteleuton: h-h
[l] 7:1 DSS LXX Syr Vg 2 Kings 16:5. MT reads "he"
[m] 7:4 DSS LXX. MT lacks "for"

have plotted evil against you, saying, 6"Let's go up against Judah, and tear it apart, and let's divide it among ourselves, and set up a king in its midst, even the son of Tabeel." 7This is what[a] YHWH says: "It shall not stand, neither shall it happen." 8For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people; 9and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.'"

10YHWH spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11"Ask a sign of YHWH your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above."

12But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt YHWH."

13He said, "Listen now, house of David: Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God[b] also? 14Therefore YHWH[c] himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and they will call[d] his name Immanuel.[e] 15He shall eat curds and honey when he knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16For before the child knows to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings you abhor shall be forsaken. 17YHWH will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. 18It will happen in that day that YHWH will whistle for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19They shall come, and shall all rest in the desolate valleys, in the clefts of the rocks, on all thorn hedges, and on all pastures. 20In that day YHWH[f] will shave with a razor that is hired in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard. 21It shall happen in that day that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; 22and it shall happen, that because of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall eat butter: for everyone will eat butter

[a]7:7 Hebrew(1 101 252) Mss. MT adds "Lord"
[b]7:13 LXX reads "Lord/YHWH"
[c]7:14 DSS. MT reads "Lord"
[d]7:14 LXX(26-106 90(mg) 130 233 393 410(c) 449' 456 534 764(c)) Bo Or (III 6) Epiph (I 42. 143 II 320) and Matthew 1:23, reading kalesousi(n) = qar'u "they will call." Mss 90 130 233 456 are LXX(L) Mss. MT reads qara't, "she will call," an early misreading involving a waw-taw interchange under the influence of preceding feminine verb. LXX (kaleseis, you (sg)) MT (repointed as qara'ta), read "you will call." LXX(*L'' cII* 301 403 538) Sa Tert Cyp Ir(Lat)): kalesete "you (pl) will call." DSS (qara') LXX(S 311-46): kalesei "he/it will call."
[e]7:14 Matthew 1:23
[f]7:20 Hebrew(1 30 72 93 96 115 150 *al*) Mss. MT reads "Lord"

and honey that is left in the midst of the land. 23It will happen in that day that every place where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silver shekels, shall be for briers and thorns. 24People will go there with arrows and with bow, because all the land will be briers and thorns. 25All the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep."

8 YHWH said to me, "Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen, 'For Maher Shalal Hash Baz;[a]' 2and I will take for myself faithful witnesses to testify: Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Berechiah.[b]"

3I went to the prophetess, and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said YHWH to me, "Call his name 'Maher Shalal Hash Baz.' 4For before the child knows how to say, 'My father,' and, 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria."

5YHWH spoke to me yet again, saying, 6"Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son; 7now therefore, look, YHWH[c] brings upon them the mighty flood waters of the River: the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks. 8It will sweep onward into Judah. It will overflow and pass through; it will reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel. 9Make an uproar, you peoples, and be broken in pieces. Listen, all you from far countries. Prepare for battle, and be shattered.[d] 10Take counsel together, and it will be brought to nothing; speak the word, and it will not stand: for God is with us." 11For YHWH spoke thus to me with a strong hand,[e] and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, 12"Do not say, 'A conspiracy.' concerning all about which this people say, 'A conspiracy.' And do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread.[f] 13YHWH of hosts is who you must regard as holy. He is the one you must fear. He is the one you must dread. 14And he will be a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a

[a]8:1 "Maher Shalal Hash Baz" means "quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil"
[b]8:2 DSS(4QIsa(e))* LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Jeberechiah"
[c]8:7 Hebrew Mss DSS* Syr. The word for "Lord" is added supralinearly in DSS. MT reads "Lord"
[d]8:9 DSS(1QIsa(a) 4QIsa(e)(vid)). MT adds another "Prepare for battle, and be shattered" from dittography
[e]8:11 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. BHS, reading bhzqt. MT DSS read khzqt, an apparent beth-kaph confusion in square script
[f]8:12 1Peter 3:14

rock that makes them fall[a] to both the houses of Israel, for a trap and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15Many will stumble over it, fall, be broken, be snared, and be captured." 16Wrap up the testimony. Seal the law among my disciples. 17I will wait for YHWH,[b] who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I will trust[c] in him. 18Look, I and the children whom God[d] has given me[e] are for signs and wonders in Israel from YHWH of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

19When they tell you, "Consult with the spirits of the dead and familiar spirits who chirp and who mutter. Shouldn't a people consult with their gods, by consulting the dead on behalf of the living?" 20Turn to the law and to the testimony. If they do not speak according to this word, surely there is no morning for them. 21They will pass through it, greatly distressed and hungry; and it will happen that when they are hungry, they will worry, and curse by their king and by their God. They will turn their faces upward, 22and look to the earth, and see distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish. They will be driven into thick darkness.

9 But there shall be no more gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time, he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time he has made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2The people sitting[f] in darkness have seen a great light.
Those living in the land and[g]
shadow of death, on them a
light has shined.[h]
3You have multiplied the nation.
You have increased his[i] joy.

They rejoice before you
according to the joy in harvest, as
men rejoice when they divide the
spoil. 4For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff of his shoulder, the rod
of his oppressor, you have broken
as in the day of Midian. 5For all the
armor of the armed man in the
noisy battle, and the garments
rolled in blood, will be for burning,

[a] 8:14 Romans 9:33; 1Peter 2:8
[b] 8:17 LXX reads "God"
[c] 8:17 Lit. "wait for him"
[d] 8:18 Hebrew(1 93 590) Mss LXX. DSS MT read "YHWH"
[e] 8:18 Hebrews 2:13
[f] 9:2 LXX(A 106 34 49 109-736 36(c) 377-564-565 301 407 534), reading kathemenos = הישבים, Friberg 14514: "(1) literally; sit, (2) figuratively: stay, reside, dwell" cf. BDB 4201 "sit, remain, dwell"; 2Kings 18:27. MT reads ההלכים "walking" (LXX: poreuomenos, "to walk, go"), an early misreading involving a beth-kaph confusion, in reminiscence of 8:6 which reads ההלכים, and LXX: poreuomenon "to walk, go"
[g] 9:2 LXX. MT lacks the conjunction
[h] 9:2 Matthew 4:15-16
[i] 9:3 MT Qere. MT Kethib reads "not," an aural confusion

fuel for the fire. [6]For to us a child is
born. To us a son is given; and the
government will be on his
shoulders. His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor,[a] Mighty
God,[b] Everlasting Father,[c] Prince
of Peace.[d] [7]His dominion will be
great,[e] and of peace there shall be
no end, on the throne of David and
over his kingdom, to establish it
and to uphold it with justice and
with righteousness, from this time
onward and forevermore. The zeal
of YHWH of hosts will perform this.
[8]YHWH[f] sent a word
into Jacob, and it falls on
Israel.
[9]All the people will know,
including Ephraim and the
inhabitants of Samaria,
who say in pride and
in arrogance of heart,
[10]"The bricks have fallen,
but we will build with cut
stone.
The sycamore fig trees have been
cut down,
but we will put cedars in
their place."
[11]Therefore YHWH will set up on
high against him the adversaries of
Rezin,
and will stir up his enemies,
[12]The Arameans in front,
and the Philistines behind;
and they will devour Israel
with open mouth.
For all this, his anger is not turned
away,
but his hand is stretched out
still.
[13]Yet the people have not turned to
him who struck them,
neither have they sought
YHWH of hosts.
[14]Therefore YHWH will cut off
from Israel head and
tail,
palm branch and reed, in[g]
one day.
[15]The elder and the honorable man
is the head,
and the prophet who teaches
lies is the tail.
[16]For those who lead this people
lead them astray;
and those who are led by
them are destroyed.
[17]Therefore YHWH[h] will not
rejoice over their
young men,
neither will he have
compassion on their
fatherless and widows;
for everyone is profane and an
evildoer,
and every mouth speaks
folly.
For all this his anger is not turned
away,
but his hand is stretched out
still.
[18]For wickedness burns like a fire.

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[a]9:6 Heb. Pele Yo'etz. Isaiah 28:29
[b]9:6 Heb. El Gibbor. Cf. Jeremiah 32:18; John 20:28
[c]9:6 Heb. Avi 'Ad. Isaiah 63:16, 64:8. Cf. Isaiah 22:21; Job 29:16; John 14:9; Revelation 3:7
[d]9:6 Heb. Sar Shalom
[e]9:7 Hebrew Mss Symmachus Tg Vg. The first two letters of MT are dittographic from the preceding word
[f]9:8 Hebrew Mss DSS. MT reads "Lord"
[g]9:14 DSS LXX(vid). MT lacks "in"
[h]9:17 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

It devours the briers and
thorns;
yes, it kindles in the thickets
of the forest,
and they roll upward in a
column of smoke.
19Through the wrath of YHWH of
hosts, the land is burnt
up;
and the people are the fuel
for the fire.
No one spares his brother.
20One will devour on the right
hand, and be hungry;
and he will eat on the left
hand, and they will not
be satisfied.
Everyone will eat the flesh of his
own arm[a]:
21Manasseh, Ephraim; and
Ephraim, Manasseh;
and they together shall
be against Judah.
For all this his anger is not turned
away,
but his hand is stretched out
still.

10 Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers who write oppressive decrees; 2to deprive the needy from justice, and to rob the poor among my people of their rights, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless their prey.

3What will you do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? Where will you leave your wealth, 4so as not to kneel with the prisoners[b], or fall among the slain? For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5Alas Assyrian, the rod of my anger, the staff in whose hand is my indignation. 6I will send him against a profane nation, and against the people who anger me will I give him a command to take the spoil and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7However he doesn't mean so, neither does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off not a few nations. 8For he says, "Aren't all of my officials kings? 9Isn't Calno like Carchemish? Isn't Hamath like Arpad? Isn't Samaria like Damascus? 10As my hand has found the kingdoms of the idols, whose engraved images exceeded those of Jerusalem and of Samaria; 11shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?" 12Therefore it will happen that, when YHWH[c] has performed his whole work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, he[d] will punish the fruit of the willful proud heart of the king of Assyria, and the insolence of his haughty looks. 13For he has

[a]9:20 Tg reads "his neighbor." LXX "of his brother"
[b]10:4 DSS reads "with those in fetters"
[c]10:12 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[d]10:12 LXX. MT reads "I will punish"

said, “By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I have understanding: and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and have robbed their treasures. Like a valiant man I have brought down their rulers. 14My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and like one gathers eggs that are abandoned, have I gathered all the earth. There was no one who moved their wing, or that opened their mouth, or chirped.”

15Should an axe brag against him who chops with it? Should a saw exalt itself above him who saws with it? As if a rod should lift those who lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up someone who is not wood. 16Therefore[a] YHWH of hosts will send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory a burning will be kindled like the burning of fire. 17The light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. 18He will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. It will be as when a standard bearer faints. 19The remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child could write their number.

20It will come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob will no more again lean on him who struck them, but shall lean on YHWH, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21A remnant will return, even the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. 22For though your people, Israel, are as the sand of the sea, a remnant will be kept safe.[b] For[c] he will fulfill[d] the word[e] and[f] decisively,[g] overflowing[h] in righteousness; 23because the Lord[i] will carry out the word[j] decisively in the midst of[k] the earth.[l]

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[a]10:16 MT Mss LXX. MT adds “Lord”

[b]10:22 LXX, reading sothesetai =…. ישגב “kept safe” or “set on high,” cf. Proverbs 29:25. MT reads ישוב “return,” a gimel-waw (ו-ג) confusion

[c]10:22 LXX, reading gar = כי. MT lacks “For” from haplography: כ-כ, or from a misreading of כי as בו

[d]10:22 LXX, reading suntelon =…… מלאון (cf. Genesis 25:24; BDB 5311). MT reads כליון “destruction” (masc sg), a misreading involving a mem-kaph (כ-מ) confusion in Paleo-Hebrew

[e]10:22 LXX, reading logon = מלה. MT lacks “word” from haplography:…. מל-מל

[f]10:22 LXX. MT lacks “and”

[g]10:22 Heb. וחרוץ. Cf. 2 Samuel 5:24

[h]10:22 LXX lacks a word for “overflowing”

[i]10:23 2 Hebrew Mss LXX(*oII* (=109-736) *O’*(= Origens Hexapla)-Q(mg) (= cod Marchalianus)), cf. BHS. A Hebrew(30) Ms reads “YHWH” instead of “Lord.” MT adds “YHWH of hosts”

[j]10:23 LXX, reading logon = מלה “word.” MT reads כלה “destruction” (fem sg), a mem-kaph confusion in Paleo-Hebrew

[k]10:23 Hebrew Mss LXX(309 538). MT adds “all”

[l]10:23 Romans 9:27-28

24Therefore[a] YHWH of hosts says:
"My people who dwell in Zion, do
not be afraid of the Assyrian,
though he strike you with the rod,
and lift up his staff against you, as
Egypt did. 25For yet a very little
while, and the indignation against
you will be accomplished, and my
anger will be directed to his
destruction." 26YHWH of hosts[b]
will stir up[c] a scourge against him,
as in the slaughter of Midian at the
rock of Oreb. His rod will be over
the sea, and he will lift it up like he
did against Egypt. 27It will happen
in that day, that his burden will
depart from off your shoulder, and
his yoke from off your neck, and
the yoke shall be destroyed because
of the anointing.

28He has come to Aiath. He
has passed through Migron. At
Michmash he stores his baggage.
29He[d] went through the pass. He has
lodged at Geba. Ramah trembles.
Gibeah of Saul has fled. 30Cry
aloud with your voice, daughter of
Gallim. Listen, Laishah. You poor
Anathoth. 31Madmenah[e] is a
fugitive. The inhabitants of Gebim
flee for safety. 32This very day he
will halt at Nob. He shakes his hand
at the mountain of the daughter of
Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. 33Look,
the Lord, YHWH of hosts, will lop
the boughs with terror. The tall will
be cut down, and the lofty will be
brought low. 34He will cut down the
thickets of the forest with iron, and
Lebanon will fall by the Mighty
One.

11 A branch will come
out of the stock of
Jesse,
and a shoot[f] out of his roots
will bear fruit.
2The Spirit of YHWH[g]
will rest on him:
the spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
the spirit of counsel and
might,
the spirit of knowledge and
of the fear of YHWH.[h]
3His delight will be in the fear of
YHWH.[i]
He will not judge by the sight of
his eyes,
neither decide by the hearing
of his ears;
4but with righteousness he will
judge the poor,
and decide with equity for
the humble of the
earth.
He will strike the earth with the
rod of his mouth;
and with the breath of his
lips he will kill the
wicked.
5Righteousness will be the belt of
his waist,

[a]10:24 Hebrew Ms DSS LXX Syr Vg. MT adds "Lord"
[b]10:26 LXX reads "God"
[c]10:26 DSS LXX. MT uses a different form
[d]10:29 DSS LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "They"
[e]10:31 DSS reads "Marmenah"
[f]11:1 Heb. netzer
[g]11:2 LXX reads "God"
[h]11:2 LXX reads "and godliness"
[i]11:3 LXX reads "God"

and faithfulness the belt of
his waist.
6The wolf will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie
down with the young
goat;
The calf and the young lion
will graze[a] together;
and a little child will lead
them.
7The cow and the bear will graze.
Their young ones will lie
down together.
The lion will eat straw like
the ox.
8The nursing child will play near a
cobra's hole,
and the weaned child will
put his hand on the
viper's den.
9They will not hurt nor destroy in
all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of
the knowledge of
YHWH,
as the waters cover the sea.
10And in that day there will be a root of Jesse, one who stands up to rule[b] over[c] the peoples; to him will the nations seek,[d] and his resting place will be glorious. 11It will happen in that day that YHWH[e] will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four quarters[f] of the earth. 13The envy also of Ephraim will depart, and those who persecute Judah will be cut off. Ephraim won't envy Judah, and Judah won't persecute Ephraim. 14They will fly down on the shoulders of the Philistines on the west. Together they will plunder the people of the east. They will extend their power over Edom and Moab, and the people of Ammon will obey them. 15YHWH will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; and with a[g] mighty wind he will wave his hand over the River, and will split it into seven streams, and cause men to march over in sandals. 16There will be a highway for the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, like there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

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[a]11:6 LXX cf. DSS and BHS. MT reads "lion and a fatling"

[b]11:10 LXX, reading archein = לנשיא lenasi "rule," cf. Genesis 34:2; Numbers 17:6. MT reads לנס lenes "signal," an aural confusion. Possibly in reminiscence of 5:26 ("signal to the nations")

[c]11:10 LXX. MT lacks "over," from homoioarcton: ayin-ayin

[d]11:10 Heb. darash "to seek with care." LXX reads elpizo, LEH 2984: "to hope for, to look for, to expect." Romans 15:12

[e]11:11 Hebrew(1 3 18 30 50 60 72 *al*) Mss. MT reads "Lord"

[f]11:12 Heb. kanaph: "wing, extremity, border." Heb. arba (four) kanaph: "four extremities, parts, quarters, directions"

[g]11:15 DSS LXX, reading "a wind." MT reads "his wind"

12 In that day you will say, "I will give thanks to you, YHWH; for you were angry with me, but[a] your anger has turned away and you comfort me. [2]Look, in[b] the God of my salvation I will trust, and will not be afraid. For[c] YHWH is my strength and my song,[d] and he has become my salvation." [3]Therefore with joy you will draw water out of the wells of salvation. [4]In that day you will say, "Give thanks to YHWH. Call on his name. Declare his doings among the peoples. Proclaim that his name is exalted. [5]Sing to YHWH, for he has done excellent things. Let this be known in all the earth. [6]Cry aloud and shout, you inhabitant of Zion; for the Holy One of Israel is great in the midst of you."

13 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw: [2]Set up a banner on the bare mountain. Lift up your voice to them. Wave your hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. [3]I have commanded my consecrated ones; I have also called my mighty men to carry out my anger, my proudly exulting ones. [4]The noise of a multitude is in the mountains, as of a great people; the noise of an uproar of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together. YHWH of hosts is mustering the army for the battle. [5]They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even YHWH, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. [6]Wail; for the day of YHWH is at hand. It will come as destruction from Shaddai. [7]Therefore all hands will be feeble, and everyone's heart will melt. [8]They will be dismayed. Pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will be in pain like a woman in labor. They will look in amazement one at another. Their faces will be faces of flame. [9]Look, the day of YHWH comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy its sinners out of it. [10]For the stars of the sky and its constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. [e11]I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will humble the haughtiness of the terrible. [12]I will make people more rare than fine gold, even a person than the pure gold of Ophir. [13]Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place

[a]12:1 LXX Syr. MT lacks "and"
[b]12:2 DSS. MT lacks "in" from haplography: 'l-'l. Cf. van der Vorm-Croughs, The Old Greek of Isaiah, 487, fn30. Abegg et al. (DSSB), 289, read the first 'l as "God," thus "God, God." Cf., e.g., Psalm 43:4 (el-el)
[c]12:2 Hebrew Mss LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT adds "Yah"
[d]12:2 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg, cf. Exodus 15:2 and Psalm 118:14, reading "my song." MT reads "song"
[e]13:10 Matthew 24:29; Mark 13:24

in the wrath of YHWH of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. [14]It will happen that like a hunted gazelle, and like sheep that no one gathers, they will each turn to their own people, and will each flee to their own land. [15]Everyone who is found will be thrust through. Everyone who is captured will fall by the sword. [16]Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be ransacked, and their wives raped. [17]Look, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver, and as for gold, they will not delight in it. [18]Their bows will dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb. Their eyes will not spare children. [19]Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be like when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. [20]It will never be inhabited, neither will it be lived in from generation to generation. The Arabian will not pitch a tent there, neither will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. [21]But wild animals of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of jackals. Ostriches will dwell there, and wild goats will frolic there. [22]Wolves will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in the pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged.

14 For YHWH will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land. The foreigner will join himself with them, and they will unite with the house of Jacob. [2]The peoples will take them, and bring them to their place. The house of Israel will possess them in YHWH's land for servants and for handmaids. They will take as captives those whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. [3]It will happen in the day that YHWH will give you rest from your sorrow, from your trouble, and from the hard service in which you were made to serve, [4]that you will take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased. How the attacker[a] has ceased." [5]YHWH has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers, [6]who struck the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. [7]The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet. They break out song. [8]Yes, the fir trees rejoice with you, with the cedars of Lebanon, saying, "Since you are humbled, no lumberjack has come up against us." [9]Sheol from beneath has moved for you to meet you at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, even all the rulers of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones

[a]14:4 DSS LXX, reading mrhbh. MT reads mdhbh "golden city," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

all the kings of the nations. [10]They all will answer and ask you, "Have you also become as weak as we are? Have you become like us?" [11]Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, with the sound of your stringed instruments. Maggots are spread out under you, and worms cover you.

[12]How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn. How you are cut down to the ground, who laid the nations low. [13]You said in your heart, "I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit on the mountain of assembly, in the far north. [14]I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will make myself like the Most High." [15]Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the Pit.[a] [16]Those who see you will stare at you. They will ponder you, saying, "Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms; [17]who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities; who did not release his prisoners to their home?" [18]All the kings of the nations[b] lie in splendor, everyone in his own house. [19]But you are cast away from your tomb like an abominable branch, clothed with the slain, who are thrust through with the sword, who go down to the stones[c] of the pit; like a dead body trodden under foot. [20]You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land. You have killed your people. The offspring of evildoers will not be mentioned forever. [21]Prepare for slaughter of his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, that they not rise up and possess the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities. [22]"I will rise up against them," says YHWH of hosts, "and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son's son," says YHWH. [23]"I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water. I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says YHWH of hosts. [24]YHWH of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so shall it be,[d] and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: [25]that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and tread him under foot on my mountains. Then his yoke will leave them, and his burden leave their shoulders. [26]This is the plan that is determined for the whole earth. This is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. [27]For what YHWH of hosts[e] has planned, who can turn it back? And his hand is stretched out, who can turn it back?"

[28]This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died. [29]Do not

[a]14:15 "depths of the Pit" Hebrew: "yarkete bor"
[b]14:18 DSS LXX. MT adds "all of them"
[c]14:19 Vg Symmachus cf. BHS read 'dny "pedestal, socket." A possible beth-dalet confusion in Paleo-Hebrew
[d]14:24 DSS LXX. MT reads "so has it been"
[e]14:27 LXX "what God the Holy One"

rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, because the rod that struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root an adder will emerge, and his fruit will be a fiery flying serpent. 30The firstborn of the poor will eat, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and your remnant will be killed.

31Howl, gate. Cry, city. You are melted away, Philistia, all of you; for smoke comes out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks. 32And what is one[a] to answer the messengers of this nation[b]? That YHWH has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will take refuge.

15 The burden of Moab: for in a night, Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing; for in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nothing. 2They have gone up to the temple, and to Dibon, to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and over Medeba. On every head is baldness. Every beard is cut off. 3In their streets, they dress themselves in sackcloth;[c] on their roofs and in their squares, everyone wails, weeping abundantly. 4Heshbon cries out with Elealeh. Their voice is heard even to Jahaz. Therefore the armed men[d] of Moab cry aloud. Their souls tremble within them. 5My heart cries out for Moab. Her Nazirites flee to Zoar, to Eglath Shelishiyah; for they go up by the ascent of Luhith with weeping; for in the way of Horonaim, they raise up a cry of destruction. 6For the waters of Nimrim will be desolate; for the grass has withered away, the tender grass fails, there is no green thing. 7Therefore they will carry away the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have stored up, over the Brook of the Willows. 8For the cry has gone around the borders of Moab; its wailing as far as Eglaim, and its wailing as far as[e] Beer Elim. 9For the waters of Dibon[f] are full of blood; for I will bring yet more on Dibon, a lion on those of Moab who escape, and on the remnant of the land.

16 Send the lambs for the ruler of the land from Sela[g] to the wilderness, to the mountain of the daughter of Zion. 2For it will be that as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so will the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon. 3Give counsel. Execute justice. Make

[a]14:32 DSS LXX read "what will they"
[b]14:32 DSS LXX read "kings of the nations." Cf. J. D. W. Watts, Isaiah 1-33, WBC, 218 fn32a
[c]15:3 LXX adds "lamenting"
[d]15:4 LXX Syr read "the loins/insides," which reflects a different vocalization
[e]15:8 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "as far as," possibly from a sight confusion: d-r
[f]15:9 DSS LXX Mss Vg (twice in this verse). MT reads "Dimon," a possible beth-mem confusion
[g]16:1 DSS LXX: "Selah"

your shade like the night in the
midst of the noonday. Hide the
outcasts. Do not betray the fugitive.
4Let the outcasts[a] of Moab dwell
with you; be a hiding place to them
from the face of the destroyer. For
the extortioner is at an end,
destruction has ceased, oppressors
have finished[b] from the land. 5A
throne will be established in loving
kindness. One will sit on it in truth,
in the tent of David, judging,
seeking justice, and swift to do
righteousness.

6We have heard of the pride
of Moab, that he is very proud;
even of his arrogance, his pride,
and his wrath. His boastings are
nothing. 7Ah, let not[c] Moab wail;
let everyone wail for Moab. You
will mourn for the raisin cakes of
Kir Hareseth, utterly stricken. 8For
the fields of Heshbon languish with
the vine of Sibmah. The lords of the
nations have broken down its
choice branches, which reached
even to Jazer, which wandered into
the wilderness. Its shoots were
spread abroad. They passed over
the sea. 9Therefore I will weep with
the weeping of Jazer for the vine of
Sibmah. I will saturate[d] you with
my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh: for
on your summer fruits and on your
harvest the battle shout has fallen.
10Gladness is taken away, and joy
out of the fruitful field; and in the
vineyards there will be no singing
and[e] there will be no jubilant
shouting. Nobody will tread out
wine in the presses. I have made the
shouting stop. 11Therefore my heart
sounds like a harp for Moab, and
my inward parts for Kir Heres. 12It
will happen that when Moab
presents himself, when he wearies
himself on the high place, and
comes to his sanctuary to pray, that
he will not prevail. 13This is the
word that YHWH spoke concerning
Moab in time past. 14But now
YHWH has spoken, saying, "Within
three years, as a worker bound by
contract would count them, the
glory of Moab shall be brought into
contempt, with all his great
multitude; and the remnant will be
very small and feeble."

17 The burden of
Damascus: "Look,
Damascus is taken
away from being a city, and it will
be a ruinous heap. 2The cities of
Aroer are forsaken. They will be
for flocks, which shall lie down,
and none shall make them afraid.
3The fortress shall cease from
Ephraim, and the kingdom from
Damascus, and the remnant of
Aram. They will be as the glory of
the children of Israel," says YHWH
of hosts. 4"It will happen in that day
that the glory of Jacob will be made
thin, and the fatness of his flesh will
become lean. 5It will be like when
the harvester gathers the wheat, and

[a]16:4 Revocalization based on Hebrew Mss LXX Syr cf. BHS
[b]16:4 DSS LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "oppressors are consumed"
[c]16:7 DSS cf. LXX. MT lacks "not"
[d]16:9 LXX cf. DSS and BHS. MT reads "water," an apparent metathesis between yod and waw
[e]16:10 DSS LXX(vid) MT Mss Tg Vg. MT lacks "and"

his arm reaps the grain. Yes, it will be like when one gleans grain in the Valley of Rephaim. 6Yet gleanings will be left there, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outermost branches of a fruitful tree," says YHWH, the God of Israel. 7In that day, people will look to their Maker, and their eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. 8They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they respect that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the incense altars. 9In that day, their strong cities will be like the forsaken places of the Hivites and the Amorites,[a] which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it will be a desolation. 10For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not remembered the rock[b] of your strength. Therefore you plant pleasant plants, and set out foreign seedlings. 11In the day of your planting, you hedge it in. In the morning, you make your seed blossom, but the harvest flees away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow. 12Ah, the uproar of many peoples, who roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters. 13The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters: but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and will be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirling dust before the storm. 14At evening, look, terror. Before the morning,[c] they are no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

18 Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 2that sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus on the waters, saying, "Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared near and far, a nation strong and conquering, whose land the rivers divide." 3All you inhabitants of the world, and you dwellers on the earth, when a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look. When the trumpet is blown, listen. 4For YHWH said to me, "I will be still, and I will see from my dwelling place, like the clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat[d] of harvest." 5For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becomes a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches. 6They will be left together for the ravenous birds of the mountains, and for the animals of the earth. The ravenous birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them. 7In that time, a present will be brought to

[a]17:9 LXX. MT reads "places in the woods and on the mountain top"
[b]17:10 LXX reads "the Lord/YHWH"
[c]17:14 DSS LXX Syr Vg add "and"
[d]18:4 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg read "the day"

YHWH of hosts from[a] a people tall and smooth, even from a people awesome from their beginning onward, a nation that measures out and treads down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of YHWH of hosts, Mount Zion.

19 The burden of Egypt: "Look, YHWH rides on a swift cloud, and comes to Egypt. The idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. [2]I will stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians, and they will fight everyone against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. [3]The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst. I will destroy its counsel. They will seek the idols, spirits of the dead, mediums, and spiritists. [4]I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord. A fierce king will rule over them," says[b] YHWH of hosts. [5]The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and become dry. [6]The rivers will become foul. The streams of Egypt will be diminished and dried up. The reeds and flags will wither away. [7]The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, will become dry, be driven away, and be no more. [8]The fishermen will lament, and all those who fish in the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will languish. [9]Moreover those who work in combed flax, and those who weave white cloth, will be confounded. [10]The pillars will be broken in pieces. All those who work for hire will be grieved in soul. [11]The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish. The counsel of the wisest counselors of Pharaoh has become stupid. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?" [12]Where then are your sages? And let them tell you now; and let them know what YHWH of hosts has purposed concerning Egypt. [13]The princes of Zoan have become fools. The princes of Memphis are deceived. They have caused Egypt to go astray, who are the cornerstone of her tribes. [14]YHWH has mixed a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all of its works, like a drunken man staggers in his vomit. [15]Neither shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or tail, palm branch or rush, may do. [16]In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of YHWH of hosts, which he shakes over them. [17]The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. Everyone to whom mention is made of it will be afraid, because of the plans of YHWH of hosts, which he determines against it. [18]In that day, there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of

[a]18:7 DSS Ms LXX. MT DSS Ms lack "from," an apparent graphical error. Cf. van der Vorm-Croughs, 488

[b]19:4 LXX Syr. MT adds "Lord"

Canaan, and swear loyalty to YHWH of hosts. One will be called the City of the Sun.[a] 19In that day, there will be an altar to YHWH in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to YHWH at its border. 20It will be for a sign and for a witness to YHWH of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to YHWH because of oppressors, and he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them. 21YHWH will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know YHWH in that day. Yes, they will worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make vows to YHWH, and will perform them. 22YHWH will strike Egypt, striking and healing. They will return to YHWH, and he will listen to their pleas, and will heal them. 23In that day there will be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. 24In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth; 25because YHWH of hosts has blessed them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

20 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it; 2at that time YHWH spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and loosen the sackcloth from off your waist, and take your sandals[b] off your feet." He did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3YHWH said, "As my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder concerning Egypt and concerning Ethiopia, 4so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. 5They will be dismayed and confounded, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. 6The inhabitants of this coast land will say in that day, 'Look, this is our expectation, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria. And we, how will we escape?'"

21 The oracle of the wilderness of the sea. As whirlwinds in the Negev sweep through, it comes from the wilderness, from an awesome land. 2A grievous vision is declared to me. The treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; attack. I have stopped all of Media's sighing. 3Therefore my thighs are filled with anguish. Pains have taken hold on me, like the pains of a woman in labor. I am in so much pain that I can't hear. I so

[a]19:18 Probably referring to Heliopolis. DSS MT Mss cf. Vg Symmachus. MT reads "city of destruction," a chet-hey confusion. LXX reads "city of righteousness"
[b]20:2 DSS LXX. MT reads "sandal"

am dismayed that I can't see. [4]My heart flutters. Horror has frightened me. The twilight that I desired has been turned into trembling for me. [5]They prepare the table. They set the watch. They eat. They drink. Rise up, you princes, oil the shield. [6]For YHWH[a] said to me, "Go, set a watchman. Let him declare what he sees. [7]When he sees chariots, horsemen in pairs, riders[b] on donkeys, riders[c] on camels, let him listen diligently, very diligently." [8]Then the lookout[d] shouted: "Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and every night I stay at my post. [9]Look, here comes a troop of men, horsemen in pairs." He answered, "Fallen, fallen[e] is Babylon; and they[f] have shattered all the engraved images of her gods to the ground. [10]You are my threshing, and the grain of my floor." That which I have heard from YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

[11]The burden of Dumah. One calls to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" [12]The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night. If you will inquire, inquire. Come back again."

[13]The burden on Arabia. In the forest in Arabia you will lodge, you caravans of Dedanites. [14]They brought water to him who was thirsty. The inhabitants of the land of Tema met the fugitives with their bread. [15]For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the heat of battle. [16]For YHWH[g] said to me, "Within a year, as a worker bound by contract would count it, [h]the glory of Kedar will fail, [17]and the residue of the number of the archers, the warriors of the people of Kedar, will be few; for YHWH, the God of Israel, has spoken it."

22 The burden of the Valley of Vision.[i] What ails you now, that you have all gone up to the housetops? [2]You that are full of shouting, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; your slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle. [3]All your rulers fled away together. They were bound by the archers. All who were found by you were bound together. They fled far away. [4]Therefore I said, "Look away from me. I will weep bitterly. Do not labor to comfort me for the destruction of

[a]21:6 Hebrew(1 4 30 115 150) Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]21:7 Revocalization based on DSS and Versions cf. BHS
[c]21:7 Ibid
[d]21:8 DSS Syr. MT "the lion"
[e]21:9 DSS LXX(*O*' 301) MT Syr Vg; Eus Hi. LXX Eth Arab lack the second "fallen." BHS suggests deletion. J. D. W. Watts, Isaiah (WBC), 271: "MT's emphatic usage should be kept"
[f]21:9 DSS LXX(vid) Tg Syr Vg OL Syr(hex). MT reads "he"
[g]21:16 DSS Tg. MT reads "Lord"
[h]21:16 DSS LXX. MT adds "all"
[i]22:1 LXX reads "Zion," a word graphically similar, with tsadi for zayin

the daughter of my people. [5]For it
is a day of confusion, and of
treading down, and of perplexity,
from[a] YHWH of hosts, in the Valley
of Vision; a breaking down of the
walls, and a crying to the
mountains." [6]Elam carried his
quiver, with chariots of men and
horsemen; and Kir uncovered the
shield. [7]It happened that your
choicest valleys were full of
chariots, and the horsemen set
themselves in array at the gate. [8]He
took away the covering of Judah;
and you looked in that day to the
armor in the house of the forest.
[9]You saw the breaches of the City
of David, that they were many; and
you gathered together the waters of
the lower pool. [10]You numbered the
houses of Jerusalem, and you broke
down the houses to fortify the wall.
[11]You also made a reservoir
between the two walls for the water
of the old pool. But you did not
look to him who had done this,
neither did you have respect for
him who purposed it long ago. [12]In
that day[b] YHWH of hosts called for
weeping and for mourning, for
shaved heads, and for the wearing
of sackcloth. [13]But look, joy and
gladness, killing cattle and killing
sheep, eating flesh and drinking
wine: "Let us eat and drink, for
tomorrow we will die."[c] [14]YHWH of
hosts revealed himself in my ears,
"Surely this iniquity will not be
forgiven you until you die," says[d]
YHWH of hosts. [15]Thus says[e]
YHWH of hosts, "Come, go to this
steward, to Shebna, who is in
charge of the house, and say,
[16]'What are you doing here, and
whom have you here,

that you have dug out a tomb
here?' Cutting himself out a tomb
on high, chiseling a habitation for
himself in the rock." [17]Look,
YHWH will overcome you and hurl
you away violently. Yes, he will
grasp you firmly. [18]He will surely
wind you around and around, and
throw you like a ball into a large
country. There you will die, and
there the chariots of your glory will
be, you shame of your lord's house.
[19]I will thrust you from your office.
You will be pulled down from your
station.

[20]It will happen in that day
that I will call my servant Eliakim[f]
the son of Hilkiah, [21]and I will
clothe him with your robe, and
strengthen him with your belt. I
will commit your government into
his hand; and he will be a father to
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to
the house of Judah. [22]I will lay the
key of the house of David on his
shoulder. He will open, and no one
will shut. He will shut, and no one
will open. [23]I will fasten him like a
nail in a sure place. He will be for a

[a]22:5 LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[b]22:12 LXX Arab Eth. MT adds "Lord"
[c]22:13 1Co 15:32
[d]22:14 Hebrew(1 269) Mss LXX(*oII*) Mss. MT adds "Lord"
[e]22:15 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Theodotion Syr. MT adds "Lord"
[f]22:20 Eliakim means "God will promote"

throne of glory to his father's
house. 24They will hang on him all
the glory of his father's house, the
offspring and the issue, every small
vessel, from the cups even to all the
pitchers. 25"In that day," says
YHWH of hosts, "the nail that was
fastened in a sure place will give
way. It will be cut down, and fall.
The burden that was on it will be
cut off, for YHWH has spoken it."

23 The burden of Tyre.
Howl, you ships of
Tarshish. For it is
laid waste, so that there is no house,
no entering in. From the land of
Kittim it is revealed to them. 2Be
still, you inhabitants of the coast,
you whom the merchants[a] of Sidon,
that pass over the sea, have
replenished. 3On great waters, the
seed of the Shihor, the harvest of
the Nile, was her revenue. She was
the market of nations. 4Be
ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has
spoken, the stronghold of the sea,
saying, "I have not travailed, nor
brought forth, neither have I
nourished young men, nor brought
up virgins." 5When the report
comes to Egypt, they will be in
anguish at the report of Tyre. 6Pass
over to Tarshish. Wail, you
inhabitants of the coast. 7Is this
your joyous city, whose antiquity is
of ancient days, whose feet carried
her far away to travel? 8Who has
planned this against Tyre, the giver
of crowns, whose merchants are
princes, whose traffickers are the
honorable of the earth? 9YHWH of
hosts has planned it, to defile all the
pride of glory,[b] to shame all the
honored of the earth. 10Cultivate[c]
your land like the Nile, daughter of
Tarshish; there is no restraint any
more. 11He has stretched out his
hand over the sea. He has shaken
the kingdoms. YHWH has ordered
the destruction of Canaan's
strongholds. 12He said, "You shall
rejoice no more, you oppressed
virgin daughter of Sidon. Arise,
pass over to Kittim. Even there you
will have no rest."

13Look, the land of the
Chaldeans, these people who have
become nothing. The Assyrians
have made it a home for wild
animals. They set up their siege
towers, they tore down her palaces,
they made her a ruin. 14Howl, you
ships of Tarshish, for your
stronghold is laid waste. 15It will
come to pass in that day that Tyre
will be forgotten seventy years,
according to the days of one king.
After the end of seventy years it
will be to Tyre like in the song of
the prostitute. 16Take a harp; go
about the city, you prostitute that
has been forgotten. Make sweet
melody. Sing many songs, that you
may be remembered. 17It will
happen after the end of seventy
years that YHWH[d] will visit Tyre,
and she shall return to her wages,
and will play the prostitute with all

[a]23:2 LXX Tg Vg cf. BHS. MT sg
[b]23:9 DSS LXX. MT has a different word order: "the pride of all glory"
[c]23:10 DSS LXX Tg. MT reads "cross over," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[d]23:17 LXX reads "that God"

the kingdoms of the world on the surface of the earth. 18Her merchandise and her wages will be holiness to YHWH. It will not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise will be for those who dwell before YHWH, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

24 Look, YHWH makes the earth empty, makes it waste, turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants. 2It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest. 3The earth will be utterly emptied and utterly laid waste; for YHWH has spoken this word. 4The earth mourns and fades away. The world languishes and fades away. The lofty people of the earth languish. 5The earth also is polluted under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the law,[a] violated the statute,[b] and broken the everlasting covenant. 6Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. 7The new wine mourns. The vine languishes. All the merry-hearted sigh. 8The mirth of tambourines ceases. The sound of those who rejoice ends. The joy of the harp ceases. 9They will not drink wine with a song. Strong drink will be bitter to those who drink it. 10The confused city is broken down. Every house is shut up, that no man may come in. 11There is a crying in the streets because of the wine. All joy is darkened. The mirth of the land is gone. 12The city is left in desolation, and the gate is struck with destruction. 13For it will be so in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done. 14These shall lift up their voice. They will shout for the majesty of YHWH. They cry aloud from the sea. 15Therefore glorify YHWH in the east, even the name of YHWH, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea. 16From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs. Glory to the righteous. But I said, “I pine away. I pine away. Woe is me.” The treacherous have dealt treacherously. Yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. 17Fear, the pit, and the snare, are on you who inhabitant the earth. 18It will happen that he who flees from the noise of the fear will fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit will be taken in the snare; for the windows of heaven are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. 19The earth is utterly broken. The earth is torn apart. The earth is shaken violently. 20The earth will stagger like a drunken man, and will sway back

[a]24:5 DSS Ms LXX Tg Syr. DSS Ms MT read “laws”

[b]24:5 Or, “regulation”

and forth like a hammock. Its disobedience will be heavy on it, and it will fall and not rise again. 21It shall happen in that day that YHWH[a] will punish the army of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth. 22And they will be gathered, a gathering[b] in a dungeon, and shall be shut up in the prison; and after many days shall they be visited. 23Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, for YHWH of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders will be glory.

25 YHWH, you are my God. I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in complete faithfulness and truth. 2For you have made a city into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a palace of the insolent[c] is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. 3Therefore a strong people will glorify you. A city of awesome nations will fear you. 4For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the dreaded ones is like a storm against the wall. 5As the heat in a dry place will you bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the dreaded ones will be brought low. 6In this mountain, YHWH of hosts will make all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines, of fat things full of marrow, of well refined choice wines. 7He will destroy in this mountain the surface of the covering that covers all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8He has swallowed up death in victory.[d] YHWH[e] will wipe away tears from off all faces. He will take the reproach of his people away from off all the earth, for YHWH has spoken it. 9It shall be said in that day, "Look, this is our[f] God. We have waited for him, and he will save us. This is YHWH. We have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." 10For in this mountain the hand of YHWH[g] will rest. Moab will be trodden down in his place, even like straw is trodden down in a dunghill. 11He will spread out his hands in its midst, like one who swims spreads out hands to swim, but his pride will be humbled together with the craft of his hands. 12He has brought the high fortress of your walls down, laid low, and

[a]24:21 LXX reads "God"
[b]24:22 DSS LXX. MT adds "like prisoners"
[c]25:2 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "foreigners," a dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion
[d]25:8 BDB6277: "be pre-eminant, enduring…victorious." Cf. 1Chronicles 29:11; 2 Samuel 2:26 LXX and Aquila Theodotion (Gk nikos "victory") and Syr. 1 Co 15:54
[e]25:8 Hebrew(198) Ms Syr. MT adds "Lord"
[f]25:9 LXX(B) (+393 538) add Lord/YHWH"
[g]25:10 LXX reads "God"

brought to the ground, even to the dust.

26 In that day, this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

"We have a strong city.
He appoints salvation for walls and ramparts.
2 Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter:
the one which keeps faith.
3 You will keep him in peace, in peace whose thoughts are fixed on you,
because he trusts in you.
4 Trust in YHWH forever;
for in YAH, YHWH, is an everlasting Rock.[a]
5 For he has brought down those who dwell on high, the lofty city.
He lays it low[b] to the ground.
He casts it to the dust.
He brings it even to the dust.
6 The[c] feet of the poor tramples it down,
the footsteps of the needy."
7 The way of the righteous is level.
O Just One, you make the path of the righteous smooth.
8 Yes, in the path of your judgments, YHWH, have we waited for you.
Your name and your renown are the desire of our soul. 9 With my soul have I desired you in the night. Yes, my spirit within me will seek you early,[d] for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10 Let favor be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness he will deal wrongfully, and will not see YHWH's majesty. 11 YHWH, your hand is lifted up, yet they do not see; they see the zeal of the people, and are ashamed. Yes, fire will consume your adversaries. 12 YHWH,[e] you will ordain peace for us, for you have also worked all our works for us. 13 YHWH our God, other lords besides you have had dominion over us, but by you only will we make mention of your name. 14 The dead shall not live, and[f] the departed spirits shall not rise. Therefore have you visited and destroyed them, and caused all memory of them to perish. 15 You have increased the nation, YHWH. You have increased the nation. You are glorified. You have enlarged all the borders of the land. 16 YHWH, in trouble they sought you.[g] They poured out a prayer when your chastening was on them. 17 Like as a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain and cries out in her pangs; so we have been before you, YHWH. 18 We have been with child. We have been in pain. We gave birth, it

[a] 26:4 LXX reads "YHWH forever, the great everlasting God"
[b] 26:5 DSS LXX Syr. MT adds "He lays it low" from dittography
[c] 26:6 DSS LXX Tg Syr Ms cf. BHS. MT adds "the foot" from dittography
[d] 26:9 LXX adds "O God"
[e] 26:12 LXX adds "our God"
[f] 26:14 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and"
[g] 26:16 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss (emensthemen) Eth Arab cf. OL Syr(hex) read pqdnwk

seems, only to wind. We have not worked any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19Your dead shall live; my[a] dead bodies shall rise. Awake and shout for joy,[b] you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is like the dew of the dawn,[c] and the earth shall bring forth the departed spirits.

20Come, my people, enter into your chambers, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself for a little moment, until the indignation is past. 21For, look, YHWH comes forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also will disclose her blood, and will no longer cover her slain.

27 In that day, YHWH with his fierce and great and mighty sword will punish leviathan, the fleeing serpent, and leviathan the twisted serpent; and he will kill the serpent that is in the sea. 2In that day, sing to her, "A pleasant vineyard. 3I, YHWH, am its keeper. I will water it every moment. Lest anyone damage it, I will keep it night and day. 4Wrath is not in me, but if I should find briers and thorns, I would do battle. I would march on them and I would burn them together. 5Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me. Let him make peace with me."

6In days to come, Jacob will take root. Israel will blossom and bud. They will fill the surface of the world with fruit. 7Has he struck them as he struck those who struck them? Or have they been killed as their killers were killed? 8In measure, when you send them away, you contend with them. He has removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind. 9Therefore, by this the iniquity of Jacob will be forgiven, and this is all the fruit of taking away his sin:[d] that he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk stones that are beaten in pieces, so that the Asherim and the incense altars shall rise no more. 10For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. The calf will feed there, and there he will lie down, and consume its branches. 11When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off. The women will come and set them on fire, for they are a people of no understanding. Therefore he who made them will not have compassion on them, and he who formed them will show them no favor. 12It will happen in that day, that YHWH will thresh from the flowing stream of the Perath to the Wadi of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, children of Israel. 13It will happen in that day that a great trumpet will be blown;

[a]26:19 DSS MT Vg. Tg Syr read "their." LXX reads "those"
[b]26:19 DSS cf. LXX Tg Syr
[c]26:19 Lit. "dew of lights"
[d]27:9 Romans 11:27

and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and those who were outcasts in the land of Egypt, shall come; and they will worship YHWH in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley of those who are overcome with wine. 2Look, YHWH [a] has a mighty and strong one. Like a storm of hail, a destroying storm, and like a storm of mighty waters overflowing, he will cast them down to the earth with his hand. 3The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden under foot. 4The fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fertile valley, shall be like the first-ripe fig before the summer; which someone picks and eats as soon as he sees it. 5In that day, YHWH of hosts will become a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the residue of his people; 6and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. 7They also reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink. They are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink. They err in vision. They stumble in judgment. 8For all tables are completely full of filthy vomit and filthiness. 9Whom will he teach knowledge? To whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? 10For it is precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little. 11But he will speak to this nation with stammering lips and a strange language;[b] 12to whom he said, "This is the resting place. Give rest to weary;" and "This is the refreshing;" but they would not listen.[c] 13Therefore the word of YHWH[d] will be to them precept on precept, precept on precept; line on line, line on line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, fall backward, be broken, be snared, and be taken. 14Therefore hear the word of YHWH, you scoffers, that rule this people in Jerusalem: 15"Because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol are we in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it won't come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood.'" 16Therefore thus says[e] YHWH, "Look, I am laying[f] in Zion for a

[a] 28:2 DSS. MT reads "Lord"
[b] 28:11 1Co 14:21
[c] 28:12 The words for "says YHWH" may have fallen out due to the graphic similarity of yhwh and the following word whyh
[d] 28:13 LXX adds "God"
[e] 28:16 DSS* LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[f] 28:16 Revocalization based on DSS Ms Tg Syr cf. LXX Vg Aquila Symmachus Theodotion, a Qal active participle. MT reads "I lay," a Piel

foundation a stone, a tested stone,[a] a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation, and[b] whoever believes in him[c] will not be put to shame.[d] 17I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plumb line. The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. 18Your covenant with death shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand. When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it. 19As often as it passes through, it will seize you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be nothing but terror to understand the message." 20For the bed is too short to stretch out on, and the blanket is too narrow to wrap oneself in. 21For YHWH will rise up as on Mount Perazim. He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his unusual work, and bring to pass his act, his extraordinary act. 22And as for you,[e] do not be scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from YHWH[f] of hosts, on the whole earth.

23Give ear, and hear my voice. Listen, and hear my speech. 24Does he who plows to sow plow continually? Does he keep turning the soil and breaking the clods? 25When he has leveled its surface, doesn't he plant the dill, and scatter the cumin seed, and put in the wheat in rows, the barley in the appointed place, and emmer as its borders? 26For his God instructs him in right judgment, and teaches him. 27For the dill are not threshed with a sharp instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned over the cumin; but the dill is beaten out with a stick, and the cumin with a rod. 28Bread flour must be ground; so he will not always be threshing it. Although he drives the wheel of his threshing cart over it, his horses do not grind it. 29This also comes forth from YHWH of hosts, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

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perfect third person, but the previous word is a first person suffix

[a]28:16 LXX double translates Heb. bochan "tested/approved" as poluteles "precious" and eklektos "chosen." The latter may have been used for Heb. bochan due to the root bachar "test, select, elect." Cf. Hol 1025; van der Vorm-Croughs, The Old Greek of Isaiah (2014), 151; 1Peter 2:6

[b]28:16 LXX. MT lacks "and"

[c]28:16 LXX, reading ep autw = עליו. MT lacks "in him" from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: yn-yw (יו-ין)

[d]28:16 LXX, reading kataischunw =… יבוש "shame" (BDB 1088. Cf. Psalm 40:14; Isaiah 54:4; Joel 2:27). MT reads יחיש "hurry," a two-letter misreading of the consonantal text involving a waw-yod confusion in an early square script in a damaged scroll, possibly in reminiscence of Isaiah 5:19. Romans 9:33, 10:11; 1Peter 2:6

[e]28:22 DSS LXX. MT reads "And now"

[f]28:22 DSS Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "Lord YHWH"

29 Woe to Ariel.[a] Ariel, the city where David camped. Add year to year; let the feasts come around; [2]then I will distress Ariel, and there will be mourning and lamentation. She shall be to me as an altar hearth. [3]And I will camp in a circle around you,[b] and will lay siege against you with posted troops. I will raise siege works against you. [4]You will be brought down, and will speak out of the ground. Your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech will whisper out of the dust. [5]But the multitude of your arrogant[c] will be like fine dust, and the multitude of the ruthless ones like chaff that blows away. Yes, it will be in an instant, suddenly. [6]She will be visited by YHWH of hosts with thunder, with earthquake, with great noise, with whirlwind and storm, and with the flame of a devouring fire. [7]The multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, will be like a dream, a vision of the night. [8]It will be like when a hungry man dreams, and look, he eats; but he awakes, and his hunger isn't satisfied; or like when a thirsty man dreams, and look, he drinks; but he awakes, and look, he is faint, and he is still thirsty. The multitude of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion will be like that. [9]Pause and wonder. Blind yourselves and be blind. They are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. [10]For YHWH has poured out on you a spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes (the prophets), and he has covered your heads (the seers). [11]All vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't, for it is sealed:" [12]and the book is delivered to one who is not educated, saying, "Read this, please;" and he says, "I can't read." [13]And YHWH[d] said, "Because these people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but they have removed their heart far from me. And in vain[e] do they worship[f] me, teaching[g] instructions[h] that are the

[a]29:1 Ariel means "lion of God," a title for Zion and Jerusalem
[b]29:3 LXX reads "like David" (ke david) instead of "all around" (khadur)
[c]29:5 DSS cf. LXX Syr. MT reads "strangers," a dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion
[d]29:13 MT Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[e]29:13 LXX cf. BHS, reading maten de = ותהו "and in vain" (cf. Isaiah 41:29). MT reads ותהי "and is," a waw-yod confusion in square script
[f]29:13 Or, "fear"
[g]29:13 LXX, reading didascontes =… מלמדים. MT lacks "teaching" from haplography by homoioarcton: מ-מ
[h]29:13 LXX(V 106 566 46 233 301) OL(X) cf. OL(K.E.O), reading didaskalias = מלמדיה (fem pl) "instructions" in a word order (LXX Mss OL Ms above and Matthew 15:9)

commandments of humans.[a]
14Therefore, look,[b] I will proceed to
do a marvelous work among this
people, even a marvelous work and
a wonder; and I will destroy[c] the
wisdom of the wise,[d] and the
discernment of the discerning[e] I
will nullify.[f]"[g]

15Woe to those who deeply
hide their counsel from YHWH, and
whose works are in the dark, and
who say, "Who sees us?" and
"Who knows us?" 16You turn
things upside down.[h] Should the
potter be thought to be like clay;
that the thing made should say
about him who made it, "He did not
make me;" or the thing formed say[i]
of him[j] who formed it, "He has no
understanding?"[k]

17Isn't it yet a very little
while, and Lebanon will be turned
into a fruitful field, and the fruitful
field will be regarded as a forest?
18In that day, the deaf will hear the
words of the scroll, and the eyes of
the blind will see out of obscurity
and out of darkness. 19The humble
also will increase their joy in
YHWH, and the poor among
humankind will rejoice in the Holy
One of Israel. 20For the ruthless is
brought to nothing, and the scoffer
ceases, and all those who are alert
to do evil are cut off—21who cause
a person to be indicted by a word,
and lay a snare for the arbiter in the
gate, and who deprive the innocent
of justice with false testimony.
22Therefore thus says YHWH,
redeemed Abraham, concerning
the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no
longer be ashamed, neither shall his
face grow pale. 23But when he sees
his children, the work of my hands,
in the midst of him, they will
sanctify my name. Yes, they will
sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and
will stand in awe of the God of
Israel. 24They also who err in spirit
will come to understanding, and

following didascontes מלמדים. MT reads מלמדה (fem sg) "taught" (cf. LXX), perhaps skipped by haplography and then restored after אנשים. Later, מלמדים was lost (in MT) from homoioarcton: m-m

[a]29:13 Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7

[b]29:14 DSS adds "as for me"

[c]29:14 LXX, reading apolo = ...ואבדתי . MT reads ואבדה

[d]29:14 LXX, reading sophon =……. חכמים. MT reads חכמיו

[e]29:14 LXX, reading suneton = …נבונים plural, "the discerning." MT reads 3rd person singular נבניו "his discerning ones"

[f]29:14 LXX Mss, reading atheteso "I will nullify, set aside, thwart," =…… אפיר cf. Psalm 33:10; BDB 7887. MT reads תסתתר "will be hidden." LXX reads krupso =…… אסתיר, "I will hide"

[g]29:14 1 Co 1:19

[h]29:16 LXX Syr lack the word translated into these words. DSS divides the word into two, reading "He overturns from you"

[i]29:16 DSS reads "formed of clay," an apparent aleph-chet confusion in 2nd cent. BC DSS square script. Cf. also J. D. W. Watts, Isaiah 1-33 (WBC), 388

[j]29:16 LXX MT sg. DSS pl

[k]29:16 Romans 9:20

those who grumble will receive instruction."

30 "Woe to the rebellious children," says YHWH, "who take counsel, but not from me; and who make an alliance, but not with my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin, [2]who set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked my advice; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt. [3]Therefore the strength of Pharaoh will be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. [4]For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors have come to Hanes. [5]They shall all be ashamed because of a people that can't profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach."

[6]The oracle of the animals of the Negev. Through the land of trouble and anguish, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the shoulders of young donkeys, and their treasures on the humps of camels, to an unprofitable people. [7]For Egypt helps in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called her Rahab who sits still. [8]Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come forever and ever. [9]For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of YHWH;[a] [10]who tell the seers, "Do not see for us,[b]" and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things. Tell us pleasant things. Prophesy deceits. [11]Get out of the way. Turn aside from the path. Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us." [12]Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, "Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely on it; [13]therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. [14]He will break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing, so that there won't be found among the broken piece a piece good enough to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern." [15]For thus said YHWH,[c] the Holy One of Israel, "You will be saved in returning and rest. Your strength will be in quietness and in confidence." You refused, [16]but you said, "No, for we will flee on horses;" therefore you will flee; and, "We will ride on the swift;" therefore those who pursue you will be swift. [17]One thousand will flee at the threat of one. At the threat of five, you will flee until you are left like a beacon on the top of a mountain, and like a banner on a hill. [18]Therefore YHWH will wait,

[a]30:9 LXX reads "God"
[b]30:10 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "for us" from haplography by homoioteleuton: w-w
[c]30:15 DSS* LXX Syr. MT adds "Lord"

that he may be gracious to you; and
therefore he will be exalted, that he
may have mercy on you, for YHWH
is a God of justice. Blessed are all
those who wait for him. 19For the
people will dwell in Zion at
Jerusalem. You will weep no more.
He will surely be gracious to you at
the voice of your cry. When he
hears you, he will answer you.
20Though YHWH[a] may give you the
bread of adversity and the water of
affliction, yet your teachers won't
be hidden anymore, but your eyes
will see your teachers; 21and when
you turn to the right hand, and
when you turn to the left, your ears
will hear a voice behind you,
saying, "This is the way. Walk in
it." 22You shall defile the
overlaying of your engraved
images of silver, and the plating of
your molten images of gold. You
shall cast them away as[b] an unclean
thing. You shall tell it, "Go away."
23And he will give the rain for your
seed, with which you will sow the
ground, and bread of the increase of
the ground;[c] it will be rich and
plentiful. In that day, your livestock
will feed in large pastures. 24The
oxen likewise and the young
donkeys that till the ground will eat
savory provender, which has been
winnowed with the shovel and with
the fork. 25There shall be brooks
and streams of water on every lofty
mountain and on every high hill in
the day of the great slaughter, when
the towers fall. 26Moreover the light
of the moon will be like the light of
the sun, and the light of the sun will
be seven times brighter, like the
light of seven days, in the day that
YHWH binds up the fracture of his
people, and heals the wound they
were struck with.

27Look, the name of YHWH
comes from far away, burning with
his anger, and in thick rising
smoke. His lips are full of
indignation, and his tongue is as a
devouring fire. 28His breath is as an
overflowing stream that reaches
even to the neck, to sift the nations
with the sieve of destruction; and a
bridle that leads to ruin will be in
the jaws of the peoples. 29You will
have a song, as in the night when a
holy feast is kept; and gladness of
heart, as when one goes with a flute
to come to YHWH's mountain, to
Israel's Rock.[d] 30YHWH will cause
his glorious voice to be heard, and
will show the descent of his arm,
with the indignation of his anger,
and the flame of a devouring fire,
with a blast, storm, and hailstones.
31For through the voice of YHWH
the Assyrian will be dismayed. He
will strike him with his rod. 32And
every stroke with his punishing
club, which YHWH will lay on him,
will be with the sound of
tambourines and harps. He will
fight with them in battles,
brandishing weapons. 33For his
burning place has long been ready.
Yes, for the king it is made ready.
He has made its pyre deep and large
with fire[e] and much wood. YHWH's

[a]30:20 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]30:22 LXX Syr read "water"
[c]30:23 DSS LXX. MT adds "and"
[d]30:29 LXX reads "God"
[e]30:33 LXX(S.393) cf. BHS add "and sulfer"

breath, like a stream of sulfur,
kindles it.

31 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help,
and rely on horses,
and trust in chariots because they are many,
and in horsemen because they are very strong,
but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel,
and they do not seek YHWH.
2 Yet he also is wise, and will bring disaster,
and will not call back his words, but will arise against the house of the evildoers,
and against those who help evildoers.
3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God;
and their horses flesh, and not spirit.
When YHWH stretches out his hand, both he who helps shall stumble,
and he who is helped shall fall,
and they all shall be consumed together.
4 For thus says YHWH to me,
"As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey,
if a multitude of shepherds is called together against him,
will not be dismayed at their voice,
nor abase himself for the noise of them,
so YHWH of hosts will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its heights.
5 As birds hovering, so YHWH of hosts will protect Jerusalem.
He will protect and deliver it.
He will pass over and preserve it."
6 Return to him from whom you have deeply revolted, children of Israel. 7 For in that day everyone shall cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold—sin which your own hands have made for you.

8 "The Assyrian will fall by the sword, not of man;
and the sword, not of humankind, shall devour him.
He will flee from the sword,
and his young men will become subject to forced labor.
9 His rock will pass away by reason of terror,
and his officers will be afraid of the banner,"
says YHWH, whose fire is in Zion,
and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Look, a king shall reign in righteousness,
and princes shall rule in justice.
2 A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind,
and a shelter from the storm,

as streams of water in a dry
place,
as the shade of a large rock
in a weary land.
3 The eyes of those who see will
not be dim,
and the ears of those who
hear will listen.
4 The heart of the rash will
understand knowledge,
and the tongue of the
stammerers will be
ready to speak plainly.
5 And they will no longer call a
fool[a] noble,
nor the scoundrel be highly
respected.
6 For the fool will speak folly,
and his heart plans[b] iniquity,
to practice profanity,
and to utter error against
YHWH,
To make empty the soul of
the hungry,
and to cause the drink of the
thirsty to fail.
7 The ways of the scoundrel are
evil.
He devises wicked devices
to destroy the humble
with lying words,
even when the needy[c] speaks
right.
8 But the noble devises noble
things;
and he will continue in noble
things.
9 Rise up, you women who are at
ease. Hear my voice.
You careless daughters, give
ear to my speech.
10 For days beyond a year you will
be troubled, you
careless women;
for the vintage shall fail.
The harvest won't come.
11 Tremble, you women who are at
ease.
Be troubled, you careless
ones.
Strip yourselves, make
yourselves naked,
and put sackcloth on your
waist.
12 Beat your breasts for the pleasant
fields,
for the fruitful vine.
13 Thorns and briars will come up
on my people's land;
yes, on all the houses of joy
in the joyous city.
14 For the palace will be forsaken.
The populous city will be
deserted.
The hill and the watchtower
will be for dens
forever,
a delight for wild donkeys,
a pasture of flocks;
15 Until the Spirit is poured on us
from on high,
and the wilderness becomes
a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is
considered a forest.
16 Then justice will dwell in the
wilderness;
and righteousness will
remain in the fruitful
field.
17 The work of righteousness will
be peace;

[a] 32:5 DSS LXX. MT reads "A fool will be no longer called"
[b] 32:6 DSS LXX. MT reads "works"
[c] 32:7 DSS LXX pl. MT sg

and the effect of
righteousness,
quietness and
confidence forever.
18 My people will abide in a
peaceful habitation,
in safe dwellings,
and in quiet resting places.
19 And it will hail when the forest
comes down,
and the wood[a] is brought
low in humiliation.
20 Blessed are you who sow beside
all waters,
who set free the foot of the
ox and the donkey.

33 Woe to you who
destroy, but you
weren't destroyed;
and who betray, but nobody
betrayed you.
When you have finished
destroying, you will be
destroyed;
and when you have made an
end of betrayal, you
will be betrayed.

2 YHWH, be gracious to us. We
have waited for you.
Be our strength every
morning,
our salvation also in the time
of trouble.
3 At the noise of the thunder, the
peoples have fled.
When you lift yourself up,
the nations are
scattered.
4 Your spoil will be gathered as the
caterpillar gathers.
Men will leap on it as
locusts leap.
5 YHWH is exalted, for he dwells
on high.
He has filled Zion with
justice and
righteousness.
6 There will be stability in your
times, abundance of
salvation, wisdom, and
knowledge.
The fear of YHWH is your
treasure.
7 Look, their valiant ones cry
outside;
the ambassadors of peace
weep bitterly.
8 The highways are desolate,
the traveler ceases.
He has broken the covenant,
he has despised the
witnesses;[b]
he has no regard for man.
9 The land mourns and languishes.
Lebanon is confounded and
withers away.
Sharon is like a desert, and
Bashan and Carmel
are stripped bare.
10 "Now I will arise," says YHWH;
"Now I will lift myself up.
Now I will be exalted.
11 You will conceive chaff.
You will bring forth stubble.
Your breath is a fire that will
devour you.
12 The peoples will be like the
burning of lime,

[a] 32:19 DSS, reading hy'r "wood." MT reads h'yr "city"

[b] 33:8 DSS cf. BHS, reading adim. MT reads arim "cities," a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

like thorns that are cut down
and burned in the fire.
13 Hear, you who are far off, what I
have done;
and, you who are near,
acknowledge my
might."
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid.
Trembling has seized the
godless ones.
Who among us can live with the
devouring fire?
Who among us can live with
everlasting burning?
15 He who walks righteously,
and speaks blamelessly;
He who despises the gain of
oppressions,
who gestures with his hands,
refusing to take a
bribe,
who stops his ears[a] from
hearing of blood,
and shuts his eyes from
looking at evil—
16 he will dwell on high.
His place of defense will be
the fortress of rocks.
His bread will be supplied.
His waters will be sure.
17 Your eyes will see the king in his
beauty.
They will see a distant land.
18 Your heart will meditate on the
terror.
Where is he who counted?
Where is he who weighed?
Where is he who counted the
towers?
19 You will no longer see the fierce
people,
a people of a deep speech
that you can't
comprehend,
with a strange language that
you can't understand.
20 Look at Zion, the city of our
appointed festivals.
Your eyes will see
Jerusalem, a quiet
habitation,
a tent that won't be
removed.
Its stakes will never be plucked
up,
nor will any of its cords be
broken.
21 But there YHWH will be with us
in majesty,
a place of broad rivers and
streams,
in which no galley with oars
will go,
neither will any gallant ship
pass by there.
22 For YHWH is our judge.[b]
YHWH is our lawgiver.
YHWH is our king.
He[c] will save us.

23 Your rigging is untied.
They couldn't strengthen the
foot of their mast.
They couldn't spread the
sail.
Then the prey of a great spoil was
divided.
The lame took the prey.

24 The inhabitant won't say, "I am
sick."

[a] 33:15 DSS LXX. MT reads "ear"
[b] 33:22 LXX reads "For my God is great"
[c] 33:22 LXX reads "YHWH, he"

The people who dwell in it
will be forgiven their
iniquity.

34 Come near, you
nations, to hear.
Listen, you peoples.
Let the earth and all it
contains hear;
the world, and everything
that comes from it.
2For YHWH is enraged against all
the nations,
and angry with all their
armies.
He has utterly destroyed them.
He has given them over for
slaughter.
3Their slain will also be cast out,
and the stench of their dead
bodies will come up;
and the mountains will melt
in their blood.
4And all the host of heaven will rot
away,[a]
and the heavens will be
rolled up like a scroll.
And all their host will
wither,
as a leaf withering from the
vine, and as leaves
withering from the fig
tree.
5For my sword has drunk its fill in
the sky.
Look, it will come down on
Edom,
and on the people of my
curse, for judgment.
6YHWH's sword is filled with
blood.
It is covered with fat, with
the blood of lambs and
goats,
with the fat of the kidneys of
rams;
for YHWH has a sacrifice in
Bozrah,
And a great slaughter in the
land of Edom.
7The wild oxen will come down
with them,
and the young bulls with the
mighty bulls;
and their land will be soaked
with blood,
and their dust made greasy
with fat.
8For YHWH has a day of
vengeance,
a year of recompense for the
cause of Zion.
9Its streams will be turned into
pitch,
its dust into sulfur,
And its land will become
burning pitch.
10It won't be quenched night nor
day.
Its smoke will go up forever.
From generation to
generation, it will lie
waste.
No one will pass through it
forever and ever.
11But the pelican and the
porcupine will possess
it.
The owl and the raven will
dwell in it.
He will stretch the line of
confusion over it,

[a]34:4 DSS(1QIsa(a)) reads "And the valleys will be split, and all the host of heaven will fall." LXX(L) reads "And all the powers of the heavens will dissolve"

and the plumb line of
emptiness.
12They shall call its nobles to the
kingdom, but none
shall be there;
and all its princes shall be
nothing.
13Thorns will come up in its
palaces,
nettles and thistles in its
fortresses;
and it will be a habitation of
jackals,
a court for ostriches.
14And the wildcats will meet with
the hyenas,
and the wild goat will cry to
his fellow.
There too, nocturnal animals shall
settle,
and shall find themselves[a] a
place of rest.
15The owl will make her nest
there,
and lay, hatch, and gather
under her shade.
Yes, the vultures will be
gathered there, every
one with her mate.
16Search in the scroll of YHWH,
and read:
not one of these will be
missing.
none will lack her mate.
For my mouth has
commanded,
and his Spirit has gathered
them.
17He has cast the lot for them,
and his hand has divided it
to them with a
measuring line.
They shall possess it forever.
From generation to
generation they will
dwell in it.

35 The wilderness and the dry land will be glad.
The desert will rejoice and
blossom like the
crocus.
2It will blossom abundantly,
and rejoice even with joy
and singing.
Lebanon's glory Lebanon
will be given to it,
the excellence of Carmel and
Sharon.
They will see YHWH's
glory,
the excellence of our God.
3Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble
knees.
4Tell those who have a fearful
heart, "Be strong.
Do not be afraid.
Look, your God will come
with vengeance, God's
retribution.
He will come and save you.
5Then the eyes of the blind will be
opened,
and the ears of the deaf will
be unstopped.
6Then the lame man will leap like
a deer,

[a]34:13 DSS LXX, reading "nocturnal animals shall settle, and shall find themselves." MT reads "nocturnal animal shall settle, and shall find for herself"

and the tongue of the mute
will sing;
for waters will break out in
the wilderness,
and streams in the desert.
7 The burning sand will become a
pool,
and the thirsty ground
springs of water.
Grass with reeds and rushes
will be in the
habitation of jackals,
where they lay.
8 And a highway will be there,[a]
and it will be called the Way
of Holiness.[b]
The unclean shall not pass over it,
but it will be for those who
walk in the Way.
Wicked fools will not go
there.
9 No lion will be there,
nor will any ravenous animal
go up on it.
They will not be found
there;
but the redeemed will walk
there.
10 YHWH's ransomed ones will
return,
and come with singing to
Zion;
and everlasting joy will be
on their heads.
They will obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing will
flee away."

36 Now it happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all of the fortified cities of Judah, and captured them. 2 The king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem[c] to king Hezekiah with a large army. He stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool on the highway to the Launderers' Field. 3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder came out to him. 4 Rabshakeh said to them, "Now tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What confidence is this in which you trust? 5 Do you think[d] that empty words are strategy and power for war? Now in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me? 6 Look, you trust in the staff of this bruised reed, even in Egypt, which if a man leans on it, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. 7 But if you[e] tell me, 'We trust in YHWH our God,' isn't that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar?'" 8 Now therefore, please make a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give

[a] 35:8 DSS Hebrew Mss Syr. MT adds "a way," an accidental duplication
[b] 35:8 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Hebrews 12:14
[c] 36:2 Heb. Yerushalemah "to Jerusalem," the hey of direction
[d] 36:5 Hebrew Mss cf. DSS and 2 Kings 18:20. MT reads "I say"
[e] 36:7 DSS LXX pl. MT sg

you two thousand horses, if you are
able on your part to set riders on
them. 9How then can you turn away
the face of one captain of the least
of my master's servants, and put
your trust on Egypt for chariots and
for horsemen? 10Have I come up
now without YHWH against this
land to destroy it? YHWH said to
me, "Go up against this land, and
destroy it."'"

11Then Eliakim, Shebna and
Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Please
speak to your servants in Aramaic,
for we understand it; and do not
speak to us in the Judean language
in the hearing of the people who are
on the wall."

12But Rabshakeh said, "Has
my master sent me only to your
master and to you, to speak these
words, and not to the men who sit
on the wall, who will eat their own
dung and drink their own urine with
you?" 13Then Rabshakeh stood,
and called out with a loud voice in
the Judean language, and said,
"Hear the words of the great king,
the king of Assyria. 14Thus says the
king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive
you; for he will not be able to
deliver you. 15Do not let Hezekiah
make you trust in YHWH, saying,
"YHWH[a] will surely deliver us.
This city won't be given into the
hand of the king of Assyria."' 16Do
not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says
the king of Assyria, 'Make your
peace with me, and come out to me;
and each of you eat from his vine,
and each one from his fig tree, and
each one of you drink the waters of
his own cistern; 17until I come and
take you away to a land like your
own land, a land of grain and new
wine, a land of bread and
vineyards. 18Beware lest Hezekiah
persuade you, saying, "YHWH[b] will
deliver us." Have any of the gods of
the nations delivered their lands
from the hand of the king of
Assyria? 19Where are the gods of
Hamath and Arpad? Where are the
gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and
Iwah[c]? Have they delivered
Samaria from my hand? 20Who are
they among all the gods of these
countries that have delivered their
country out of my hand, that
YHWH[d] should deliver Jerusalem
out of my hand?'"

21But they remained silent,
and said nothing in reply, for the
king's commandment was, "Do not
answer him."

22Then Eliakim the son of
Hilkiah, who was over the
household, and Shebna the scribe,
and Joah, the son of Asaph, the
recorder, came to Hezekiah with
their clothes torn, and told him the
words of Rabshakeh.

37 It happened, when
king Hezekiah heard

[a]36:15 LXX reads "Do not let Hezekiah say to you, God"
[b]36:18 LXX reads "God"
[c]36:19 2 Kings 18:34. MT lacks "Hena, and Iwah" from haplography with sight confusion: m_hn- to h_hk-
[d]36:20 LXX reads "God"

it, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into YHWH's house. 2He sent Eliakim, who 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. 3They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of rejection; for the children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring forth. 4It may be YHWH your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which YHWH your God has heard. Therefore lift up your prayer[a] for the remnant that is left.'" 5So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'Thus says YHWH, "Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7Look, I will put a spirit in him and he will hear news, and will return to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."'"

8So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9He heard news concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He has come out to fight against you." When he heard it, he returned[b] and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, 10"Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem won't be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." 11Look, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly. Shall you be delivered? 12Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden who were in Telassar? 13Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?'"

14Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to YHWH's house, and spread it before YHWH. 15Hezekiah prayed to YHWH, saying, 16"YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned among the cherubim, you are the God, even you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 17Turn your ear, YHWH, and hear. Open your eyes, YHWH, and look. Hear all of the words of Sennacherib, who has sent to defy the living God. 18Truly, YHWH, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the countries and their land, 19and have cast their gods into the fire;

[a]37:4 LXX adds "to YHWH your God"

[b]37:9 DSS LXX. MT lacks "he returned"

for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. 20Now therefore, YHWH our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are YHWH,[a] even you only."
21Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22this is the word which YHWH[b] has spoken concerning him. The virgin daughter of Zion has despised you and ridiculed you. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 23Whom have you defied and blasphemed? Against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 24By your messengers you have taunted YHWH[c], and have said, "With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and its choice fir trees. I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field. 25I have dug and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet I will dry up all the rivers of Egypt." 26Have you not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it in ancient times? Now I have brought it to pass, that it should be yours to destroy fortified cities, turning them into ruinous heaps. 27Therefore their inhabitants had little power. They were dismayed and confounded. They were like the grass of the field, and like the green herb, like the grass on the rooftops when it is scorched[d] by the east wind.[e] 28But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me. 29Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came. 30This shall be the sign to you. You will eat this year that which grows of itself, and in the second year that which springs from the same; and in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. 31The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 32For out of Jerusalem a remnant will go forth, and survivors will escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of YHWH of hosts will perform this.' 33Therefore thus says YHWH concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither will he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 34By the way

[a]37:20 LXX reads "God." Cf. 2Kings 19:19
[b]37:22 LXX reads "which God." Cf. 2Kings 19:21
[c]37:24 Hebrew(93 96 112 150 154 178 226 245) Mss. MT reads "the Lord"
[d]37:27 Hebrew Mss and 2Kings 19:26, reading "scorched." MT reads "field," a pey-mem confusion
[e]37:27 DSS, reading "east wind." MT reads "grain"

that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city,' says YHWH. 35'For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.'"

36The angel of YHWH went out and struck one hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the camp of the Assyrians. When men arose early in the morning, look, these were all dead bodies. 37So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, went away, returned to Nineveh, and stayed there. 38It happened, as he was worshipping in[a] the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick and near death. Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Set your house in order, for you will die, and not live.'"

2Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to YHWH, 3and said, "Remember now, YHWH, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly.

4Then the word of YHWH came to Isaiah, saying, 5"Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says YHWH, the God of David your father, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Look, I will add fifteen years to your life. 6I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city. 7This shall be the sign to you from YHWH, that YHWH[b] will do this thing that he has spoken. 8Look, I will cause the shadow on the steps, which has gone down with the sun on the upper[c] steps of Ahaz, to go backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps on the sundial on which it had gone down."'"

9The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and had recovered of his sickness.

10I said, "In the middle of my life I go into the gates of Sheol.
I am deprived of the residue of my years."
11I said, "I won't see YHWH[d] in the land of the living.
I will not look on humankind any longer

[a]37:38 DSS LXX. Implicit in MT but lost from haplography: b-b
[b]38:7 LXX reads "God"
[c]38:8 DSS, which adds "upper." LXX adds "on the house (of your father)." MT lacks "upper"
[d]38:11 DSS Hebrew Mss Symmachus Syr. MT reads "Yah, Yah." LXX reads "the salvation of God," which could have been lost in MT from homoioarcton (b'yesha to b'aretz): b-b

with the inhabitants of
the world.
12My dwelling is removed,
and is carried away from me
like a shepherd's tent.
I have rolled up, like a weaver, my
life.
He will cut me off from the
loom.
From day even to night you
will make an end of
me.
13I waited patiently until morning.
He breaks all my bones like
a lion.
From day even to night you
will make an end of
me.
14I chip like a swallow or a thrush.
I moan like a dove.
My eyes weaken looking
upward.
YHWH,[a] I am oppressed.
Be my security."
15What will I say?
He has both spoken to me,
and himself has done
it.
I will walk carefully all my
years because of the
anguish of my soul.
16YHWH[b] is against them, but they
live, and all of them
who live have his
spirit.[c]
Restore me to health and let
me live.
17Look, for peace I had great
anguish,
but you have in love for my
soul delivered it from
the pit of corruption;
for you have cast all my sins
behind your back.
18For Sheol can't praise you.
And death can't[d] celebrate
you.
And[e] those who go down into the
pit can't hope for your
truth.
19The living, the living, he shall
praise you, as I do this
day.
The father shall make known
your truth to the
children.
20YHWH will save me.
Therefore we will sing my
songs with stringed
instruments all the
days of our life in the
house of YHWH.[f]

21Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover." 22Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I will go up to the house of YHWH[g]?"

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[a]38:14 DSS Ms Heb. ed. MT reads "Lord"
[b]38:16 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]38:16 DSS, reading "who live have his spirit." MT reads "have the life of my spirit"
[d]38:18 DSS ("and not") LXX(vid) (oude: "and not/neither"). MT lacks "And" and "can't." The latter may be implied
[e]38:18 DSS LXX(vid). MT lacks "And"
[f]38:20 LXX reads "house of God"
[g]38:22 LXX reads "house of God"

39 At that time, Marduk-Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.[a] 2Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them. 3Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and asked him, "What did these men say? Where did they come from to you?"

Hezekiah said, "They have come from a country far from me, even from Babylon."

4Then he asked, "What have they seen in your house?"

Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

5Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of YHWH of hosts: 6'Look, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried[b] to Babylon.[c] Nothing will be left,' says YHWH.[d] 7'They will take away your descendants who will issue from you, whom you shall father, and they will be eunuchs in the king of Babylon's palace.'"

8Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "YHWH's word which you have spoken is good." He said moreover, "For there will be peace and truth in my days."

40 "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.[e] 2"Speak[f] tenderly to Jerusalem; and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of YHWH's hand double for all her sins."

3The voice of one who calls out in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way of YHWH.

[a]39:1 DSS reads "sick, but he lived"
[b]39:6 DSS LXX read pl
[c]39:6 DSS Ms LXX add "They will come, and." Lectio brevior
[d]39:6 LXX reads "God"
[e]40:1 LXX(A) OL Mss read "YHWH"
[f]40:2 LXX adds "priests," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: m-m, or an explication. Cf. addition in Amos 3:13 LXX

Make his roads[a] straight.[b]
[4]Every valley will be filled,[c]
and every mountain and hill
will be made low,
and the uneven will be made
level,
and the rough places a plain.
[5]And the glory of YHWH will be
revealed,
and all humanity will see the
salvation
of God[d] together;[e]
for the mouth of YHWH has
spoken."
[6]The voice of one saying,
"Cry."
And I[f] said, "What shall I
cry?"
"All flesh is like grass,
and all its glory[g] is like the
flower of the field.
[7]The grass withers,
the flower fades,
because YHWH's breath
blows on it.
Surely the people are like
grass.
[8]The grass withers,
the flower fades,[h]
but the word of YHWH[i]
stands forever."[j]
[9]You who tell good news to Zion,
go up on a high
mountain.
You who tell good news to
Jerusalem, lift up your
voice with strength.
Lift it up. Do not be afraid.

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[a]40:3 LXX(309-566 534) Mss OL(E.O.H: semitas eius) Mss, reading tribous autou "his roads" = מסלותיו. MT has apparently been edited to "a road".... מסלה in order to expand "his" to "our God." In v.8 "YHWH" has been changed in MT to "our God" as well.

[b]40:3 LXX. MT adds "in the desert." Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23

[c]40:4 LXX OL Mss, reading plerothesetai "filled" = ימלא cf. Jeremiah 13:12. MT reads ינשא "exalted," a misreading in Paleo-Hebrew in a damaged scroll

[d]40:5 LXX (soterion tou theou) OL Mss (salutare dei), = בישע אלהים. MT lacks "the salvation of God" from haplography by sight confusion in square script: כי-בי. Cf. Psalm 50:23; Luke 3:6

[e]40:5 The Hebrew word for "together" may have been omitted in the LXX (and Lat(k.e.o). Vg has partier: "together." Symmachus adds en abatw) because of the presence of the synonym "all," or it is a scribal expansion. Cf. M. van der Vorm-Croughs, The Old Greek of Isaiah (2014), 71-74

[f]40:6 DSS LXX Vg. MT reads "And one said"

[g]40:6 LXX Syr OL Vg cf. BHS, reading doxa = הדרו (or כבוד, כבדו) "glory." MT reads חסדו "mercy, goodness," an apparent scribal misreading of the consonantal text

[h]40:7a-8a MT DSS(corr.) LXX Mss. Hebrew Mss LXX DSS* lack "because the…fades;" In DSS the words are supplied supralinearly by a second hand. Either the text was lost due to haplography or it is a later non-original addition. Cf. G. Fohrer, Jesaja, 3:2; J. L. Koole, Jesaja 2,1:33–35

[i]40:8 LXX(L) (rhema kuriou) OL Ms (verbum domini) Vg Mss; Justin, Clement, Theodoret, Cyprian, Speculum. DSS MT read "our God" instead of "YHWH"

[j]40:8 1Peter 1:24-25

Say to the cities of Judah,
"Look, your God."
10 Look,[a] YHWH will come as a mighty one,
and his arm will rule for him.
Look, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd.
He will gather the lambs in his arm,
and carry them in his bosom.
He will gently lead those who have their young.

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
and marked off the sky with his span,
and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales,
and the hills in a balance?
13 Who has known the mind[b] of YHWH,
or who[c] has instructed him as his counselor?[d]
14 From whom did he take counsel with,
and who instructed him,
and taught him in the path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding? Or who has first given to him, and it will be repaid to him again?[e]
15 Look, the nations are like a drop in a bucket,
and are regarded as a speck of dust on a balance.
Look, he lifts up the islands like a very little thing.
16 Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,
nor its animals sufficient for a burnt offering.
17 All the nations are like nothing before him.
They are regarded by him as less than nothing, and vanity.
18 To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare to him?
19 A workman has cast an image,
and the goldsmith overlays it with gold,
and casts silver chains for it.
20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering
chooses a tree that will not rot.
He seeks a skillful workman to set up an engraved image for him that will not be moved.

21 Haven't you known?
Haven't you heard, yet?

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[a] 40:10 LXX Syr Ms. MT adds "Lord"
[b] 40:13 MT Heb.: ruach, often meaning "spirit," but also "mind": cf. LXX: nous "mind"; BDB 8955: "6. seat or organ of mental acts"; Hol 7805: "7. mind"
[c] 40:13 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "who"
[d] 40:13 Romans 11:34; 1Co 2:16
[e] 40:14 LXX Mss Syr(p) Sa Bo. MT lacks "Or who has…again." Romans 11:35. Cf. K. Kujanpaa, "Job or Isaiah?," TC 24 (2019)

Haven't you been told from the beginning?
Haven't you understood from the foundations of the earth?
22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in;
23 who brings princes to nothing;
who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.
24 They are planted scarcely.
They are sown scarcely.
Their stock has scarcely taken root in the ground.
He merely blows on them, and they wither,
and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken me?
Who is my equal?" says the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high,
and see who has created these,
who brings out their host by number.
He calls them all by name;
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power,
not one is lacking.
27 Why do you say, Jacob,
and why[a] do you assert, Israel,
"My way is hidden from YHWH,[b]
and the justice due me is disregarded by my God?"
28 And now,[c] haven't you known?
Haven't you heard?
The everlasting God, YHWH,[d]
the Creator of the farthest parts of the earth,
doesn't faint.
He isn't weary.
His understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the weak.
He increases the strength of him who has no might.
30 Even the youths faint and get weary,
and the young men utterly fall;
31 But those who wait for YHWH[e] will renew their strength.
They will mount up with wings like eagles.
They will run, and not be weary.
They will walk, and not faint.

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[a] 40:27 LXX cf. BHS, reading kai ti = wlmh. MT lacks "why"
[b] 40:27 LXX OL Ms read "from God"
[c] 40:28 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "And now"
[d] 40:28 LXX OL Ms read "God"
[e] 40:31 LXX OL Ms read "God." LXX(L.46) Ms = MT

41 “Keep silent before me, islands,
and let the peoples renew their strength.
Let them come near,
then let them speak.
Let’s meet together for judgment.
2Who has raised up one from the east?
Whom he called to his foot in righteousness?
He hands over nations to him,
and brings down kings.
He gives them like the dust to his sword,
like the driven stubble to his bow.
3He pursues them,
and passes by safely,
Even by a way that he had not gone with his feet.
4Who has worked and done it,
calling the generations from the beginning?
I, YHWH,[a] the first, and with the last, I am he.”

5The coastlands have seen, and fear.
The farthest parts of the earth tremble.
They approach, and come.
6Everyone helps his neighbor.
They say to their brothers, “Be strong.”
7So the carpenter encourages the goldsmith.
He who smoothes with the hammer encourages him who strikes the anvil,
saying of the soldering, “It is good;”
and he fastens it with nails, that it might not totter.
8“But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham my friend,
9you whom I have taken hold of from places far away on the earth,[b]
and summoned from its border,[c]
and said to you, ‘You are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.’
10Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you.
Yes, I will help you.
Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.
11Look, all those who are incensed against you will be disappointed and confounded.
Those who strive with you will be like nothing, and shall perish.
12You will seek them, and won’t find them,
even those who contend with you.

[a]41:4 LXX reads “God”
[b]41:9 Lit. “borders/ends of the earth,” which can mean the farthest parts of the earth, or be an idiomatic expression for a distant land, country or territory
[c]41:9 Lit. “from its border/corner”

Those who war against you
will be as nothing,
as a non-existent thing.
13For I, YHWH your God, will
hold[a] your right hand,
saying to you, 'Do not be
afraid.
I will help you.'
14Do not be afraid, you worm
Jacob,
and you men of Israel.
I will help you," says
YHWH,[b]
"and your Redeemer is the
Holy One of Israel.
15Look, I have made you into a
new sharp threshing
instrument with teeth.
You will thresh the
mountains,
and beat them small,
and will make the hills like
chaff.
16You will winnow them,
and the wind will carry them
away,
and the whirlwind will
scatter them.
You will rejoice in YHWH.
You will glory in the Holy
One of Israel.
17The poor and needy seek water,
and there is none.
Their tongue fails for thirst.
I, YHWH,[c] will answer them.
I, the God of Israel, will not
forsake them.
18I will open rivers on the bare
heights,
and springs in the midst of
the valleys.
I will make the wilderness a
pool of water,
and the dry land springs of
water.
19I will put cedar, acacia, myrtle,
and oil trees in the
wilderness.
I will set fir trees, pine, and
box trees together in
the desert;
20that they may see, know,
consider, and
understand together,
that the hand of YHWH has
done this,
and the Holy One of Israel
has created it.
21Produce your cause," says
YHWH.[d]
"Bring forth your strong
reasons," says the
King of Jacob.
22"Let them come near[e] and
declare to us what
shall happen.
Declare the former things,
what they are,
that we may consider them,
and know the latter
end of them;
or show us things to come.
23Declare the things that are to
come hereafter,

[a]41:13 LXX reads "For I am your God who holds"
[b]41:14 LXX reads "says God"
[c]41:17 LXX adds "God." LXX(93, sub 3 L) Ms = MT. In chapters 41-45 the Isaiah translator appears to have extended the divine name by adding "God" to "YHWH" 16 times. Cf. M. van der Vorm-Croughs, The Old Greek of Isaiah, 39-40
[d]41:21 LXX adds "God"
[e]41:22 LXX Tg Vg. MT reads "bring forth"

that we may know that you
are gods.
Yes, do good, or do evil,
that we may be dismayed,
and see it together.
24Look, you are of nothing,
and your work is of nothing.
He who chooses you is an
abomination.

25"I have raised up one from the
north, and he has
come;
from the rising of the sun,
one who calls on my
name;
and he shall come on rulers
as on mortar,
and as the potter treads clay.
26Who has declared it from the
beginning, that we
may know?
And before, that we may
say, 'He is right?'
Surely, there is no one who
declares.
Surely, there is no one who
shows.
Surely, there is no one who
hears your words.
27I am the first to say to Zion,
'Look, look at them;'
and I will give one who
brings good news to
Jerusalem.
28When I look, there is no man;
even among them there is no
counselor who, when I
ask of them, can
answer a word.
29Look, all of them, their works
are vanity and nothing.
Their molten images are
wind and confusion.

42 "Look, my servant I
have chosen,
my beloved[a] in
whom my soul
delights.
I have put my Spirit on him,
and[b] he will bring
justice to the nations.
2He will not shout,
nor raise his voice,
nor cause it to be heard in
the street.
3He won't break a bruised reed.
And he won't extinguish a
dimly burning wick.
He will faithfully bring
justice.
4He will not grow dim or be
crushed,[c]

[a]42:1 Old Latin X and Matthew 12:18, reading בחרתי בו ידידי "I have chosen, my beloved." MT reads אתמך בו בחירי "I uphold, my chosen one," a variant which resulted after a copyist lost his place in his exemplar after writing בח, going from ב_י to the next ב_י (homoioarcton), and then writing ירי with sight confusion from the last three letters of ידידי. The loss of the latter word was later adjusted with the addition of אתמך "I uphold," possibly in reminiscence of 41:10 or 33:15

[b]42:1 DSS OL Ms Bo and Matthew 12:18. MT lacks "and" from haplography

[c]42:4 Or, be bruised. Revocalization based on LXX cf. Tg and BHS

until he has established
justice on the earth,
and in his name[a] the coastlands[b]
will hope.[c]"[d]
5Thus says God, YHWH,
he who created the heavens
and stretched them
out,
he who spread out the earth
and that which comes
out of it,
he who gives breath to its
people and spirit to
those who walk in it.
6"I, YHWH,[e] have called you in
righteousness,
and will hold your hand,
and will keep you,
and make you a covenant for
the people,
as a light for the nations;
7to open the blind eyes,
to bring the prisoners out of
the dungeon,
and those who sit in
darkness out of the
prison.

8"I am YHWH.[f]
That is my name.
I will not give my glory to
another,
nor my praise to engraved
images.
9Look, the former things have
happened,
and I declare new things.
I tell you about them before
they come up."

10Sing to YHWH a new song,
and his praise from the
remotest parts of the
earth,
you who go down to the sea,
and all that is in it,
the islands and their
inhabitants.
11Let the desert and its cities cry
out,
with the villages that Kedar
inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of Sela
sing.
Let them shout from the top
of the mountains.
12Let them give glory to YHWH,[g]
and declare his praise in the
islands.
13YHWH[h] will go out like a mighty
man.

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[a]42:4 LXX, reading kai epi tw onomati = ולשמו "and in his name the nations," cf. Psalm 135:3, Isaiah 40:15. MT reads ולתרתו"and in his law," a misreading involving a mem-taw confusion in a square script in a damaged scroll, possibly in reminiscence of 30:9 (law)

[b]42:4 MT, reading 'iyyim "coastlands/island." LXX reads ethnos, translated in Isaiah for Hebrew goiim "nations" twenty-five times, for ammim "peoples" ten times, and once in 41:5 for "coastlands/islands." It is possible that MT has misread goiim as 'iyyim in a damaged scroll. The LXX usually translates the Hebrew word for the latter as nesos (ten times in Isaiah)

[c]42:4 Heb. yachal (piel) "hope." Cf. BDB 3901: "2. wait for = hope for."; HALOT: Psalm 119:49

[d]42:1-4 Matthew 12:21

[e]42:6 LXX adds "God"

[f]42:8 LXX adds "God"

[g]42:12 LXX reads "to God"

[h]42:13 LXX adds "God." LXX(456, sporadic as L) Ms = MT

He will stir up zeal like a
man of war.
He will raise a war cry.
Yes, he will shout aloud.
He will triumph over his
enemies.

14"I have been silent a long time.
I have been quiet and
restrained myself.
Now I will cry out like a
travailing woman. I
will both gasp and
pant.
15I will destroy mountains and
hills,
and dry up all their herbs.
I will make the rivers
islands,
and will dry up the pools.
16I will bring the blind by a way
that they do not know.
I will lead them in paths that
they do not know.
I will make darkness light
before them,
and crooked places straight.
I will do these things,
and I will not forsake them.

17"Those who trust in engraved
images,
who tell molten images,
'You are our gods'
will be turned back.
They will be utterly
disappointed.

18"Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind,
that you may see.
19Who is blind, but my servant?
Or who is as deaf as my
messenger whom I
send?
Who is as blind as he who is
at peace,
and as blind as YHWH's[a]
servant?
20You see many things, but do not
observe.
His ears are open, but he
doesn't listen.
21It pleased YHWH,[b] for his
righteousness' sake, to
magnify the law,
and make it honorable.
22But this is a robbed and
plundered people.
All of them are snared in
holes,
and they are hidden in
prisons.
They have become a prey, and no
one delivers;
and a spoil, and no one says,
'Restore them.'
23Who is there among you who
will give ear to this?
Who will listen and hear for
the time to come?
24Who gave Jacob as plunder,
and Israel to the robbers?
Did not YHWH,[c] he against
whom we have
sinned?
For they would not walk in
his ways,
and they disobeyed his law.
25Therefore he poured the
fierceness of his anger
on him,
and the strength of battle;

[a]42:19 LXX reads "as God's"
[b]42:21 LXX adds "God"
[c]42:24 LXX reads "not God,"

and it set him on fire all around, but he did not know;
and it burned him, but he did not take it to heart."

43 But now thus says YHWH[a] who created you, Jacob,
and he who formed you, Israel:
"Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name.
You are mine.
2When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they will not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned,
and the flame will not scorch you.
3For I am YHWH your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior.
I have given Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.
4Since you have been precious and honored in my sight,
and I have loved you;
therefore I will give people in your place,
and nations instead of your life.
5Do not be afraid; for I am with you.
I will bring your descendants from the east,
and gather you from the west.
6I will tell the north, 'Give them up.'
and tell the south, 'Do not hold them back.
Bring my sons from far,
and my daughters from the farthest parts of the earth—
7everyone who is called by my name,
and whom I have created for my glory,
whom I have formed,
yes, whom I have made.'"

8Bring out the blind people who have eyes,
and the deaf who have ears.
9Let all the nations be gathered together,
and let the peoples be assembled.
Who among them can declare this,
and show us former things?
Let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified;
or let them hear, and say, "That is true."

10"You are my witnesses," says YHWH,[b]
"With my servant whom I have chosen;
that you may know and believe me,

[a]43:1 LXX adds "God." LXX(407) Ms = MT

[b]43:10 LXX adds "God"

and understand that I am he.
Before me there was no God
formed,
neither will there be after
me.
11 I, I am YHWH;[a]
and besides me there is no
savior.
12 I have declared, I have saved,
and I have shown;
and there was no strange god
among you.
Therefore you are my witnesses,"
says YHWH, "and I am
God.[b]
13 Yes, since the day was I am he;
and there is no one who can
deliver out of my
hand.
I will work, and who can
hinder it?"

14 Thus says YHWH,[c] your
Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
"For your sake, I have sent to
Babylon, and I will bring all of
them down as fugitives, even the
Chaldeans, in the ships of their
rejoicing. 15 I am YHWH,[d] your
Holy One, the Creator of Israel,
your King."

16 Thus says YHWH, who
makes a way in the sea,
and a path in the mighty
waters;
17 who brings forth the chariot and
horse,
the army and the mighty
man
(they lie down together, they
shall not rise;
they are extinct, they are
quenched like a wick):
18 "Do not remember the former
things,
and do not consider the
things of old.
19 Look, I will do a new thing.
It springs forth now.
Do you not know it?
I will even make a way in the
wilderness,
and rivers in the desert.
20 The animals of the field shall
honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
because I give water in the
wilderness and rivers
in the desert,
to give drink to my people,
my chosen,
21 the people which I formed
for myself,
that they might set forth my
praise.
22 Yet you have not called on me,
Jacob;
but you have been weary of
me, Israel.
23 You have not brought me of your
sheep for burnt
offerings;
neither have you honored me
with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with
offerings,
nor wearied you with
frankincense.

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[a] 43:11 LXX reads "am God." LXX(V), Codex Venetus = MT
[b] 43:12 LXX reads "my witnesses, and I am YHWH God"
[c] 43:14 LXX adds "God." LXX(393 456) Mss = MT
[d] 43:15 LXX adds "God." LXX(534) Ms = MT

[24]You have bought me no sweet
cane with money,
nor have you filled me with
the fat of your
sacrifices;
but you have burdened me with
your sins.
You have wearied me with
your iniquities.
[25]I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions for
my own sake;
and I will not remember
your sins.
[26]Put me in remembrance.
Let us plead together.
Set forth your case,
that you may be justified.
[27]Your first father sinned,
and your teachers have
transgressed against
me.
[28]Therefore I will profane the
princes of the
sanctuary;
and I will make Jacob a
curse,
and Israel a reviling."

44 Yet listen now,
Jacob my servant,
and Israel, whom I
have chosen.
[2]This is what YHWH[a] who made
you,
and formed you from the
womb,
who will help you says:
"Do not be afraid, Jacob my
servant;
and you, Jeshurun, whom I
have chosen.
[3]For I will pour water upon the
thirsty,
and streams on the dry
ground.
I will pour my Spirit on your
offspring,
and my blessing on your
descendants:
[4]and they will spring up among the
grass,
as willows by the
watercourses.
[5]One will say, 'I am YHWH's;'
and another will be called by
the name of Jacob;
and another will write with
his hand 'to YHWH,'
and honor the name of
Israel."

[6]This is what YHWH,[b] the King of
Israel,
and his Redeemer, YHWH[c]
of hosts, says:
"I am the first, and I am the last;
and besides me there is no
God.
[7]Who is like me?
Who will call,
and will declare it,
and set it in order for me,
since I established the
ancient people?
Let them declare the things that
are coming,
and that will happen.
[8]Do not fear,
neither be afraid.

[a]44:2 LXX adds "God." LXX(456, sporadic as L) Ms = MT." LXX(L) reads "YHWH your God"

[b]44:6 LXX reads "God." LXX(407 534) Mss = MT

[c]44:6 LXX reads "God." LXX(407 544) Mss LXX(L.763) Ms = MT

Haven't I declared it to you long ago,
and shown it?
You are my witnesses.
Is there a God besides me?
Indeed, there is not.
I do not know any other Rock.[a]"

[9]Everyone who makes an engraved image is vain.
The things that they delight in will not profit.
Their own witnesses do not see, nor know, that they may be disappointed.
[10]Who has fashioned a god,
or molds an image that is profitable for nothing?
[11]Look, all his fellows will be disappointed;
and the workmen are mere men.
Let them all be gathered together.
Let them stand up.
They will fear.
They will be put to shame together.
[12]The blacksmith takes an axe,
works in the coals,
fashions it with hammers,
and works it with his strong arm.
He is hungry,
and his strength fails;
he drinks no water,
and is faint.
[13]The carpenter stretches out a line.
He marks it out with a pencil.
He shapes it with planes.
He marks it out with compasses,
and shapes it like the figure of a man,
with the beauty of a man,
to reside in a house.
[14]He cuts down cedars for himself,
and takes the cypress and the oak,
and strengthens for himself one among the trees of the forest.
He plants a fir tree,
and the rain nourishes it.
[15]Then it will be for a man to burn;
and he takes some of it, and warms himself.
Yes, he burns it, and bakes bread.
Yes, he makes a god, and worships it;
he makes it an engraved image, and falls down to it.
[16]He burns part of it in the fire.
With part of it, he eats meat.
He roasts a roast, and is satisfied.
Yes, he warms himself,
and says, "Aha. I am warm.
I have seen the fire."
[17]The rest of it he makes into a god,
even his[b] engraved image.
And[c] he bows down to it and worships it,

[a]44:8 LXX reads "God." Cf. 30:29; M. K. H. Peters in Text-Critical Hermeneutical Studies in the Septuagint, 48

[b]44:17 LXX Tg Syr lack "his"

[c]44:17 LXX Syr. MT lacks "And" from homoioteleuton

and prays to it, and says,
"Deliver me; for you
are my god."
[18]They do not know, neither do
they consider:
for he has shut their eyes,
that they can't see;
and their hearts, that they
can't understand.
[19]No one thinks,
neither is there knowledge
nor understanding to
say,
"I have burned part of it in
the fire.
Yes, I have also baked bread
on its coals.
I have roasted meat and
eaten it.
Shall I make the rest of it
into an abomination?
Shall I bow down to a tree
trunk?"
[20]He feeds on ashes.
A deceived heart has turned
him aside;
and he can't deliver his soul,
nor say, "Isn't there a lie in
my right hand?"
[21]Remember these things, Jacob
and Israel;
for you are my servant.
I have formed you.
You are my servant.
Israel, you will not be
forgotten by me.
[22]I have blotted out, as a thick
cloud, your
transgressions,
and, as a cloud, your sins.
Return to me, for I have
redeemed you.

[23]Sing, you heavens, for YHWH[a]
has done it.
Shout, you lower parts of the
earth.
Break out into singing, you
mountains, O forest,
all of your trees,
for YHWH[b] has redeemed
Jacob,
and will glorify himself in
Israel.
[24]Thus says YHWH, your
Redeemer,
and he who formed you
from the womb:
"I am YHWH, who makes all
things;
who alone stretches out the
heavens;
who spreads out the earth by
myself;
[25]who foils the omens of the empty
talkers,
and makes fools of diviners;
who turns sages back,
and makes their knowledge
foolish;[c]
[26]who confirms the word of his
servant,
and performs the counsel of
his messengers;
who says of Jerusalem, 'She will
be inhabited;'
and of the cities of Judah,
'They will be built,'
and 'I will raise up its waste
places;'

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[a]44:23 LXX reads "for God." LXX(239' 233 449' 534 538 544) Mss = MT

[b]44:23 LXX reads "for God." LXX(403' C group) Mss = MT

[c]44:25 DSS LXX. MT reads "wise" instead of "foolish"

[27]who says to the deep, 'Be dry,'
and 'I will dry up your
rivers;'
[28]Who says of Koresh,[a] '*He is* my
shepherd, and shall perform all my
pleasure,'
even saying of Jerusalem,
'She will be built;'
and of the temple, 'Your
foundation will be
laid.'"

45 Thus says YHWH[b] to
his[c] anointed, to
Koresh, whose right
hand I have held, to subdue nations
before him, and strip kings of their
armor; to open the doors before
him, and the gates shall not be shut:
[2]"I will go before you,
and make the mountains[d]
level.
I will break the doors of bronze in
pieces,
and cut apart the bars of
iron.
[3]I will give you the treasures of
darkness,
and hidden riches of secret
places,
that you may know that it is I,
YHWH,[e] who call you
by your name,
even the God of Israel.
[4]For Jacob my servant's sake,
and Israel my chosen,
I have called you by your name.
I have surnamed you,
though you have not known
me.
[5]I am YHWH,[f] and there is no
other.
Besides me, there is no God.
I will strengthen you,
though you have not known
me;
[6]that they may know from the
rising of the sun,
and from the west,
that there is none besides me.
I am YHWH,[g] and there is no
one else.
[7]I form the light,
and create darkness.
I make peace,
and create calamity.
I am YHWH,[h]
who does all these things.
[8]Distil, you heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down
righteousness.
Let the earth open, that it may
bring forth salvation,
and let it cause righteousness
to spring up with it.
I, YHWH, have created it.
[9]Woe to him who strives with his
Maker,[i]
a clay pot among the clay
pots of the earth.

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[a]44:28 Vocalized in Old Persian as Kurush. MT scribal vocalization: Koresh. Latinized as Cyrus. He reigned over Babylon ca. 539-530 BC
[b]45:1 LXX adds "God." LXX(534) Ms = MT
[c]45:1 LXX Vg read "my"
[d]45:2 DSS LXX, reading hrrym "mountains." MT reads hdwrym "rough places"
[e]45:3 LXX adds "God"
[f]45:5 LXX adds "God"
[g]45:6 LXX adds "God"
[h]45:7 LXX adds "God"
[i]45:9 DSS is plural

Shall the clay ask him who
fashions it, 'What are
you making?' [a]
or your work, 'He has no
hands?'
[10]Woe to him who says to a father,
'What have you
become the father of?'
or to a mother, 'To what
have you given
birth?'"
[11]Thus says YHWH,[b] the Holy One
of Israel,
and his Maker:
"You ask me about the things that
are to come,
concerning my sons,
and you command me
concerning the work
of my hands.
[12]I have made the earth, and
created man on it.
I, even my hands, have
stretched out the
heavens;
and I have commanded all
their host.
[13]I have raised him up in
righteousness,
and I will make straight all
his ways.
He shall build my city,
and he shall let my exiles go
free,
not for price nor reward,"
says YHWH of hosts.
[14]Thus says YHWH[c]: "The labor of
Egypt,
and the merchandise of
Ethiopia,
and the Sabeans, men of
stature, shall come
over to you,
and they shall be yours.
They will go after you.
They shall come over in
chains;
and they will bow down to
you.
They will make petition to you:
'Surely God is in you; and
there is no other.
There is no other god.
[15]Most certainly you are a God
who hid yourself,
God of Israel, the Savior.'"
[16]They will be disappointed,
yes, confounded, all of them.
Those who are makers of
idols will go into
confusion together.
[17]Israel will be saved by YHWH
with an everlasting
salvation.
You will not be disappointed
nor confounded to
ages everlasting.
[18]For thus says YHWH who created
the heavens,
the God who formed the
earth and made it,
who established it and did
not create it a waste,
who formed it to be
inhabited:
"I am YHWH,
and there is no other.
[19]I have not spoken in secret,
in a place of the land of
darkness.

[a]45:9 Romans 9:20
[b]45:11 LXX adds "God." LXX(534) Ms = MT
[c]45:14 LXX adds "of hosts." LXX(V) = MT

I did not say to the descendants of
Jacob, 'Seek me in
vain.'
I, YHWH, speak
righteousness.
I declare things that are
right.
[20]Assemble yourselves and come.
Draw near together, you
who have escaped
from the nations.
Those have no knowledge who
carry the wood of their
engraved image,
and pray to a god that can't
save.
[21]Declare and bring *it* forth.
Yes, let them take counsel together.
Who announced this from long ago,
has told it from then? Was it not I,
YHWH? And there is no other God
besides me, a just God and a
Savior; there is no one besides me.
[22]Look to me, and be saved, every
part of the earth; for I am God, and
there is no other. [23]By myself have
I sworn, the word is gone forth
from my mouth *in* righteousness,
and shall not return, that to me
every knee shall bow, every tongue
shall swear to God.[a] [24]Only in
YHWH, it is said of me, is
righteousness and strength; even to
him shall men come; and all those
who were incensed against him
shall be disappointed. [25]In YHWH
shall all the descendants of Israel be
justified, and shall glory.

46 Bel bows down,
Nebo stoops; their
idols are on the
animals, and on the
livestock: the things that you
carried about are made a load, a
burden to the weary. [2]They stoop,
they bow down together; they
could not deliver the burden, but
they have gone into captivity.

[3]"Listen to me, house of Jacob, and
all the remnant of the house of
Israel, that have been borne from
their birth, that have been carried
from the womb; [4]and even to old
age I am he, and even to gray hairs
will I carry you. I have made, and I
will bear; yes, I will carry, and will
deliver.

[5]"To whom will you liken me, and
make me equal, and compare me,
that we may be like? [6]Some pour
out gold from the bag, and weigh
silver in the balance. They hire a
goldsmith, and he makes it a god.
They fall down—yes, they
worship. [7]They bear it on the
shoulder, they carry it, and set it in
its place, and it stands, from its
place it shall not move: yes, one
may cry to it, yet it can not answer,
nor save him out of his trouble.

[8]"Remember this, and show
yourselves men; bring it again to
mind, you transgressors.
[9]Remember the former things of
old: for I am God, and there is no
other; I am God, and there is none

[a]45:23 LXX. Romans 14:11. MT lacks "God." LXX(L) Eusebius Theodotion add "of truth," cf. 65:16

like me; [10]declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure; [11]calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country; yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it. [12]Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, who are far from righteousness: [13]I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not wait; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

47 "Come down, and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans: for you shall no more be called tender and delicate. [2]Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove your veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers. [3]Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, your shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will spare no man," [4]says[a] our Redeemer; YHWH of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.

[5]"Sit in silence, and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms. [6]I was angry with my people, I profaned my inheritance, and gave them into your hand: you showed them no mercy; on the aged you have very heavily laid your yoke. [7]You said, 'I shall be a mistress forever;' so that you did not lay these things to your heart, nor did you remember the latter end of it.

[8]"Now therefore hear this, you who are given to pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no other besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:' [9]but these two things shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure shall they come on you, in spite of your many sorceries and the potency of your spells. [10]For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me; your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you, and you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no other besides me.' [11]Therefore disaster will come on you; you won't know when it dawns: and calamity will fall on you; you will not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come on you suddenly and unexpectedly.

[12]"Stand now with your enchantments, and with the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth; if so be you shall be able to profit, if so be you may prevail. [13]You are wearied in the multitude

[a]47:4 LXX OL cf. BHS. MT lacks "says" from haplography by homoioarcton: aleph-aleph

of your counsels; those who
conjure the heavens, the stargazers,
the monthly prognosticators, stand
up, and save you from the things
that shall come on you. 14Look,
they shall be as stubble; the fire
shall burn them; they shall not
deliver themselves from the power
of the flame: it shall not be a coal to
warm at, nor a fire to sit before.
15Thus shall the things be to you in
which you have labored: those who
have trafficked with you from your
youth shall wander everyone to his
quarter; there shall be none to save
you.

48 "Hear this, house of
Jacob, you who are
called by the name
of Israel, and have come forth out
of the waters[a] of Judah; who swear
by the name of YHWH, and make
mention of the God of Israel, but
not in truth, nor in righteousness
2(for they call themselves of the
holy city, and stay themselves on
the God of Israel; YHWH of hosts is
his name): 3I have declared the
former things from of old; yes, they
went forth out of my mouth, and I
caused them to hear it. Suddenly I
did them, and they happened.
4Because I knew that you are
obstinate, and your neck is an iron
sinew, and your brow bronze;
5therefore I have declared it to you
from of old; before it came to pass
I showed it to you; lest you should
say, 'My idol has done them, and
my engraved image, and my molten
image, has commanded them.'
6You have heard it; see all this; and
you, will you not declare it?

"I have shown you new things from
this time, even hidden things,
which you have not known. 7They
are created now, and not from of
old; and before this day you did not
hear them; lest you should say,
'Look, I knew them.'
8Yes, you did not hear; yes, you did
not know; yes, from of old your ear
was not opened: for I knew that you
dealt very treacherously, and was
called a transgressor from the
womb. 9For my name's sake will I
defer my anger, and for my praise
will I refrain for you, that I not cut
you off. 10Look, I have refined you,
but not as silver; I have chosen you
in the furnace of affliction. 11For
my own sake, for my own sake,
will I do it; for how should my
name[b] be profaned? I will not give
my glory to another.

12"Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel
my called: I am he; I am the first, I
also am the last. 13Yes, my hand has
laid the foundation of the earth, and
my right hand has spread out the
heavens: when I call to them, they
stand up together.

[a]48:1 BHS et al. consider the different words for "waters" in MT and DSS to be misspellings for "inner parts/loins." LXX lacks either word, reading "come forth out of Judah." Koole maintains the MT reading. See J. L. Koole, Jesaja 2, 1:418

[b]48:11 LXX OL cf. BHS. MT lacks "my name"

14"Let all of them assemble[a] and
hear; who among them has
declared these things? He whom
YHWH loves shall perform his
pleasure on Babylon, and his arm
shall be on[b] the Chaldeans. 15I, even
I, have spoken; yes, I have called
him; I have brought him, and he
shall make his way prosperous.

16"Come near to me and hear this:

"From the beginning I have not
spoken in secret; from the time that
it was, there am I." Now YHWH[c]
has sent me, with his Spirit.

17Thus says YHWH, your
Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
I am YHWH[d] your God, who
teaches you to profit, who leads
you by the way that you should go.
18But[e] would that you had listened
to my commandments. Then your
peace would have been like a river,
and your righteousness like the
waves of the sea. 19Your
descendants would have been as
the sand, and the offspring of your
body like its grains; his name
would not be cut off nor destroyed
from before me. 20Go forth from
Babylon, flee from the Chaldeans;
with a voice of singing declare, tell
this, send it out throughout the
earth. Say, 'YHWH has redeemed
his servant Jacob.' 21They did not
thirst when he led them through the
deserts; he caused the waters to
flow out of the rock for them; he
split the rock also, and the waters
gushed out. 22"There is no peace,"
says YHWH, "for the wicked."

49 Listen, islands, to
me; and listen, you
peoples, from far:
YHWH has called me from the
womb; from the body of my mother
has he made mention of my name:
2and he has made my mouth like a
sharp sword; in the shadow of his
hand, he has hidden me; and he has
made me a polished arrow, in his
quiver has he kept me close: 3and
he said to me, "You are my servant;
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
4But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for
nothing and vanity; yet surely the
justice due to me is with YHWH,
and my reward with my God."

5Now says YHWH who formed me
from the womb to be his servant, to
bring Jacob again to him, and that
Israel be gathered to him; for I am
honorable in the eyes of YHWH,
and my God has become my
strength. 6And he says, "Is it too
insignificant a thing that you
should be my servant to raise up the
tribes of Jacob, and to restore the
remnant of Israel? I will also give
you as a light to the nations, that

[a]48:14 DSS LXX. MT reads "Assemble, all of you"
[b]48:14 LXX reads a different vocalization, "and the race of"
[c]48:16 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[d]48:17 LXX lacks "YHWH." LXX(L) = MT
[e]48:18 DSS LXX. MT lacks "But"

you may bring salvation[a] to the
farthest part of the earth."[b]

7Thus says YHWH, the Redeemer
of Israel, and his Holy One, to the
one who is despised,[c] to those
abhorred as a nation,[d] to the servant
of rulers: "Kings shall see and
arise; princes, and they shall
worship; because of YHWH who is
faithful, even the Holy One of
Israel, who has chosen you."
8Thus says YHWH, "In an
acceptable time I have answered
you, and in a day of salvation I have
helped you;[e] and I will preserve
you, and give you as a covenant to
the people, to raise up the land, to
make them inherit the desolate
heritage: 9saying to those who are
bound, 'Come out.'; to those who
are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

"They shall feed in the ways, and
on all bare heights shall be their
pasture. 10They shall not hunger nor
thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun
strike them: for he who has mercy
on them will lead them, even by
springs of water he will guide them.
11I will make all my[f] mountains a
way, and my highways shall be
exalted. 12Look, these shall come
from far; and look, these from the
north and from the west; and these
from the land of Syene.[g]"

13Sing, heavens; and be joyful,
earth; and break forth into singing,
mountains: for YHWH has
comforted his people, and will have
compassion on his afflicted. 14But
Zion said, "YHWH has forsaken
me, and the Lord has forgotten
me."

15"Can a woman forget her nursing
child, that she should not have
compassion on the son of her
womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I
will not forget you. 16Look, I have
inscribed you on the palms of my
hands; your walls are continually
before me. 17Your builders[h] hurry;
your destroyers and those who
devastated you shall depart from
you. 18Lift up your eyes all around,
and see: all these gather themselves
together, and come to you. As I
live," says YHWH, "you shall
surely clothe yourself with them all
as with an ornament, and dress
yourself with them, like a bride.

19"For, as for your waste and your
desolate places, and your land that
has been destroyed, surely now you
shall be too small for the
inhabitants, and those who

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[a]49:6 LXX, and Acts 13:47, reading "salvation." MT reads "my salvation," possibly under the influence of Isaiah 36:14
[b]49:6 Acts 13:47
[c]49:7 DSS Aquila Symmachus Theodotion Tg Syr Vg. LXX Cairo Geniza: "him that despises his life"
[d]49:7 LXX reads "nations"
[e]49:8 2Co 6:2
[f]49:11 LXX lacks "my"
[g]49:12 Or, "Syenites," or "Sevenim." BHS cf. DSS, an area associated with modern Aswan in southern Egypt. MT reads "Sinim"; LXX: "Persians"; Tg: "south." Cf. Ezekiel 29:10
[h]49:17 DSS LXX Aquila Vg. MT reads "sons/children"

swallowed you up shall be far away. [20]The children of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, The place is too small for me; give place to me that I may dwell. [21]Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has conceived these for me, since I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary, an exile, and wandering back and forth? Who has brought up these? Look, I was left alone; these, where were they?'"

[22]Thus says YHWH[a], "Look, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my banner to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their bosom, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. [23]Kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am YHWH; and those who wait for me shall not be disappointed."

[24]Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of a tyrant be delivered?

[25]But thus says YHWH, "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the tyrant shall be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children. [26]I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I, YHWH, am your Savior, and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

50 Thus says YHWH, "Where is the bill of your mother's divorce, with which I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Look, for your iniquities were you sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. [2]Why, when I came, was there no man? When I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it can't redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Look, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because there is no water, and die for thirst. [3]I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering."

[4]YHWH[b] has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary: he wakens morning by morning, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. [5]YHWH[c] has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. [6]I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who tore out my beard; I did not cover my face from

[a]49:22 DSS LXX. MT LXX(O' C' 36 239' 403') Mss Bohairic read "my Lord YHWH"

[b]50:4 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"

[c]50:5 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"

insults and spitting. [7]But YHWH[a] will help me; therefore I have not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be disappointed. [8]He is near who justifies me; who will bring charges against me? Let us stand up together: who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. [9]Look, YHWH[b] will help me; who is he who shall condemn me? Look, all they shall wax old as a garment, the moth shall eat them up. [10]Who is among you who fears YHWH, who listens to the voice of his servant? He who walks in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of YHWH, and rely on his God. [11]Look, all you who kindle a fire, who adorn yourselves with flaming arrows around yourselves; walk in the light of your fire, and among the flaming arrows that you have kindled.[c] You shall have this of my hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

51 "Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek YHWH: look to the rock you were cut from, and to the hold of the pit you were dug from. [2]Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many. [3]For YHWH has comforted Zion; he has comforted all her waste places, and has made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of YHWH; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

[4]"Attend to me, my people; and give ear to me, my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will establish my justice for a light of the peoples. [5]My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and my arms shall judge the peoples; the islands shall wait for me, and on my arm shall they trust. [6]Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment; and those who dwell in it shall die in the same way: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

[7]"Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; do not fear the reproach of men, neither be dismayed at their insults. [8]For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation to all generations."

[9]Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of YHWH; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Isn't it you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the

[a]50:7 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[b]50:9 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[c]50:11 Targum: "Look, all you who kindle a fire, who grasp a sword. Fall in the fire which you kindled and on the sword which you grasped"

monster? [10]Isn't it you who dried
up the sea, the waters of the great
deep; who made the depths of the
sea a way for the redeemed to pass
over? [11]The ransomed of YHWH
shall return, and come with singing
to Zion; and everlasting joy shall be
on their heads. They shall obtain
gladness and joy. Sorrow and
sighing shall flee away.

[12]"I, even I, am he who comforts
you: who are you, that you are
afraid of man who shall die, and of
the son of man who shall be made
as grass; [13]and have forgotten
YHWH[a] your Maker, who stretched
forth the heavens, and laid the
foundations of the earth; and fear
continually all the day because of
the fury of the oppressor, when he
makes ready to destroy? and where
is the fury of the oppressor? [14]The
captive exile shall speedily be
freed; and he shall not die and go
down into the pit, neither shall his
bread fail. [15]For I am YHWH[b] your
God, who stirs up the sea, so that its
waves roar: YHWH of hosts is his
name. [16]I have put my words in
your mouth, and have covered you
in the shadow of my hand, that I
may plant the heavens, and lay the
foundations of the earth, and tell
Zion, 'You are my people.'"

[17]Awake, awake, stand up,
Jerusalem, that have drunk at the
hand of YHWH the cup of his wrath;
you have drunk from the bowl, of
the cup of staggering, and drained
it. [18]There is none to guide her
among all the sons whom she has
brought forth; neither is there any
who takes her by the hand among
all the sons who she has brought up.
[19]These two things have happened
to you. Who will grieve for you?
Desolation and destruction, and the
famine and the sword. Who will
console you?[c] [20]Your sons have
fainted, they lie at the head of all
the streets, as an antelope in a net;
they are full of the wrath of YHWH,
the rebuke of your God.[d]
[21]Therefore hear now this, you
afflicted, and drunk, but not with
wine: [22]Thus says your Lord
YHWH,[e] your God[f] who pleads the
cause of his people, "Look, I have
taken out of your hand the cup of
staggering, even the bowl of the
cup of my wrath; you shall no more
drink it again: [23]and I will put it into
the hand of those who afflict you,
who have said to your soul, 'Bow
down, that we may walk over you;'
and you have laid your back as the
ground, and as the street, to those
who walk over."

52 Awake, awake, put
on your strength,
Zion; put on your
beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the
holy city, for there shall no more

[a]51:13 LXX reads "God"
[b]51:15 LXX lacks "YHWH." LXX(88 407 449' 456 538) Mss Sahidic = MT
[c]51:19 DSS LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "How can I console you?"
[d]51:20 LXX reads "rebuke by YHWH God"
[e]51:22 Hebrew Ms LXX lack "Lord" or "YHWH"
[f]51:22 DSS(1QIsa(a)) Hebrew Mss. MT reads "and your God"

enter into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2Shake yourself from the dust. Arise, sit up, Jerusalem. Release yourself from the bonds of your neck, captive daughter of Zion. 3For thus says YHWH, "You were sold for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money."

4For thus says[a] YHWH, "My people went down at the first into Egypt to live there, and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5"Now therefore, what do I do here,"[b] says YHWH, "seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule[c] over them mock,[d]" says YHWH, "and because of you[e] my name is continually all the day blasphemed among the nations.[f] 6Therefore my people shall know my name;[g] in that day they will know that I am he who speaks; look, it is I."

7How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of good things,[h] who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8The voice of your watchmen. They lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when YHWH returns to Zion with compassion.[i] 9Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for YHWH has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10YHWH has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and every part of the earth has seen the salvation of our God.

11Depart, depart, go out from there, and[j] touch no unclean thing.[k] Go out from their[l] midst, and[m] be separate,[n] you who bear the vessels of YHWH. 12For you shall not depart in haste, nor shall you leave in flight; for YHWH will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.[o]

13Look, my servant shall deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

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[a]52:4 DSS LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[b]52:5 DSS MT Qere
[c]52:5 DSS MT Kethib
[d]52:5 Cf. DSS Aquila Tg Vg and BHS
[e]52:5 LXX, reading di humas = בגללכם. MT lacks "because of you"
[f]52:5 LXX, reading en tois ethnesin = בגוים. MT lacks "among the nations" from homoioarcton by sight confusion: בג -מג . Romans 2:24
[g]52:6 DSS LXX. MT adds "therefore"
[h]52:7 Romans 10:15
[i]52:8 DSS LXX(vid). MT lacks "with compassion," possibly from haplography by sight confusion: beth-pey
[j]52:11 LXX. MT lacks "and"
[k]52:11 2Co 6:17
[l]52:11 LXX(L) Mss. MT reads "her"
[m]52:11 LXX(Q *oI* 93-456 564 393 544) Mss. MT lacks "and"
[n]52:11 Cf. Isaiah 47:13 MT Kethib "divide"
[o]52:12 DSS adds "He is called the God of all the earth." Cf. Joshua 3:11, 13; Zechariah 6:5

[14]Just as many were astonished at you[a] (his appearance was marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men),

[15]so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths at him. For that which was not told about him,[b] they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.[c]

53 YHWH,[d] who has believed our message?[e] And to whom has the arm of YHWH been revealed?

[2]For he grew up before him as a tender plant,
and as a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty
to attract us to him, nor special appearance that we should desire him.
[3]He was despised,
and rejected by people;
a man of sorrows, and familiar[f] with illness;
and as one from whom people hide their face. He was despised,[g] and we did not value him.
[4]Surely he bore our diseases,
and took our pains;[h]
yet we considered him stricken,
and[i] struck down by God, and afflicted.
[5]But he was pierced for our transgressions,[j]
and[k] he was crushed for our iniquities.
The punishment that brought our peace was on him;
and by his wounds we are healed.[l]
[6]We all like sheep have gone astray.[m]
Everyone has turned to his own way;
and YHWH has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
[7] He was oppressed,
yet when he was afflicted he did not open his mouth.
He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,

[a]52:14 DSS Syr read "at him"
[b]52:15 LXX. MT reads "them"
[c]52:15 Romans 15:21
[d]53:1 LXX. MT lacks "YHWH." If 'dny "Lord," it could have been lost from homoioteleuton: y-y. For the copyist omission of the divine name, cf., e.g., 1 Kings 8:26, Psalm 102:25
[e]53:1. John 12:37-38; Romans 10:16-17
[f]53:3 DSS Ms LXX Syr Vg. MT reads aquainted," a dalet-waw metathesis
[g]53:3 DSS reads "we despised him"
[h]53:4 Matthew 8:17
[i]53:4 DSS LXX(vid). MT lacks "and"
[j]53:5 Matthew 27:35, 1:21; 2 Co 5:21; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5
[k]53:5 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and"
[l]53:5 Mark 14:65; Matthew 27:26; 1 Peter 2:24
[m]53:5-6 1Peter 2:24-25

and like a lamb[a] before its shearer[b]
is silent,[c]
so he does not open[d] his
mouth.
8In his oppression his justice[e] was
taken away.[f]
Who will consider his
generation?
For his life[g] was cut off from
the earth.[h]
For the transgression of my people
he was led[i] to death.[j]
9And they[k] assigned his grave with
the wicked, yet with the rich at his
death,[l] though he had committed no
sin,[m] nor was deceit found[n] in his
mouth.[o] 10Yet YHWH was pleased
to crush him and make him ill.
Although his soul is made[p] a
reparation offering, he will see his
offspring, he will prolong his days,

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[a]53:7 LXX. MT reads "and like a sheep/ewe (fem)…her shearers (fem) is silent (fem)," a transposition

[b]53:7 LXX masc sg. = גזזו. MT reads fem. pl. גזזיה.

[c]53:7 LXX masc. sg. MT fem. sg.

[d]53:7 LXX MT. DSS reads "did not open"

[e]53:8 LXX(L), reading en te tapeinosei autou e krisis autou = b'srw msptw "In his oppression his justice." MT reads m'sr wmmspt "From oppression and from justice." The confusion of beth and mem can occur in square script, and the first waw difference is possible from a word misdivision.

[f]53:8 MT LXX(min 26-86-106, 309, 239' 403' 407 534) and Mss from lesser LXX(L) groups (147-36-93-46-456) add "and"

[g]53:8 LXX, reading zoe autou = hyyw "his life." MT reads hyym "life/living," a possible waw-mem confusion in Paleo-Hebrew

[h]53:7-8 Acts 8:32-35

[i]53:8 LXX (echthe) DSS(1QIsa(a) (נוגע nuga), cf. BHS Jesaia 53:8 c; P. J. Gentry, "The Text of the Old Testament," JETS 52 (2009), 32. MT DSS Mss read נגע which MT has vocalized as nega "stricken"

[j]53:8 LXX cf. BHS, reading eis thanaton = לָמוּת "to death." MT reads לָמוֹ "to them (?)" due to the loss of a taw. Gentry, JETS 52, 32; D. Barthélemy, Critique Textuelle de l'Ancien Testament, 2, Isaïe, Jérémie, Lamentations. OBO 50/2, 397–99; Matthew 27:31; Mark 15:20; Luke 23:32; John 19:16; 1Co 15:3

[k]53:9 DSS (1QIsa(a)) Syr Mss, reading "And they made." DSS (4QIsa(d)) MT Syr Mss read "And he made." Thret (dwsei) "And he will give." LXX (dwso) "And I will give."

[l]53:9 LXX Syr Vg, reading במותו, at/in his death" sg, cf. BHS fn 9c; Ulrich, BQS, 435 fn. MT reads במתיו, "at/in his deaths," pl construct, possibly from virtual dittography. DSS alone reads בומתו, "his tomb"

[m]53:9 PAU-Aq Or pasc. 2,41 Eus. dem Cyr(txt) and 1Peter 2:22 (hamartian) = חטא chet' "sin."; CY (Var) Ambst Pac Hi Chro Ruf Pel (peccatum); Tg (chitah); MT reads חמס chamas "wrong, violence," an early misreading involving a tet-mem confusion in a square script

[n]53:9 LXX, reading heurethe = nms'h. (fem), or ms' (masc: "nor did he find deceit in his mouth"). MT lacks "found," from homoioteleuton: h-h, or, in the 2nd case, homoioarcton: m-m

[o]53:9 1Peter 2:22

[p]53:10 4QIsa(d), reading tusam, "it shall be made." The general pattern in the chapter favors a passive form of the verb. MT reads tasim, "if you make"

and the desire of YHWH will
succeed by his hand.

11 After the suffering of his soul
he will see light[a] and be satisfied by
his knowledge. The righteous one,
my servant, will make many
righteous, and he will bear their
iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide
him a portion with the great, and he
will divide the spoil with the
strong; because he poured out his
soul to death, and he was numbered
with transgressors;[b] yet he bore the
sins[c] of many,[d] and made
intercession for their
transgressions.[e]

54 "Sing, barren, you
who did not bear;
break forth into
singing, and cry aloud, you who did
not travail with child: for more are
the children of the desolate than of
her that has a husband,"[f] says
YHWH.
2 "Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let them stretch forth the
curtains of your habitations; do not
spare: lengthen your cords, and
strengthen your stakes. 3 For you
shall spread out on the right hand
and on the left; and your
descendants shall possess the
nations, and make the desolate
cities to be inhabited.

4 "Do not be afraid, for you will not
be put to shame, nor will you be
humiliated, for you will not be
disgraced. For you will forget the
shame of your youth, and the
disgrace of your widowhood you
will remember no more. 5 For your
husband[g] is your Creator; YHWH of
hosts is his name: and the Holy One
of Israel is your Redeemer; the God
of the whole earth shall he be
called. 6 For YHWH has called you
as a wife forsaken and grieved in
spirit, even a wife of youth, when
she is cast off," says your God.

7 "For a small moment have I
forsaken you; but with great
mercies will I gather you. 8 In
overflowing wrath I hid my face
from you for a moment; but with
everlasting loving kindness will I
have mercy on you," says YHWH
your Redeemer.

9 "For this is like the waters of Noah
to me; for as I have sworn that the
waters of Noah shall no more go
over the earth, so have I sworn that
I will not be angry with you, nor
rebuke you. 10 For the mountains
may depart, and the hills be
removed; but my loving kindness
shall not depart from you, neither
shall my covenant of peace be
removed," says YHWH who has
mercy on you.

11 "You afflicted, tossed with
storms, and not comforted, look, I
will set your stones in beautiful

[a] 53:11 DSS LXX. MT lacks "light"
[b] 53:12 Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37
[c] 53:12 DSS LXX. MT reads "sin"
[d] 53:12 Hebrews 9:28
[e] 53:12 DSS LXX. MT reads "the transgressors"
[f] 54:1 Or, "than the children of the married wife." Galatians 4:27
[g] 54:5 LXX reads "Lord"

colors, and lay your foundations
with sapphires. 12I will make your
pinnacles of rubies, and your gates
of sparkling jewels, and all your
walls of precious stones. 13And all
your children shall be taught by
God;[a] and great shall be the peace
of your children. 14In righteousness
you shall be established: you shall
be far from oppression, for you
shall not be afraid; and from terror,
for it shall not come near you.
15Look, they may gather together,
but not by me: whoever shall gather
together against you shall fall
because of you.

16"Look, I have created the smith
who blows the fire of coals, and
brings forth a weapon for his work;
and I have created the waster to
destroy.
17No weapon that is formed against
you will prosper; and you will
condemn every tongue that rises
against you in judgment. This is the
heritage of the servants of YHWH,
and their righteousness which is of
me," says YHWH.

55 "Come, everyone
who thirsts, to the
waters. Come, he
who has no money, buy, and eat.
Yes, come,[b] buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2Why do you spend money for that
which is not bread? and your labor
for that which doesn't satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat you
that which is good, and let your
soul delight itself in fatness. 3Turn
your ear, and come to me; hear, and
your soul shall live: and I will make
an everlasting covenant with you,
the faithful kindnesses of David.[c]
4Look, I have given him for a
witness to the peoples, a leader and
commander to the peoples. 5Look,
you shall call a nation that you do
not know; and a nation that did not
know you shall run to you, because
of YHWH your God, and for the
Holy One of Israel; for he has
glorified you."

6Seek YHWH while he may be
found; call you on him while he is
near: 7let the wicked forsake his
way, and the unrighteous man his
thoughts; and let him return to
YHWH, and he will have mercy on
him; and to our God, for he will
abundantly pardon.

8"For my thoughts are not your
thoughts, neither are your ways my
ways," says YHWH. 9"For as the
heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your
ways, and my thoughts than your
thoughts. 10For as the rain comes
down and the snow from the sky,
and doesn't return there, but waters
the earth, and makes it bring forth
and bud, and gives seed to the
sower and bread to the eater;

[a]54:13 LXX and John 6:45. MT reads "YHWH."
[b]55:1 DSS LXX Syr lack "come"
[c]55:3 LXX translates as "the faithful sacred deeds of David." This verse is a prophecy of the Christ. Acts 13:34. Cf. P.J. Gentry and S. J. Wellum, Kingdom Through Covenant, 418-21

11so shall my word be that goes
forth out of my mouth: it shall not
return to me void, but it shall
accomplish that which I please,
and it shall prosper in the thing I
sent it to do. 12For you shall go out
with joy, and be led forth with
peace: the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you into
singing; and all the trees of the
fields shall clap their hands.
13Instead of the thorn shall come up
the fir tree; and instead of the brier
shall come up the myrtle tree: and
it shall be to YHWH for a name, for
an everlasting sign that shall not be
cut off."

56 Thus says YHWH,
"Keep justice, and
do righteousness;
for my salvation is near to come,
and my righteousness to be
revealed. 2Blessed is the man who
does this, and the son of man who
holds it fast; who keeps the Sabbath
from profaning it, and keeps his
hand from doing any evil."

3Neither let the foreigner, who has
joined himself to YHWH, speak,
saying, "YHWH will surely
separate me from his people";
neither let the eunuch say, "Look, I
am a dry tree."

4For thus says YHWH, "To the
eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,
and choose the things that please
me, and hold fast my covenant: 5to
them I will give in my house and
within my walls a memorial and a
name better than of sons and of
daughters; I will give them[a] an
everlasting name, that shall not be
cut off. 6Also the foreigners who
join themselves to YHWH, to
minister to him, and to love the
name of YHWH, to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath
from profaning it, and holds fast
my covenant; 7even them will I
bring to my holy mountain, and
make them joyful in my house of
prayer: their burnt offerings and
their sacrifices shall[b] be accepted
on my altar; for my house will be
called a house of prayer for all
peoples."[c]
8YHWH,[d] who gathers the outcasts
of Israel, says, "Yet will I gather
others to him, besides his own who
are gathered."

9All you animals of the field, come
to devour, all you animals in the
forest. 10His watchmen are blind,
they are all without knowledge;
they are all mute dogs, they can't
bark; dreaming, lying down, loving
to slumber. 11Yes, the dogs are
greedy, they can never have
enough; and these are shepherds
who can't understand: they have all
turned to their own way, each one
to his gain, from every quarter.
12"Come," say they, "I will get
wine, and we will fill ourselves

[a]56:5 DSS LXX(vid). MT reads "him"
[b]56:7 DSS Ms Tg Mss add "go up," possibly lost from homoioteleuton by sight confusion in Paleo-Hebrew or square script: w-n(f)
[c]56:7 Matthew 21:13; Luke 19:46; Mark 11:17
[d]56:8 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"

with strong drink; and tomorrow
shall be as this day, great beyond
measure."

57 The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil. 2He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, each one who walks in his uprightness.

3"But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute.[a] 4Against whom are you mocking? Against whom do you make a wide mouth, and stick out your tongue? Aren't you children of rebellion, offspring of liars, 5you who inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; who kill the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? 6Among the smooth stones of the valley is your portion; they, they are your lot; you have even poured a drink offering to them. You have offered an offering. Shall I be appeased for these things? 7On a high and lofty mountain you have set your bed; there also you went up to offer sacrifice. 8Behind the doors and the posts you have set up your memorial: for you have uncovered to someone besides me, and have gone up; you have enlarged your bed, and made you a covenant with them: you loved their bed where you saw it. 9You went to the king with oil, and increased your perfumes, and sent your ambassadors far off, and debased yourself even to Sheol[b]. 10You were wearied with the length of your way; yet you did not say, 'It is in vain.' You found a reviving of your strength; therefore you weren't faint.

11"Of whom have you been afraid and in fear, that you lie, and have not remembered me, nor laid it to your heart? Haven't I held my peace even of long time, and you do not fear me? 12I will declare your righteousness; and as for your works, they shall not profit you. 13When you cry, let those who you have gathered deliver you; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain."

14He will say, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people." 15For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
16For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always angry; for the spirit would faint before me, and the souls who I have made.

[a]57:3 LXX cf. Syr and BHS. MT reads "harlot"

[b]57:9 Sheol is the place of the dead.

17For the iniquity of his
covetousness was I angry, and
struck him; I hid myself and was
angry; and he went on backsliding
in the way of his heart. 18I have
seen his ways, and will heal him: I
will lead him also, and restore
comforts to him and to his
mourners. 19I create the fruit of the
lips.[a] Peace, peace, to him who is
far off and to him who is near,"
says YHWH; "and I will heal him."
20But the wicked are like the
troubled sea; for it can't rest, and its
waters cast up mire and dirt.
21"There is no peace," says my
God, "for the wicked."

58 "Cry aloud, do not
spare, lift up your
voice like a trumpet,
and declare to my people their
disobedience, and to the house of
Jacob their sins. 2Yet they seek me
daily, and delight to know my
ways: as a nation that did
righteousness, and did not forsake
the ordinance of their God, they ask
of me righteous judgments; they
delight to draw near to God. 3'Why
have we fasted,' say they, 'and you
do not see? Why have we afflicted
our soul, and you take no
knowledge?'

"Look, in the day of your fast you
find pleasure, and exact all your
labors. 4Look, you fast for strife
and contention, and to strike with
the fist of wickedness: you do not
fast this day so as to make your
voice to be heard on high. 5Is such
the fast that I have chosen? the day
for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to
bow down his head as a rush, and
to spread sackcloth and ashes under
him? Will you call this a fast, and
an acceptable day to YHWH?

6"Isn't this the fast that I have
chosen: to release the bonds of
wickedness, to undo the bands of
the yoke, and to let the oppressed
go free, and that you break every
yoke? 7Isn't it to distribute your
bread to the hungry, and that you
bring the poor who are cast out to
your house? When you see the
naked, that you cover him; and that
you not hide yourself from your
own flesh? 8Then your light shall
break forth as the morning, and
your healing shall spring forth
speedily; and your righteousness
shall go before you; the glory of
YHWH[b] shall be your rear guard.
9Then you shall call, and YHWH[c]
will answer; you shall cry, and he
will say, 'Here I am.'

"If you take away from the midst of
you the yoke, the putting forth of
the finger, and speaking wickedly;
10and if you draw out your soul to
the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted
soul: then your light shall rise in
darkness, and your obscurity be as
the noonday; 11and YHWH[d] will
guide you continually, and satisfy
your soul in dry places, and make
strong your bones; and you shall be
like a watered garden, and like a
spring of water, whose waters do

[a]57:19 Hebrews 13:15
[b]58:8 LXX reads "of God"
[c]58:9 LXX reads "and God"
[d]58:11 LXX reads "and your God"

not fail. 12Those who shall be of
you shall build the old waste
places; you shall raise up the
foundations of many generations;
and you shall be called The repairer
of the breach, The restorer of paths
to dwell in.

13"If you turn away your foot from
the Sabbath, from doing your
pleasure on my holy day; and call
the Sabbath a delight, and the holy
of YHWH[a] honorable; and shall
honor it, not doing your own ways,
nor finding your own pleasure, nor
speaking your own words: 14then
you shall delight yourself in
YHWH; and I will make you to ride
on the high places of the earth; and
I will feed you with the heritage of
Jacob your father:" for the mouth of
YHWH has spoken it.

59 Look, YHWH's hand
is not shortened, that
it can't save; neither
his ear heavy, that it can't hear: 2but
your iniquities have separated
between you and your God, and
your sins have hidden his face from
you, so that he will not hear. 3For
your hands are defiled with blood,
and your fingers with iniquity; your
lips have spoken lies, your tongue
mutters wickedness. 4None sues in
righteousness, and none pleads in
truth: they trust in vanity, and speak
lies; they conceive mischief, and
bring forth iniquity. 5They hatch
adders' eggs, and weave the
spider's web: he who eats of their
eggs dies; and that which is crushed
breaks out into a viper. 6Their webs
shall not become garments, neither
shall they cover themselves with
their works: their works are works
of iniquity, and the act of violence
is in their hands. 7Their feet run to
evil, and they are swift to shed
innocent blood. Their thoughts are
thoughts of iniquity; destruction
and calamity are in their paths.[b]
8The way of peace they do not
know; and there is no justice in
their goings: they have made them
crooked paths; whoever goes in it
does not know peace. 9Therefore is
justice far from us, neither does
righteousness overtake us: we look
for light, but, look, darkness; for
brightness, but we walk in
obscurity. 10We grope for the wall
like the blind; yes, we grope as
those who have no eyes: we
stumble at noonday as in the
twilight; among those who are lusty
we are as dead men. 11We roar all
like bears, and moan bitterly like
doves: we look for justice, but there
is none; for salvation, but it is far
off from us.

12For our transgressions are
multiplied before you, and our sins
testify against us; for our
transgressions are with us, and as
for our iniquities, we know them:
13transgressing and denying
YHWH,[c] and turning away from
following our God, speaking
oppression and revolt, conceiving
and uttering from the heart words
of falsehood. 14Justice is turned

[a]58:13 LXX reads "God"
[b]59:7 Romans 3:15-17
[c]59:13 LXX lacks "YHWH"

away backward, and righteousness
stands afar off; for truth is fallen in
the street, and uprightness can't
enter. 15Yes, truth is lacking; and he
who departs from evil makes
himself a prey. YHWH saw it, and it
displeased him that there was no
justice. 16He saw that there was no
man, and wondered that there was
no intercessor: therefore his own
arm brought salvation to him; and
his righteousness, it upheld him.
17He put on righteousness as a
breastplate, and a helmet of
salvation on his head; and he put on
garments of vengeance for
clothing, and was clad with zeal as
a mantle. 18According to their
deeds, accordingly he will repay,
wrath to his adversaries,
recompense to his enemies; to the
islands he will repay recompense.
19So shall they fear the name of
YHWH from the west, and his glory
from the rising of the sun; for he
will come as a rushing stream,
which the breath of YHWH drives.

20"A Redeemer will come from[a]
Zion, and he will[b] turn away
transgression from[c] Jacob,"[d] says
YHWH.[e] 21"As for me, this is my
covenant with them," says YHWH.
"My Spirit who is on you, and my
words which I have put in your
mouth, shall not depart out of your
mouth, nor out of the mouth of your
children, nor out of the mouth of
your children's children," says
YHWH, "from now on and
forever."

60 "Arise, shine; for
your light has come,
and the glory of
YHWH has risen upon you. 2For,
look, darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the peoples; but
YHWH will arise on you, and his
glory shall be seen on you. 3Nations
shall come to your light, and kings
to the brightness of your rising.

4"Lift up your eyes all around, and
see: they all gather themselves
together, they come to you; your
sons shall come from far, and your
daughters shall be carried in the
arms. 5Then you shall see and be
radiant, and your heart shall thrill
and be enlarged; because the
abundance of the sea shall be
turned to you, the wealth of the
nations shall come to you. 6The
multitude of camels shall cover
you, the dromedaries of Midian and
Ephah[f]; all they from Sheba shall
come; they shall bring gold and
frankincense, and shall proclaim
the praises of YHWH. 7All the
flocks of Kedar shall be gathered
together to you, the rams of
Nebaioth shall minister to you; they
shall come up with acceptance on

[a]59:20 LXX(22c-93 564 407 534), reading ek "from." MT reads "to"
[b]59:20 LXX, reading 3rd person singular, "he will turn." MT reads plural, "those who turn"
[c]59:20 LXX, reading "from." MT reads "in"
[d]59:20 Romans 11:26
[e]59:20 MT DSS(a.b) LXX(VL 233 403' 544) Tg Vg. LXX lacks "says YHWH" from a skip from nun aleph to waw aleph in Paleo-Hebrew (visual confusion)
[f]60:6 DSS reads "Ephu"

my altar; and I will glorify the
house of my glory.

8"Who are these who fly as a cloud,
and as the doves to their windows?
9Surely the islands shall wait for
me, and the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your sons from far, their
silver and their gold with them, for
the name of YHWH your God, and
for the Holy One of Israel, because
he has glorified you.

10"Foreigners shall build up your
walls, and their kings shall minister
to you: for in my wrath I struck
you, but in my favor have I had
mercy on you.
11Your gates also shall be open
continually; they shall not be shut
day nor night; that men may bring
to you the wealth of the nations,
and their kings led captive. 12For
that nation and kingdom that will
not serve you shall perish; yes,
those nations shall be utterly
wasted.

13"The glory of Lebanon shall
come to you, the fir tree, the pine,
and the box tree together, to
beautify the place of my sanctuary;
and I will make the place of my feet
glorious. 14The sons of those who
afflicted you shall come bending to
you; and all those who despised
you shall bow themselves down at
the soles of your feet; and they shall
call you The city of YHWH, The
Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15"Whereas you have been forsaken
and hated, so that no man passed
through you, I will make you an
everlasting excellency, a joy of
many generations. 16You shall also
drink the milk of the nations, and
shall nurse from royal breasts; and
you shall know that I, YHWH, am
your Savior, and your Redeemer,
the Mighty One of Jacob. 17For
bronze I will bring gold, and for
iron I will bring silver, and for
wood bronze, and for stones iron. I
will also make your officers peace,
and righteousness your ruler.
18Violence shall no more be heard
in your land, destruction nor
calamity within your borders; but
you shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise. 19The sun
will no longer be your light by day,
nor will the moon shine for
illumination at night[a]; but YHWH
will be your everlasting light, and
your God will be your glory.

20Your sun shall no more go down,
neither shall your moon withdraw
itself; for YHWH will be your
everlasting light, and the days of
your mourning shall be ended.
21Your people also shall be all
righteous; they shall inherit the
land forever, the branch of my
planting, the work of my hands,
that I may be glorified. 22The little
one shall become a thousand, and
the small one a strong nation; I,
YHWH, will hasten it in its time."

[a]60:19 DSS LXX. MT lacks "at night"
from homoioteleuton by sight
confusion in square script: hey-chet

61 The Spirit of YHWH[a] is upon me,
because he[b] has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up[c] the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and an opening of the eyes[d] to the blind;[e] 2to proclaim the year of YHWH's favor,[f] and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of YHWH, that he may be glorified.

4They shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6But you shall be named the priests of YHWH; men will call you the ministers of our God: you will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their glory.

7Instead of your shame you shall have double; and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be to them.

8"For I, YHWH, love justice, and[g] I hate robbery with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the offspring which YHWH[h] has blessed."

10I will greatly rejoice in YHWH, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11For as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden

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[a] 61:1 DSS LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "Lord YHWH"
[b] 61:1 LXX. MT reads "YHWH"
[c] 61:1 Heb. kabosh "bind up, bandage, heal." Luke 4:18: iaomai "heal, cure"
[d] 61:1 DSS (פקחקוח) LXX (anablepsin). MT separates the Hebrew word into פקח קוח, where the usual meaning of פקח is "to open eyes." Cf. Isaiah 37:17
[e] 61:1 LXX, reading tuphlois = ולעורים "and to blind." MT reads ולאסורים "and to bound," a word which LXX translates in Isaiah 49:9 as desmos "bonds," making it probable that MT ולאסורים here in 61:1 is a scribal misreading of graphically similar ולעורים in reminiscence of 49:9
[f] 61:1-2 Luke 4:18-19
[g] 61:8 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and"
[h] 61:9 LXX reads "God"

causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so YHWH[a] will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. 2The nations shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of YHWH shall name. 3You shall also be a crown of beauty in the hand of YHWH, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4And[b] you shall no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall your land any more be termed Desolate: but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for YHWH delights in you, and your land shall be married. 5For just as[c] a young man marries a virgin, so your sons shall marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you. 6I have set watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they shall never be silent, day or night. You who call on YHWH, take no rest, 7and give him no rest until he establishes and until he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8YHWH has sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, "Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and foreigners shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored: 9but those who have garnered it shall eat it, and praise YHWH; and those who have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

10Go through[d] the gates, prepare the way of the people. Build up, build up the highway. Gather out the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples. 11Look, YHWH has proclaimed to the remotest part of earth,
"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Look, your salvation comes.
Look, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.'"
12They shall call them The holy people, The redeemed of YHWH: and you shall be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

63 Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this who is glorious in his clothing, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2Why are you red in your clothing, and your garments like him who treads in the wine vat?

3"I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yes, I trod them in my anger, and trampled them in my wrath; and their lifeblood is

[a]61:11 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[b]62:4 DSS LXX. MT lacks "And"
[c]62:5 DSS LXX. MT lacks "just as"
[d]62:10 DSS LXX. MT adds "go through"

sprinkled on my garments, and I
have stained all my clothing. 4For
the day of vengeance was in my
heart, and the year of my redeemed
has come. 5I looked, and there was
none to help; and I wondered that
there was none to uphold: therefore
my own arm brought salvation to
me; and my wrath, it upheld me. 6I
trod down the peoples in my anger,
and made them drunk[a] in my wrath,
and I poured out their lifeblood on
the earth."

7I will make mention of the loving
kindnesses of YHWH and the
praises of YHWH, according to all
that YHWH has bestowed on us,
and the great goodness toward the
house of Israel, which he has
bestowed on them according to his
mercies, and according to the
multitude of his loving kindnesses.
8For he said, "Surely, they are my
people, children who will not deal
falsely:" so he was their Savior.
9In all their affliction he was
afflicted, and the angel of his
presence saved them: in his love
and in his pity he redeemed them;
and he bore them, and carried them
all the days of old. 10But they
rebelled, and grieved his holy
Spirit: therefore he was turned to be
their enemy, and he himself fought
against them.

11Then he remembered the days of
old, Moses and his people, saying,
Where is he who brought them up
out of the sea with the shepherds of
his flock? Where is he who put his
holy Spirit in their midst? 12who
caused his glorious arm to go at the
right hand of Moses? who divided
the waters before them, to make
himself an everlasting name?
13who led them through the depths,
as a horse in the wilderness, so that
they did not stumble? 14As the
livestock that go down into the
valley, the Spirit of YHWH caused
them to rest; so you led your
people, to make yourself a glorious
name.

15Look down from heaven, and see
from the habitation of your holiness
and of your glory: where are your
zeal and your mighty acts? the
yearning of your heart and your
compassion is restrained toward
me. 16For you are our Father,
though Abraham doesn't know us,
and Israel does not acknowledge
us: you, YHWH, are our Father; our
Redeemer from everlasting is your
name. 17YHWH, why do you make
us to stray from your ways, and
harden our heart from your fear?
Return for your servants' sake, the
tribes of your inheritance. 18Your
holy people possessed it but a little
while: our adversaries have trodden
down your sanctuary. 19We have
become as they over whom you
never bear rule, as those who were
not called by your name.

64 Oh that you would
tear the heavens,
that you would
come down, that the mountains

[a]63:6 MT Mss read "and shattered
them"

might quake at your presence, 2as when fire kindles the brushwood, and the fire causes the waters to boil; to make your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at your presence. 3When you did awesome things which we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4Since[a] ancient times no one has heard, and[b] no ear has perceived, and[c] no eye has seen a God besides you,[d] who works for him who waits[e] for him.[f] 5You meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Look, you were angry, and we sinned. We have been in sin for a long time; and shall we be saved? 6For we have all become as one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is as a polluted garment: and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7There is none who calls on your name, who stirs up himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have consumed us by means of our iniquities.

8But now, YHWH, you are our Father, and we are clay,[g] and you our potter; and we all are the work of your hands.[h] 9Do not be furious, YHWH, neither remember iniquity forever: see, look, we beg you, we are all your people. 10Your holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become like[i] a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant places are laid waste. 12Will you refrain yourself for these things, YHWH? Will you hold your peace, and afflict us very severely?

65 "I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.[j] I was found by those who did not seek me.[k] I said, 'Here I am. Here I am.' to a nation that did not call on my name. 2All day long I have stretched out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people,[l] who walk in a way that is not good, following their own thoughts; 3a people who provoke me to my face continually as they[m] sacrifice in gardens and burn incense on bricks; 4who sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and the broth of abominable things is in their vessels; 5who say, 'Keep your

[a]64:4 DSS LXX. MT reads "And since"
[b]64:4 DSS. MT lacks "and"
[c]64:4 DSS LXX. MT lacks "and"
[d]64:4 LXX(L) Theodotion add "truth, and"
[e]64:4 Hebrew Mss Versions cf. BHS. LXX(L) Theodotion cf. Syr add "you"
[f]64:4 1Co 2:9
[g]64:8 DSS LXX. MT reads "Father, we are the clay"
[h]64:8 DSS LXX. MT reads "hand"
[i]64:10 DSS LXX. MT lacks "like"
[j]65:1 DSS Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr. MT lacks "for me," from haplography: n-n
[k]65:1 Romans 10:20
[l]65:2 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks obstinate." Romans 10:21
[m]65:3 DSS LXX. MT lacks "they"

distance, do not come near to me,
for I am holier than you.' These are
a smoke in my nose, a fire that
burns all the day.

6"Look, it is written before me: I
will not keep silence, but will
recompense, yes, I will recompense
into their bosom, 7your own
iniquities, and the iniquities of your
fathers together," says YHWH,
"who have burned incense on the
mountains, and blasphemed me on
the hills; therefore I will first
measure their work into their
bosom."

8Thus says YHWH, "As the new
wine is found in the cluster, and one
says, 'Do not destroy it, for a
blessing is in it:' so will I do for my
servants' sake, that I may not
destroy them all. 9And I will bring
forth offspring from Jacob, and
from Judah they shall inherit[a] my
mountains; and my chosen shall
inherit it, and my servants shall
dwell there. 10Sharon shall be a fold
of flocks, and the Valley of Achor
a place for herds to lie down in, for
my people who have sought me.

11"But you who forsake YHWH,
who forget my holy mountain, who
prepare a table for Fortune, and
who fill up mixed wine to Destiny;
12I will destine you to the sword,
and you shall all bow down to the
slaughter; because when I called,
you did not answer; when I spoke,
you did not listen; but you did that
which was evil in my eyes, and
chose that in which I did not
delight."

13Therefore thus says YHWH,[b]
"Look, my servants shall eat, but
you shall be hungry; look, my
servants shall drink, but you shall
be thirsty; look, my servants shall
rejoice, but you shall be
disappointed; 14look, my servants
shall sing in[c] gladness of heart, but
you shall cry for sorrow of heart,
and shall wail for anguish of spirit.
15You shall leave your name for a
curse to my chosen; and[d] YHWH
will kill you; but he will call his
servants by another name: 16so that
he who blesses himself in the earth
shall bless himself in the God of
truth; and he who swears in the
earth shall swear by the God of
truth; because the former troubles
are forgotten, and because they are
hidden from my eyes.

17"For, look, I create new heavens
and a new earth; and the former
things shall not be remembered, nor
come into mind. 18But be you glad
and rejoice forever in that which I
create; for, look, I create Jerusalem
a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19I
will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in
my people; and there shall be heard
in her no more the voice of weeping
and the voice of crying.

[a]65:9 DSS LXX. MT reads "an heir" instead of "they will inherit"
[b]65:13 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[c]65:14 DSS LXX. MT reads "from"
[d]65:15 Hebrew(113) Ms LXX OL(X.E.O). MT adds "Lord"

20"There[a] shall be no more there an
infant of days, nor an old man who
has not filled his days; for the child
shall die one hundred years old, and
the sinner being one hundred years
old shall be accursed. 21They shall
build houses, and inhabit them; and
they shall plant vineyards, and eat
their fruit. 22They shall not build,
and another inhabit; they shall not
plant, and another eat: for as the
days of a tree shall be the days of
my people, and my chosen shall
long enjoy the work of their hands.
23They shall not labor in vain, nor
bring forth for calamity; for they
are the descendants of the blessed[b]
of YHWH,[c] and their offspring with
them. 24It shall happen that, before
they call, I will answer; and while
they are yet speaking, I will hear.
25The wolf and the lamb shall feed
together, and the lion shall eat
straw like the ox; and dust shall be
the serpent's food. They shall not
hurt nor destroy in all my holy
mountain," says YHWH.

66 Thus says YHWH,
"Heaven is my
throne, and earth is
the footstool of my feet. Where
then is the house you could build
for me? And where then is the place
of my rest? 2For all these things has
my hand made, and so all these
things came to be,"[d] says YHWH:
"but to this man will I look, to him
who is humble and of a contrite
spirit, and who trembles at my
word.

3He who slaughters an ox is like[e]
one who strikes down a man; he
who sacrifices a lamb, as he who
breaks a dog's neck; he who offers
an offering, as he who offers pig's
blood; he who burns frankincense,
as he who blesses an idol. Yes, they
have chosen their own ways, and
their soul delights in their
abominations: 4I also will choose
their delusions, and will bring their
fears on them; because when I
called, no one answered; when I
spoke, they did not listen; but they
did that which was evil in my eyes,
and chose that in which I did not
delight."

5Hear the word of YHWH, you who
tremble at his word: "Your brothers
who hate you, who cast you out for
my name's sake, have said,
'Let YHWH be glorified, that we
may see your joy;' but it is those
who shall be disappointed. 6A voice
of tumult from the city, a voice
from the temple, a voice of YHWH
that renders recompense to his
enemies.

7"Before she travailed, she brought
forth; before her pain came, she
delivered a son.
8Who has heard such a thing? Who
has seen such things? Shall a land
be born in one day? Shall a nation
be brought forth at once? For as
soon as Zion travailed, she brought
forth her children. 9Shall I bring to
the birth, and not cause to bring

[a]65:20 DSS Ms LXX read "And there"
[b]65:23 MT DSS Ms pl. DSS Ms LXX sg
[c]65:23 LXX reads "God"
[d]66:1-2 Acts 7:50
[e]66:3 DSS LXX. MT lacks "like"

forth?" says YHWH: "Shall I who cause to bring forth shut the womb?" says your God. [10]"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn over her; [11]that you may nurse and be satisfied at the comforting breasts; that you may drink deeply, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory."

[12]For thus says YHWH, "Look, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: and you will nurse. You will be carried on her side, and will be dandled on her knees.
[13]As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted in Jerusalem."

[14]You will see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of YHWH shall be known toward his servants; and he will have indignation against his enemies. [15]For, look, YHWH will come with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire. [16]For by fire will YHWH execute judgment, and by his sword, on all flesh; and the slain of YHWH shall be many.

[17]"Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to go to the gardens, behind one in the midst, eating pig's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together," says YHWH.

[18]"For I know[a] their works and their thoughts. I am coming[b] to gather all nations and languages; and they will come and see my glory.

[19]"I will set a sign[c] among them, and I will send such as escape of them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the islands afar off, who have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. [20]They shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to YHWH, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to[d] my holy mountain Jerusalem, says YHWH, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of YHWH. [21]And I will also take some of them for myself[e] as priests and Levites," says YHWH.

[22]"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me," says YHWH, "so your descendants and your name shall remain. [23]It shall happen, that from one new moon to

[a]66:18 LXX. MT lacks "know" from homoioteleuton: y-y
[b]66:18 LXX Syr Vg, reading ba "I am coming." MT reads ba'ah "is coming"
[c]66:19 DSS Ms LXX read "signs"
[d]66:20 DSS LXX. MT reads "upon"
[e]66:21 DSS LXX. MT lacks "for myself"

another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me," says YHWH. [24]"They shall go forth, and look on the dead bodies of the men who have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they will be loathsome to all humankind."[a]

Jeremiah

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: [2]to whom the word of YHWH came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. [3]It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, to the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. [4]Now the word of YHWH came to me, saying, [5]"Before I formed you in the belly, I knew you. Before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." [6]Then I said, "Ah, Lord YHWH. Look, I do not know how to speak; for I am a child."

[7]But YHWH said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a child;' for to whoever I shall send you, you shall go, and whatever I shall command you, you shall speak. [8]Do not be afraid because of them; for I am with you to deliver you," says YHWH. [9]Then YHWH put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and YHWH said to me, "Look, I have put my words in your mouth. [10]Look, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." [11]Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?"

I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

[12]Then YHWH said to me, "You have seen well; for I watch over my word to perform it."

[13]The word of YHWH came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?"

I said, "I see a boiling caldron; and it is tipping away from the north."

[14]Then YHWH said to me, "Out of the north evil will break out on all the inhabitants of the land. [15]For, look, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north," says YHWH; "and they shall

[a]66:24 Targum: "…be quenched, and the wicked shall be judged in Gehenna"

come, and they shall each set his
throne at the entrance of the gates
of Jerusalem, and against all its
walls all around, and against all the
cities of Judah. 16I will utter my
judgments against them touching
all their wickedness, in that they
have forsaken me, and have burned
incense to other gods, and
worshiped the works of their own
hands.

17"You therefore put your
belt on your waist, arise, and speak
to them all that I command you. Do
not be dismayed at them, lest I
dismay you before them. 18For,
look, I have made you this day a
fortified city, and an iron pillar, and
bronze walls, against the whole
land, against the kings of Judah,
against its princes, against its
priests, and against the people of
the land. 19They will fight against
you; but they will not prevail
against you; for I am with you,"
says YHWH, "to deliver you."

2 The word of YHWH
came to me, saying,
2"Go, and cry in the ears
of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says
YHWH, "I remember you, the
devotion of your youth, the love of
your weddings; how you went after
me in the wilderness, in a land that
was not sown. 3Israel was holiness
to YHWH, the first fruits of his
increase. All who devour him shall
be held guilty. Evil shall come on
them,"' says YHWH."

4Hear the word of YHWH, O
house of Jacob, and all the families
of the house of Israel. 5Thus says
YHWH, "What unrighteousness
have your fathers found in me, that
they have gone far from me, and
have walked after vanity, and are
become vain? 6Neither did they
say, 'Where is YHWH who brought
us up out of the land of Egypt, who
led us through the wilderness,
through a land of deserts and of
pits, through a land of drought and
of the shadow of death, through a
land that none passed through, and
where no man lived?' 7I brought
you into a plentiful land, to eat its
fruit and its goodness; but when
you entered, you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an
abomination. 8The priests did not
say, 'Where is YHWH?' And those
who handle the law did not know
me. The rulers also transgressed
against me, and the prophets
prophesied by Baal, and walked
after things that do not profit.

9"Therefore I will yet
contend with you," says YHWH,
"and I will contend with your
children's children. 10For pass over
to the islands of Kittim, and see;
and send to Kedar, and consider
diligently; and see if there has been
such a thing. 11Has a nation
changed its gods, which really are
no gods? But my people have
changed their glory for that which
does not profit.

12"Be astonished, you
heavens, at this, and be horribly
afraid. Be very desolate," says
YHWH. 13"For my people have
committed two evils: they have
forsaken me, the spring of living
waters, and cut them out cisterns,

broken cisterns, that can hold no
water. 14Is Israel a servant? Is he a
native-born slave? Why has he
become a prey? 15The young lions
have roared at him, and yelled.
They have made his land waste. His
cities are burned up, without
inhabitant. 16The people of
Memphis and Tahpanhes have also
shaved[a] the crown of your head.

17"Haven't you brought this
on yourself, in that you have
forsaken YHWH your God, when he
led you by the way? 18Now what
have you to do in the way to Egypt,
to drink the waters of the Shihor?
Or what have you to do in the way
to Assyria, to drink the waters of
the River?

19"Your own wickedness
shall correct you, and your
backsliding shall reprove you.
Know therefore and see that it is an
evil thing and bitter that you have
forsaken YHWH your God, and that
my fear is not in you," says[b] YHWH
of hosts. 20"For of old time I have
broken your yoke, and burst your
bonds; and you said, 'I will not
serve;' for on every high hill and
under every green tree you bowed
yourself, playing the prostitute.
21Yet I had planted you a noble
vine, wholly a right seed. How then
have you turned into the degenerate
branches of a foreign vine to me?
22For though you wash yourself
with lye, and use much soap, yet
your iniquity is marked before me,"
says[c] YHWH.

23"How can you say, 'I am
not defiled. I have not gone after
the Baals'? See your way in the
valley. Know what you have done.
You are a swift dromedary
traversing her ways; 24a wild
donkey used to the wilderness, that
snuffs up the wind in her desire.
When she is in heat, who can turn
her away? All those who seek her
will not weary themselves. In her
month, they will find her.

25"Withhold your foot from
being unshod, and your throat from
thirst. But you said, 'It is in vain.
No, for I have loved strangers, and
I will go after them.' 26As the thief
is ashamed when he is found, so is
the house of Israel ashamed; they,
their kings, their officials, and their
priests, and their prophets; 27who
tell wood, 'You are my father;' and
a stone, 'You have brought me
out:' for they have turned their back
to me, and not their face; but in the
time of their trouble they will say,
'Arise, and save us.'

28"But where are your gods
that you have made for yourselves?
Let them arise, if they can save you
in the time of your trouble. For
according to the number of your
cities are your gods, Judah. And
according to the number of the

[a]2:16 Syr cf. BHS reads "broken."
[b]2:19 Hebrew(107 116 136 145 151 244) Mss. MT adds "Lord"
[c]2:22 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

streets of Jerusalem they were sacrificing to Baal.[a]

29"Why will you contend with me? You all have transgressed against me," says YHWH.

30"I have struck your children in vain. They received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.[b] 31Generation, consider the word of YHWH. Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of thick darkness? Why do my people say, 'We have broken loose. We will come to you no more?'

32"Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me for days without number. 33How well you prepare your way to seek love. Therefore you have taught even the wicked women your ways. 34Also the blood of the souls of the innocent poor is found in your skirts. You did not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things.

35"Yet you said, 'I am innocent. Surely his anger has turned away from me.'

"Look, I will judge you, because you say, 'I have not sinned.' 36Why do you go about so much to change your way? You will be ashamed of Egypt also, as you were ashamed of Assyria. 37From there also you shall go forth, with your hands on your head; for YHWH has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not prosper with them.

3 "If[c] a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him, and become another man's, will he return to her again?' Wouldn't that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the prostitute with many lovers; yet return again to me," says YHWH.

2"Lift up your eyes to the bare heights, and see. Where have you not been lain with? You have sat for them by the ways, as an Arabian in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and with your wickedness. 3Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; yet you have a prostitute's forehead, you refused to be ashamed. 4Will you not from this time cry to me, 'My Father, you are the guide of my youth?'

5"'Will he retain his anger forever? Will he keep it to the end?' Look, you have spoken and have done evil things, and have had your way."

6Moreover, YHWH said to me in the days of Josiah the king,

[a]2:28 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "And according to…Baal." Cf. Jeremiah 11:13

[b]2:30 LXX adds "and you did not fear"

[c]3:1 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr. MT adds "Saying"

"Have you seen that which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the prostitute. 7I said after she had done all these things, 'She will return to me;' but she did not return; and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8She[a] saw that for all the causes for which faithless Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorce, yet treacherous Judah, her sister, did not fear; but she also went and played the prostitute. 9And it came to pass, through her casual prostitution, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stone and wood. 10Yet for all this her treacherous sister, Judah, has not returned to me with her whole heart, but only in pretense," says YHWH.

11YHWH said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, you backsliding Israel,' says YHWH; 'I will not look in anger on you; for I am merciful,' says YHWH. 'I will not keep anger forever. 13Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against YHWH your God, and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice,'" says YHWH. 14"Return, backsliding children," says YHWH; "for I am a husband to you. I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. 16It shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days," says YHWH, "they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of YHWH.' neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more. 17At that time they shall call Jerusalem 'The throne of YHWH;' and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of YHWH, to Jerusalem. Neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers.

19"But I said, 'How I would put you among the children, and give you a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance of all the nations.' and I said, 'You shall call me "My Father," and shall not turn away from following me.'

20"Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, so you have dealt treacherously with me, house of

[a]3:8 DSS Ms Hebrew Ms LXX Mss Syr. MT reads "I"

Israel," says YHWH. [21]A voice is heard on the bare heights, the weeping and the petitions of the children of Israel; because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten YHWH their God. [22]"Return, you backsliding children, I will heal your backsliding."

"Look, we have come to you; for you are YHWH our God. [23]Truly[a] the hills are a delusion, the tumult on the mountains. Truly the salvation of Israel is in YHWH our God. [24]But the shameful thing has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. [25]Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us; for we have sinned against YHWH our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. We have not obeyed the voice of YHWH our God."

4 "If you will return, Israel," says YHWH, "if you will return to me, and if you will put away your abominations out of my sight; then you shall not be removed; [2]and you shall swear, 'As YHWH lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness. The nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."

[3]For thus says YHWH to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. [4]Circumcise yourselves to YHWH, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. [5]Declare in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, 'Blow the trumpet in the land.' Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves. Let us go into the fortified cities.' [6]Set up a standard toward Zion. Flee for safety. Do not wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction."

[7]A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he is on his way, he is gone forth from his place, to make your land desolate, that your cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. [8]For this clothe yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of YHWH hasn't turned back from us. [9]"It shall happen at that day," says YHWH, "that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the officials; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder."

[10]Then I said, "Ah, Lord YHWH. Surely you have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You shall have peace;' whereas the sword reaches to the heart."

[a]3:23 LXX Syr Vg cf. BHS. MT adds "from"

11At that time shall it be said
to this people and to Jerusalem, "A
hot wind from the bare heights in
the wilderness toward the daughter
of my people, not to winnow, nor to
cleanse; 12a full wind from these
shall come for me. Now I will also
utter judgments against them."

13Look, he shall come up as
clouds, and his chariots shall be as
the whirlwind: his horses are
swifter than eagles. Woe to us. For
we are ruined. 14Jerusalem, wash
your heart from wickedness, that
you may be saved. How long shall
your evil thoughts lodge within
you? 15For a voice declares from
Dan, and publishes evil from the
hills of Ephraim: 16"Tell the
nations; look, publish against
Jerusalem, 'Besiegers come from a
far country, and raise their voice
against the cities of Judah. 17As
keepers of a field, they are against
her all around, because she has
been rebellious against me,'" says
YHWH. 18"Your way and your
doings have brought these things to
you. This is your wickedness; for it
is bitter, for it reaches to your
heart."

19My anguish, my anguish. I
am pained at my very heart; my
heart is disquieted in me; I can't
hold my peace; because you have
heard, O my soul, the sound of the
trumpet, the alarm of war.
20Destruction on destruction is
proclaimed; for the whole land is
laid waste: suddenly are my tents
destroyed, and my curtains in a
moment. 21How long shall I see the
standard, and hear the sound of the
trumpet?

22"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me. They are
foolish children, and they have no
understanding. They are skillful in
doing evil, but to do good they have
no knowledge." 23I saw the earth,
and, look, it was waste and void;
and the heavens, and they had no
light. 24I saw the mountains, and
look, they trembled, and all the hills
moved back and forth. 25I saw, and
look, there was no man, and all the
birds of the sky had fled. 26I saw,
and look, the fruitful field was a
wilderness, and all its cities were
broken down at the presence of
YHWH; before his fierce anger they
were destroyed.[a] 27For thus says
YHWH, "The whole land shall be a
desolation; yet I will not make a
full end. 28For this the earth will
mourn, and the heavens above be
black; because I have spoken it, I
have purposed it, and I have not
relented, neither will I turn back
from it."

29Every city flees for the
noise of the horsemen and archers;
they go into caves, and they hide
themselves[b] in the thickets, and
climb up on the rocks; every city is
forsaken, and not a man dwells in

[a]4:26 LXX. MT lacks "they were destroyed" from haplography by homoioteleuton: w-w

[b]4:29 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "into caves…themselves" from haplography: b'w-b'w

it. 30You, when you are made
desolate, what will you do? Though
you clothe yourself with scarlet,
though you dress yourselves with
ornaments of gold, though you
enlarge your eyes with paint, in
vain do you make yourself
beautiful; your lovers despise you,
they seek your life. 31For I have
heard a voice as of a woman in
travail, the anguish as of her who
brings forth her first child, the
voice of the daughter of Zion, who
gasps for breath, who spreads her
hands, saying, "Woe is me now.
For my soul faints before the
murderers."

5 "Run back and forth
through the streets of
Jerusalem, and see now,
and know, and seek in the broad
places of it, if you can find a man,
if there are any who does justly,
who seeks truth; and I will pardon
her. 2Though they say, 'As YHWH
lives;' surely they swear falsely."

3YHWH, do your eyes not
look on truth? You have stricken
them, but they were not grieved.
You have consumed them, but they
have refused to receive correction.
They have made their faces harder
than a rock. They have refused to
return.

4Then I said, "Surely these
are poor. They are foolish; for they
do not know the way of YHWH, nor
the law of their God. 5I will go to
the great men, and will speak to
them; for they know the way of
YHWH, and the law of their God."
But these with one accord have
broken the yoke, and burst the
bonds. 6Therefore a lion out of the
forest shall kill them, a wolf of the
evenings shall destroy them, a
leopard shall watch against their
cities; everyone who goes out there
shall be torn in pieces; because
their transgressions are many, and
their backsliding is increased.

7"How can I pardon you?
Your children have forsaken me,
and sworn by what are no gods.
When I had fed them to the full,
they committed adultery, and
assembled themselves in troops[a] at
the prostitutes' houses. 8They were
as fed horses roaming at large:
everyone neighed after his
neighbor's wife. 9Shouldn't I
punish them for these things?" says
YHWH; "and shouldn't my soul be
avenged on such a nation as this?

10"Go up on her walls, and
destroy; but do not make a full end.
Take away her branches; for they
are not YHWH's. 11For the house of
Israel and the house of Judah have
dealt very treacherously against
me," says YHWH.

12They have denied YHWH,
and said, "It is not he; neither shall
evil come on us; neither shall we

[a]5:7 Hebrew Mss LXX read "and they lodged." An apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

see sword nor famine. 13The
prophets shall become wind, and
the word[a] is not in them.[b] Thus
shall it be done to them."

14Therefore thus says YHWH,
the God of hosts, "Because you
speak this word, look, I will make
my words in your mouth fire, and
this people wood, and it shall
devour them. 15Look, I will bring a
nation on you from far, house of
Israel," says YHWH. "It is a mighty
nation. It is an ancient nation, a
nation whose language you do not
know, neither understand what they
say. 16Their quiver is an open tomb,
they are all mighty men. 17They
shall eat up your harvest, and your
bread, which your sons and your
daughters should eat. They shall eat
up your flocks and your herds.
They shall eat up your vines and
your fig trees. They shall beat down
your fortified cities, in which you
trust, with the sword.

18"But even in those days,"
says YHWH, "I will not make a full
end with you. 19It will happen,
when you say, 'Why has YHWH
our God done all these things to
us?' Then you shall say to them,
'Thus says YHWH,[c] Just like you
have forsaken me, and served
foreign gods in your land, so you
shall serve strangers in a land that
is not yours.'

20"Declare this in the house
of Jacob, and publish it in Judah,
saying, 21'Hear now this, foolish
people, and without understanding;
who have eyes, and do not see; who
have ears, and do not hear: 22Do
you not fear me?' says YHWH
'Won't you tremble at my
presence, who have placed the sand
for the bound of the sea, by a
perpetual decree, that it can't pass
it? And though its waves toss
themselves, yet they[d] can't prevail;
though they roar, yet they can't
pass over it.'

23"But this people has a
revolting and a rebellious heart;
they have revolted and gone.
24Neither do they say in their heart,
'Let us now fear YHWH our God,
who gives rain, both the former and
the latter, in its season; who
preserves to us the appointed weeks
of the harvest.'

25"Your iniquities have
turned away these things, and your
sins have withheld good from you.
26For among my people are found
wicked men. They watch, as
fowlers lie in wait. They set a trap.
They catch men. 27As a cage is full
of birds, so are their houses full of
deceit. Therefore they have become
great, and grew rich. 28They have
grown fat. They shine; yes, they
excel in deeds of wickedness. They
do not plead the cause, the cause of
the fatherless, that they may

[a]5:13 LXX adds "of YHWH"
[b]5:13 Hebrew Ms LXX
[c]5:19 Syr cf. BHS. MT lacks "Thus says YHWH" from haplography: k-k
[d]5:22 LXX Syr cf. BHS read sg "And though its waves toss, yet it"

prosper; and they do not judge the
right of the needy.

29"Shall I not punish for these
things?" says YHWH. "Shall not my
soul be avenged on such a nation as
this?

30"An astonishing and
horrible thing has happened in the
land. 31The prophets prophesy
falsely, and the priests rule by their
own authority; and my people love
to have it so. What will you do in
the end of it?

6 "Flee for safety, you
people of Benjamin, out
of the midst of
Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in
Tekoa, and raise up a signal on
Beth Haccherem; for evil looks
forth from the north, and a great
destruction. 2The comely and
delicate one, the daughter of Zion,
will I cut off. 3Shepherds with their
flocks shall come to her; they shall
pitch their tents against her all
around; they shall feed everyone in
his place."

4"Prepare war against her;
arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe
to us. For the day declines, for the
shadows of the evening are
stretched out. 5Arise, and let us go
up by night, and let us destroy her
palaces." 6For YHWH of hosts said,
"Cut down trees, and cast up a
mound against Jerusalem. She is
the city to be punished; she is full
of oppression in the midst of her.
7As a well casts forth its waters, so
she casts forth her wickedness:
violence and destruction is heard in
her; before me continually is
sickness and wounds. 8Be
instructed, Jerusalem, lest my soul
be alienated from you; lest I make
you a desolation, a land not
inhabited."

9Thus says YHWH of hosts,
"They shall thoroughly glean the
remnant of Israel like a vine. Pass
your hand again as a grape gatherer
into the baskets."

10To whom shall I speak and
testify, that they may hear? Look,
their ear is uncircumcised, and they
can't listen. Look, the word of
YHWH has become a reproach to
them. They have no delight in it.
11Therefore I am full of the wrath of
YHWH. I am weary with holding in.

"Pour it out on the children in the
street,
and on the assembly of
young men together;
for even the husband with the wife
shall be taken,
the aged with him who is
full of days.
12Their houses shall be turned to
others,
their fields and their wives
together;
for I will stretch out my hand on
the inhabitants of the
land," says YHWH.
13"For from their least even to
their greatest,
everyone is given to
covetousness;
and from the prophet even to
the priest, everyone
deals falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of
my people
superficially,
saying, ‘Peace, peace.’ when
there is no peace.
15 Were they ashamed when they
had committed
abomination?
No, they were not at all
ashamed, neither could
they blush.
Therefore they shall fall among
those who fall;
at the time that I visit them,
they shall be cast
down,” says YHWH.

16 Thus says YHWH, “Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, ‘Where is the good way?’ and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” But they said, “We will not walk in it.” 17 ”I set watchmen over you, saying, ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet.’” But they said, “We will not listen.” 18 ”Therefore hear, you nations, and know, congregation, what will happen to them.[a] 19 Hear, earth. ‘Look, I will bring disaster on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it. 20 To what purpose comes there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices pleasing to me.’

21 Therefore thus says YHWH, ‘Look, I will lay stumbling blocks before this people. The fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them. The neighbor and his friend shall perish.’ 22 ”Thus says YHWH, ‘Look, a people comes from the north country. A great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 23 They take hold of bow and spear. They are cruel, and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea, and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Zion.’”

24 ”We have heard its report;
our hands become feeble: anguish
has taken hold of us, and pains as of
a woman in labor. 25 Do not go forth
into the field, nor walk by the way;
for the sword of the enemy and
terror, are on every side.”
26 ”Daughter of my people, clothe
yourself with sackcloth, and
wallow in ashes. Mourn, as for an
only son, most bitter lamentation;
for the destroyer shall suddenly
come on us.”

27 “I have made you a tester of metals and a fortress among my people; that you may know and try their way.” 28 ”They are all grievous rebels, going about with slanders; they are bronze and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. 29 The bellows blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not

[a] 6:18 As the feminine singular noun, as a collective

plucked away. 30Men will call them
'rejected silver,' because YHWH
has rejected them."

7 The word that came to
Jeremiah from YHWH,
saying, 2"Stand in the
gate of YHWH's house, and
proclaim there this word, and say,
'Hear the word of YHWH, all you
of Judah, who enter in at these gates
to worship YHWH. 3Thus says
YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel,
Amend your ways and your doings,
and I will cause you to dwell in this
place. 4Do not trust in lying words,[a]
saying, "YHWH's temple, YHWH's
temple, YHWH's temple, are
these." 5For if you thoroughly
amend your ways and your doings;
if you thoroughly execute justice
between a man and his neighbor; 6if
you do not oppress the foreigner,
the fatherless, and the widow, and
do not shed innocent blood in this
place, neither walk after other gods
to your own hurt: 7then will I cause
you to dwell in this place, in the
land that I gave to your fathers,
from of old even forevermore.
8Look, you trust in lying words,
that can't profit. 9Will you steal,
murder, and commit adultery, and
swear falsely, and burn incense to
Baal, and walk after other gods that
you have not known, 10and come
and stand before me in this house,
which is called by my name, and
say, "We are delivered"; that you
may do all these abominations? 11Is
this house, which is called by my
name, become a den of robbers in
your eyes? Look, I, even I, have
seen it, says YHWH. 12But go now
to my place which was in Shiloh,
where I caused my name to dwell at
the first, and see what I did to it for
the wickedness of my people Israel.
13Now, because you have done all
these works, says YHWH, and I
spoke to you, rising up early and
speaking, but you did not hear; and
I called you, but you did not
answer: 14therefore I will do to the
house which is called by my name,
in which you trust, and to the place
which I gave to you and to your
fathers, as I did to Shiloh. 15I will
cast you out of my sight, as I have
cast out all your brothers, all the
descendants of Ephraim.
16Therefore do not pray for this
people, neither lift up a cry nor
prayer for them, neither make
intercession to me; for I will not
hear you. 17Do you not see what
they do in the cities of Judah and in
the streets of Jerusalem? 18The
children gather wood, and the
fathers kindle the fire, and the
women knead the dough, to make
cakes to the queen of heaven,[b] and
to pour out drink offerings to other
gods, that they may provoke me to
anger. 19Do they provoke me to
anger?" says YHWH. "Do they not
provoke themselves, to the
confusion of their own faces?"
20Therefore thus says[c] YHWH:
"Look, my anger and my wrath
shall be poured out on this place, on
man, and on animal, and on the

[a]7:4 LXX adds "for they shall not profit you at all." Cf. 23:32

[b]7:18 I.e., Ashtoreth, known as Ishtar in Mesopotamia, and Anat in Canaan

[c]7:20 LXX. MT adds "Lord"

trees of the field, and on the fruit of
the ground; and it shall burn, and
shall not be quenched." [21]Thus says
YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:
"Add your burnt offerings to your
sacrifices, and eat meat. [22]For I did
not speak to your fathers, nor
command them in the day that I
brought them out of the land of
Egypt, concerning burnt offerings
or sacrifices: [23]but this thing I
commanded them, saying, 'Listen
to my voice, and I will be your God,
and you shall be my people; and
walk in all the way that I command
you, that it may be well with you.'
[24]But they did not listen nor turn
their ear, but walked in their own
counsels and in the stubbornness of
their evil heart, and went backward,
and not forward. [25]Since the day
that your fathers came forth out of
the land of Egypt to this day, I have
sent to you all my servants the
prophets, daily rising up early and
sending them: [26]yet they did not
listen to me, nor inclined their ear,
but made their neck stiff: they did
worse than their fathers." [27]"You
shall speak all these words to them;
but they will not listen to you: you
shall also call to them; but they will
not answer you. [28]You shall tell
them, 'This is the nation that has
not listened to the voice of YHWH
their God, nor received instruction:
truth is perished, and is cut off from
their mouth. [29]Cut off your hair,
and throw it away, and take up a
lamentation on the bare heights; for
YHWH has rejected and forsaken
the generation of his wrath.'" [30]"For
the people of Judah have done that
which is evil in my sight," says
YHWH: "they have set their
abominations in the house which is
called by my name, to defile it.
[31]They have built the high places[a]
of Topheth, which is in the Valley
of Ben Hinnom, to burn their sons
and their daughters in the fire;
which I did not command, nor did
it come into my mind. [32]Therefore
look, the days come," says YHWH,
"that it shall no more be called
Topheth, nor The Valley of Ben
Hinnom, but The Valley of
Slaughter: for they shall bury in
Topheth, until there is no place to
bury. [33]The dead bodies of this
people shall be food for the birds of
the sky, and for the animals of the
earth; and none shall frighten them
away. [34]Then will I cause to cease
from the cities of Judah, and from
the streets of Jerusalem, the voice
of mirth and the voice of gladness,
the voice of the bridegroom and the
voice of the bride; for the land shall
become a waste."

8 "At that time," says
YHWH, "they shall
bring out the bones of
the kings of Judah, and the bones of
his officials, and the bones of the
priests, and the bones of the
prophets, and the bones of the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of
their graves; [2]and they shall spread
them before the sun, and the moon,
and all the host of heaven, which
they have loved, and which they
have served, and after which they
have walked, and which they have

[a]7:31 LXX Tg read sg

sought, and which they have worshiped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried, they shall be for dung on the surface of the earth. 3Death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places where I have driven them," says YHWH of hosts. 4"Moreover you shall tell them, 'Thus says YHWH: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? Shall one turn away, and not return? 5Why then do these people of Jerusalem[a] turn away in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit; they refuse to return. 6I listened and heard, but they did not speak what is right: no man repents him of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Everyone turns to his course, as a horse that rushes headlong in the battle. 7Yes, the stork in the sky knows her appointed times; and the turtledove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people do not know YHWH's law. 8How can you say, "We are wise, and the law of YHWH is with us?" But, look, the lying pen of the scribes has worked falsehood.[b] 9The wise men are disappointed, they are dismayed and taken: look, they have rejected the word of YHWH; and what kind of wisdom is in them? 10Therefore I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who shall possess them: for everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even to the priest every one deals falsely. 11They have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people superficially, saying, "Peace, peace;" when there is no peace. 12Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No. They were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among those who fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, says YHWH. 13I will utterly consume them, says YHWH: no grapes shall be on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.'" 14"Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us be silent there; for YHWH our God has put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against YHWH. 15We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and look, dismay. 16The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembles; for they have come, and have devoured the land

[a]8:5 Hebrew Ms and LXX lack "Jerusalem"

[b]8:8 The scribe was not only a copyist but a teacher as well, and the claim of "Peace, peace" (v.11) was being taught though there was no peace. They rejected the word of YHWH for their own wisdom. Further evidence that this is not talking about a copying problem of the law but rather a wrong teaching is found in 26:4-5 where God admonishes people to follow his law which he has set before them. Cf. Malachi 4:4

and all that is in it; the city and
those who dwell in it. 17For, look, I
will send serpents, adders, among
you, which will not be charmed;
and they shall bite you," says
YHWH. 18"My joy for me is sorrow.
My heart is faint within me. 19Look,
the voice of the cry of the daughter
of my people from a land that is
very far off: 'Isn't YHWH in Zion?
Isn't her King in her?'" "Why have
they provoked me to anger with
their engraved images, and with
foreign vanities?" 20"'The harvest is
past, the summer is ended, and we
are not saved.' 21For the hurt of the
daughter of my people am I hurt: I
mourn; dismay has taken hold on
me. 22Is there no balm in Gilead? Is
there no physician there? Why then
isn't the health of the daughter of
my people recovered?

9 Oh that my head were
waters, and my eyes a
spring of tears, that I
might weep day and night for the
slain of the daughter of my people.
2Oh that I had in the wilderness a
lodging place of wayfaring men;
that I might leave my people, and
go from them. For they are all
adulterers, an assembly of
treacherous men." 3"They bend
their tongue as a bow. Falsehood
and not truth has grown strong in
the land; for they proceed from evil
to evil, and they do not know me,"
says YHWH.

4"Everyone be on guard against his
neighbor, and do not trust any
brother; for every brother is a
deceiver, and every neighbor will
go about with slanders. 5Everyone
deceives his neighbor, and does not
speak the truth. They have taught
their tongue to speak lies; they do
evil, they do not cease so as to
return. 6Oppression upon
oppression, and deceit upon
deceit.[a] They refuse to know me,"
says YHWH. 7Therefore thus says
YHWH of hosts, "Look, I will melt
them, and try them; for how should
I deal with the wickedness[b] of the
daughter of my people?

8Their tongue is a deadly arrow;
it speaks deceit: one speaks
peaceably to his neighbor with his
mouth, but in his heart he lies in
wait for him. 9Shall I not visit them
for these things?" says YHWH;
"shall not my soul be avenged on
such a nation as this?" 10"For the
mountains I will take up weeping
and wailing, and for the pastures of
the wilderness a lamentation,
because they are laid waste so that
no one passes through; nor can men
hear the voice of the cattle. Both the
birds of the sky and the animals
have fled, they are gone."

11"I will make Jerusalem heaps,
a dwelling place of jackals; and I
will make the cities of Judah a
desolation, without inhabitant."

[a]9:5-6 LXX. MT has misdivided several words, reading "lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Your habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit"

[b]9:7(6) LXX Syr. MT lacks "wickedness" from haplography by homoioteleuton: t-t

12"Who is the wise man, that may
understand this? Who is he to
whom the mouth of YHWH has
spoken, that he may declare it?
Why is the land perished and
burned up like a wilderness, so that
none passes through?" 13YHWH
says, "Because they have forsaken
my law which I set before them,
and have not obeyed my voice,
neither walked in it, 14but have
walked after the stubbornness of
their own[a] heart, and after the
Baals, which their fathers taught
them; 15therefore thus says YHWH
of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Look, I
will feed them, even this people,
with wormwood, and give them
water of gall to drink.

16I will scatter them also among
the nations, whom neither they nor
their fathers have known; and I will
send the sword after them, until I
have consumed them.'" 17Thus
says YHWH of hosts, "Consider,
and call for the mourning women,
that they may come; and send for
the skillful women, that they may
come:" 18"and let them make haste,
and take up a wailing for us, that
our eyes may run down with tears,
and our eyelids gush out with
waters. 19For a voice of wailing is
heard out of Zion, 'How are we
ruined. We are greatly confounded,
because we have forsaken the land,
because they have cast down our
dwellings.'" 20"Yet hear the word
of YHWH,[b] you women, and let
your ear receive the word of his
mouth; and teach your daughters
wailing, and everyone her neighbor
lamentation. 21'For death has come
up into our windows, it is entered
into our palaces; to cut off the
children from outside, and the
young men from the streets.'
22Speak, 'Thus says YHWH, "The
dead bodies of men shall fall as
dung on the open field, and as the
handful after the harvester; and
none shall gather them."'" 23Thus
says YHWH, "Do not let the wise
man glory in his wisdom, neither
let the mighty man glory in his
might, do not let the rich man glory
in his riches; 24but let him who
boasts boast in this, that he has
understanding, and knows me, that
I am YHWH who exercises loving
kindness, justice, and
righteousness, in the earth: for in
these things I delight," says YHWH.
25"Look, the days come," says
YHWH, "that I will punish all those
who are circumcised in
uncircumcision: 26Egypt, and
Judah, and Edom, and the people of
Ammon, and Moab, and all that
have the corners of their hair cut
off, who dwell in the wilderness;
for all the nations are
uncircumcised, and all the house of
Israel are uncircumcised in heart."

10 Hear the word
which YHWH
speaks to you, house
of Israel. 2Thus says YHWH, "Do
not learn the way of the nations,
and do not be dismayed at the signs

[a]9:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr add "evil," perhaps lost in a graphic confusion: hr'-hry

[b]9:20 LXX reads "God"

of the sky; for the nations are dismayed at them. 3For the customs of the peoples are vanity; for one cuts a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. 4They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it not move. 5They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and do not speak: they must be carried, because they can't go. Do not be afraid of them; for they can't do evil, neither is it in them to do good." 6"There is none like you, YHWH; you are great, and your name is great in might. 7Who should not fear you, King of the nations? For it appertains to you; because among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like you. 8But they are together brutish and foolish, the instruction of idols. It is but wood. 9There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skillful men. 10But YHWH is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King: at his wrath the earth trembles, and the nations are not able to withstand his indignation. 11You shall say this to them: 'The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.' 12He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens: 13when he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causes the vapors to ascend from the farthest parts of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain, and brings forth the wind out of his treasuries. 14Every man has become brutish and without knowledge; every goldsmith is disappointed by his engraved image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 15They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 16The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; YHWH of hosts is his name." 17 'Gather up your wares out of the land, you who live under siege. 18For thus says YHWH, 'Look, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it.' 19Woe is me because of my hurt. My wound is grievous: but I said, 'Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it.' 20My tent is destroyed, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth from me, and they are no more: there is none to spread my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. 21For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of YHWH: therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered. 22The voice of news, look, it comes, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling place of jackals. 23YHWH, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. 24YHWH, correct me, but in measure: not in your anger, lest you

bring me to nothing. [25]Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you, and on the families that do not call on your name: for they have devoured Jacob, yes, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation."

11 The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying, [2]"Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; [3]and say to them, 'Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: "Cursed is the man who doesn't hear the words of this covenant, [4]which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, "Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so you shall be my people, and I will be your God; [5]that I may establish the oath which I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey," as at this day.'" Then I answered, and said, "Amen, YHWH." [6]YHWH said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, 'Hear the words of this covenant, and do them. [7]For I earnestly protested to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even to this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. [8]Yet they did not obey, nor turn their ear, but walked everyone in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not do them.'" [9]YHWH said to me, "A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [10]They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they are gone after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. [11]Therefore thus says YHWH, 'Look, I will bring disaster on them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry to me, but I will not listen to them. [12]Then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry to the gods to which they offer incense: but they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble. [13]For according to the number of your cities are your gods, Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have you set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense to Baal.' [14]Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry to me at the time[a] of their trouble." [15]"What has my beloved to do in my house, since she has done many vile deeds? Can holy meat avert your disaster so that you can

[a]11:14 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "me because"

rejoice?" [16]YHWH called your name, "A green olive tree, beautiful with goodly fruit." With the noise of a great tumult he has kindled fire on it, and its branches are broken. [17]For YHWH of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced evil against you, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have worked for themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense to Baal." [18]YHWH gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: then you showed me their doings. [19]But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised devices against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered." [20]"But, YHWH of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, I shall see your vengeance on them; for to you have I revealed my cause." [21]Therefore thus says YHWH concerning the men of Anathoth, who seek my[a] life, saying, "You shall not prophesy in the name of YHWH, that you not die by our hand;" [22]therefore thus says YHWH of hosts, "Look, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; [23]and there shall be no remnant to them: for I will bring disaster on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation."

12 You are righteous, YHWH, when I contend with you; yet I would reason the cause with you: why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are they all at ease who deal very treacherously? [2]You have planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: you are near in their mouth, and far from their heart. [3]But you, YHWH, know me; you see me, and try my heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. [4]How long shall the land be parched, and the grass of every field wither? For the wickedness of those who dwell in it, the animals are consumed, and the birds; because they said, "He shall not see our latter end.[b]" [5]"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And though in a land of peace you are secure, yet how will you do in the pride of the Jordan? [6]For even your brothers, and the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; even they have cried aloud after you: do not believe them, though they speak beautiful words to you. [7]I have forsaken my house, I have cast off my heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. [8]My heritage has become to me as a lion in the forest: she has uttered her voice against me; therefore I have hated her. [9]Is

[a]11:21 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "your"

[b]12:4 LXX cf. BHS read "God does not see our ways"

my heritage to me as a speckled bird of prey? Are the birds of prey against her all around? Go, assemble all the animals of the field, bring them[a] to devour. 10Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. 11They have made it a desolation; it mourns to me, being desolate; the whole land is made desolate, because no man lays it to heart. 12Destroyers have come on all the bare heights in the wilderness; for the sword of YHWH devours from the one end of the land even to the other end of the land: no flesh has peace. 13They have sown wheat, and have reaped thorns; they have put themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and you shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce anger of YHWH. 14Thus says YHWH against all my evil neighbors, who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: 'look, I will pluck them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house of Judah from among them. 15It shall happen, after that I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them; and I will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16It shall happen, if they will diligently learn the ways[b] of my people, to swear by my name, "As YHWH lives;" even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people. 17But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it,'" says YHWH.

13 Thus says YHWH to me, "Go, and buy yourself a linen belt, and put it on your waist, and do not put it in water." 2So I bought a belt according to the word of YHWH, and put it on my waist. 3The word of YHWH came to me the second time, saying, 4"Take the belt that you have bought, which is on your waist, and arise, go to the Perath, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock." 5So I went, and hid it by the Perath, as YHWH commanded me. 6It happened after many days, that YHWH said to me, "Arise, go to the Perath, and take the belt from there, which I commanded you to hide there." 7Then I went to the Perath, and dug, and took the belt from the place where I had hidden it; and look, the belt was marred, it was profitable for nothing. 8Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 9"Thus says YHWH, 'In this way I will mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. 10This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this belt, which is profitable for nothing. 11For as the belt clings to the waist of a man, so have I caused to cling to me the whole house of

[a]12:9 Hebrew Mss Vg cf. LXX BHS read "field, let them come"

[b]12:16 LXX 10:2 read sg

Israel and the whole house of Judah,' says YHWH; 'that they might be my people, for a name, for praise, and for glory. But they would not listen. 12Therefore you shall speak to them this word: 'Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, "Every jar shall be filled with wine."' And if[a] they shall say to you, 'Do we not certainly know that every jar shall be filled with wine?' 13Then you shall tell them, 'Thus says YHWH, "Look, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings who sit on David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says YHWH. I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them."'" 15"Hear, and give ear; do not be proud; for YHWH has spoken. 16Give glory to YHWH your God, before he causes darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, he turns it into the shadow of death, and makes it gross darkness. 17But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for your pride; and my eye shall weep bitterly, and run down with tears, because YHWH's flock is taken captive." 18"Say to the king and to the queen mother, 'Take a lowly seat, for your glorious crowns have come down from your heads.[b] 19The cities toward the Negev are shut, and there is no one to open them: Judah is carried away into exile, all of it; it is wholly carried away into exile.'" 20"Lift up your eyes, and see those who come from the north: where is the flock that was given you, your beautiful flock? 21What will you say, when he shall set over you as head those whom you have yourself taught to be friends to you? Shall not sorrows take hold of you, as of a woman in travail? 22If you say in your heart, 'Why are these things come on me?' for the greatness of your iniquity are your skirts uncovered, and your heels suffer violence. 23Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may you also do good, who are accustomed to do evil. 24"Therefore I will scatter them, as the stubble that passes away, by the wind of the wilderness. 25This is your lot, the portion measured to you from me,' says YHWH; 'because you have forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26Therefore I will also uncover your skirts on your face, and your shame shall appear. 27I have seen your abominations, even your adulteries, and your neighing, the lewdness of your prostitution, on the hills in the field. Woe to you, Jerusalem.[c] You will not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?'"

[a]13:12 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "if" from haplography by homoioarcton" aleph-aleph

[b]13:18 LXX Syr Vg cf. BHS (cf. alternative revocalization). MT reads sg

[c]13:27 LXX Syr cf. BHS add "for"

14 The word of YHWH that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought. 2"Judah mourns, and its gates languish, they sit in black on the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. 3Their nobles send their little ones to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are disappointed and confounded, and cover their heads. 4Because of the ground which is cracked, because no rain has been in the land, the plowmen are disappointed, they cover their heads. 5Yes, the hind also in the field calves, and forsakes her young, because there is no grass. 6The wild donkeys stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage." 7"Though our iniquities testify against us, work for your name's sake, YHWH; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you. 8Hope of Israel,[a] its Savior in the time of trouble, why should you be as a foreigner in the land, and as a wayfaring man who turns aside to stay for a night? 9Why should you be like a scared man, as a mighty man who can't save? Yet you, YHWH, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not leave us." 10Thus says YHWH to this people, "Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore YHWH does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity, and visit their sins." 11YHWH said to me, "Do not pray for this people for their good. 12When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and meal offering, I will not accept them; but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence." 13Then I said, "Ah,[b] YHWH. Look, the prophets tell them, 'You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.'" 14Then YHWH said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I did not send them, neither have I commanded them, neither spoke I to them: they prophesy to you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart. 15Therefore thus says YHWH concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name, and I did not send them, yet they say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land:' 'By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.' 16The people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them—them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness on them." 17"You shall say this word to them, 'Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a

[a]14:8 Hebrew Mss LXX add "YHWH"

[b]14:13 Hebrew(30) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

very grievous wound. 18If I go forth
into the field, then, look, the slain
with the sword. And if I enter into
the city, then, look, those who are
sick with famine. For both the
prophet and the priest go about in
the land, and have no knowledge.'"
19"Have you utterly rejected Judah?
Has your soul loathed Zion? Why
have you struck us, and there is no
healing for us? We looked for
peace, but no good came; and for a
time of healing, and look, dismay.
20We acknowledge, YHWH, our
wickedness, and the iniquity of our
fathers; for we have sinned against
you. 21Do not abhor us, for your
name's sake; do not disgrace the
throne of your glory: remember, do
not break your covenant with us.
22Are there any among the vanities
of the nations that can cause rain?
Or can the sky give showers?
Aren't you he, YHWH our God?
Therefore we will wait for you; for
you have made all these things."

15 Then YHWH said to
me, "Though Moses
and Samuel stood
before me, yet my mind would not
be toward this people: cast them out
of my sight, and let them go forth.
2It shall happen, when they tell you,
'Where shall we go forth?' Then
you shall tell them, 'Thus says
YHWH: "Such as are for death, to
death; and such as are for the
sword, to the sword; and such as are
for the famine, to the famine; and
such as are for captivity, to
captivity. 3I will appoint over them
four kinds, says YHWH: the sword
to kill, and the dogs to tear, and the
birds of the sky, and the animals of
the earth, to devour and to destroy.
4I will cause them to be tossed back
and forth among all the kingdoms
of the earth, because of Manasseh,
the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah,
for that which he did in Jerusalem.
5For who will have pity on you,
Jerusalem? Or who will bemoan
you? Or who will turn aside to ask
of your welfare? 6'You have
rejected me,' says YHWH, 'you
have gone backward:' therefore
have I stretched out my hand
against you, and destroyed you; I
am weary with repenting. 7I have
winnowed them with a fan in the
gates of the land; I have bereaved
them of children, I have destroyed
my people; they did not return from
their ways. 8Their widows are
increased to me above the sand of
the seas; I have brought on them
against the mother of the young
men a destroyer at noonday; I have
made anguish and terror to fall on
them[a] suddenly. 9She who has
borne seven languishes; she has
given up the spirit; her sun is gone
down while it was yet day; she has
been disappointed and confounded:
and their residue will I deliver to
the sword before their enemies,"
says YHWH. 10"Woe is me, my
mother, that you have borne me a
man of strife and a man of
contention to the whole earth. I
have not lent, neither have men lent

[a]15:8 Hebrew Ms Tg Syr cf. BHS. MT has lost a mem

to me;[a] yet everyone of them[b] curses me." 11YHWH said, "Most certainly I will strengthen you for good; most certainly I will cause the enemy to make petition to you in the time of evil and in the time of distress. 12Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and bronze? 13Your substance and your treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all your sins, even in all your borders. 14I will make you serve[c] your enemies in a land which you do not know; for a fire is kindled in my anger, which shall burn on you." 15"YHWH, you know; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; do not take me away in your longsuffering: know that for your sake I have suffered reproach. 16Your words were found, and I ate them; and your words were to me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by your name, YHWH, the God of hosts. 17I did not sit in the assembly of those who make merry, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of your hand; for you have filled me with indignation. 18Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Will you indeed be to me as a deceitful brook, as waters that fail?" 19Therefore thus says YHWH, "If you return, then will I bring you again, that you may stand before me; and if you take forth the precious from the vile, you shall be as my mouth: they shall return to you, but you shall not return to them. 20I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you to save you and to deliver you," says YHWH. 21"I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible."

16 The word of YHWH came also to me, saying, 2"You shall not take a wife,[d] neither shall you have sons or daughters, in this place. 3For thus says YHWH concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who became their father in this land: 4They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung on the surface of the ground; and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth. 5For thus says YHWH, 'Do not enter into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, says YHWH, even

[a]15:10 LXX adds "my strength has failed"
[b]15:10 Lit. "him." BHS suggests a redivision of two words, reading "them"
[c]15:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT reads "make them to pass through"
[d]16:1 LXX adds "says YHWH God of Israel"

loving kindness and tender mercies. 6Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them; 7neither shall men break bread[a] for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8You shall not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink. 9For thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: Look, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. 10It shall happen, when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall tell you, 'Why has YHWH pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against YHWH our God?' 11Then you shall tell them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken me, says YHWH, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12and you have done evil more than your fathers; for, look, you walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that you do not listen to me: 13therefore I will cast you forth out of this land into the land that you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night; for I will show you no favor.' 14Therefore look, the days come," says YHWH, "that it shall no more be said, 'As YHWH lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;' 15but, 'As YHWH lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries where he had driven them.' I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers. 16Look, I will send for many fishermen," says YHWH, "and they shall fish them up; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17For my eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. 18First I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations." 19"YHWH, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, to you shall the nations come from the farthest parts of the earth, and shall say, 'Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, vanity and things in which there is no profit. 20Shall a man make to himself gods, which yet are no gods?'" 21"Therefore look, I will cause them to know, this once will

[a]16:7 Hebrew Mss LXX cf. Vg and BHS. MT reads "to"

I cause them to know my hand and
my might; and they shall know that
my name is YHWH.

17 "The sin of Judah is
written with a pen of
iron, and with the
point of a diamond: it is engraved
on the tablet of their heart, and on
the horns of your altars; 2while their
children remember their altars and
their Asherim by the green trees on
the high hills. 3My mountain in the
field, I will give your substance and
all your treasures for a spoil, and
your high places, because of sin,
throughout all your borders. 4You,
even of yourself, shall discontinue
from your heritage that I gave you;
and I will cause you to serve your
enemies in the land which you do
not know: for you have kindled a
fire in my anger which shall burn
forever." 5Thus says YHWH:
"Cursed is the man who trusts in
man, and makes flesh his arm, and
whose heart departs from YHWH.
6For he shall be like the heath in the
desert, and shall not see when good
comes, but shall inhabit the parched
places in the wilderness, a salt land
and not inhabited. 7Blessed is the
man who trusts in YHWH, and
whose confidence is in YHWH. 8For
he shall be as a tree planted by the
waters, who spreads out its roots by
the river, and shall not fear when
heat comes, but its leaf shall be
green; and shall not be careful in
the year of drought, neither shall
cease from yielding fruit. 9The
heart is deceitful above all things,
and it is exceedingly corrupt: who
can know it? 10I, YHWH, search the
mind, I try the heart, even to give
every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his doings.
11As the partridge that sits on eggs
which she has not laid, so is he who
gets riches, and not by right; in the
midst of his days they shall leave
him, and at his end he shall be a
fool." 12"A glorious throne, set on
high from the beginning, is the
place of our sanctuary. 13YHWH,
the hope of Israel, all who forsake
you shall be disappointed. Those
who depart from me shall be
written in the earth, because they
have forsaken YHWH, the spring of
living waters. 14Heal me, YHWH,
and I shall be healed; save me, and
I shall be saved: for you are my
praise. 15Look, they tell me, 'Where
is the word of YHWH? Let it come
now.' 16As for me, I have not
hurried from being a shepherd after
you; neither have I desired the
woeful day; you know: that which
came out of my lips was before
your face. 17Do not be a terror to
me: you are my refuge in the day of
evil. 18Let them be disappointed
who persecute me, but let not me be
disappointed; let them be
dismayed, but do not let me be
dismayed; bring on them the day of
disaster, and destroy them with
double destruction." 19Thus said
YHWH to me: "Go, and stand in the
gate of the children of the people,
through which the kings of Judah
come in, and by which they go out,
and in all the gates of Jerusalem;
20and tell them, 'Hear the word of
YHWH, you kings of Judah, and all
Judah, and all the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, that enter in by these
gates: 21Thus says YHWH, "Be
careful, and bear no burden on the
Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the

gates of Jerusalem; [22]neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day holy, neither do any work: but make the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. [23]But they did not listen, neither turn their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction. [24]It shall happen, if you diligently listen to me," says YHWH, "to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but to make the Sabbath day holy, to do no work in it; [25]then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their officials, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. [26]They shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill country, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, to the house of YHWH. [27]But if you will not listen to me to make the Sabbath day holy, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."'"

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying, [2]"Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear my words." [3]Then I went down to the potter's house, and look, he was making a work on the wheels. [4]When the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. [5]Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying, [6]"'House of Israel, can't I do with you as this potter?' says YHWH. 'Look, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.' [7]At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; [8]if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I thought to do to them. [9]At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; [10]if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they not obey my voice, then I will repent of the good, with which I said I would benefit them. [11]Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says YHWH: Look, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return now everyone from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.' [12]But they say, 'It is in vain; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do everyone after the stubbornness of his evil heart.'" [13]Therefore thus says YHWH: "Ask now among the nations, who has heard such things; the virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. [14]Shall the snow of Lebanon

fail from the rock of the field? Shall
the cold waters that flow down
from afar be dried up? 15For my
people have forgotten me, they
have burned incense to false gods;
and they have been made to
stumble in their ways, in the
ancient paths, to walk in byways, in
a way not built up; 16to make their
land an astonishment, and a
perpetual hissing; everyone who
passes thereby shall be astonished,
and shake his head. 17I will scatter
them as with an east wind before
the enemy; I will show them the
back, and not the face, in the day of
their calamity." 18Then they said,
"Come, and let us make plans
against Jeremiah; for the law shall
not perish from the priest, nor
counsel from the wise, nor the word
from the prophet. Come, and let us
strike him with the tongue, and let
us not give heed to any of his
words." 19"Give heed to me,
YHWH, and listen to the voice of
those who contend with me. 20Shall
evil be recompensed for good? For
they have dug a pit for my soul.
Remember how I stood before you
to speak good for them, to turn
away your wrath from them.
21Therefore deliver up their
children to the famine, and give
them over to the power of the
sword; and let their wives become
childless, and widows; and let their
men be slain of death, and their
young men struck of the sword in
battle. 22Let a cry be heard from
their houses, when you shall bring
a troop suddenly on them; for they
have dug a pit to take me, and hid
snares for my feet. 23Yet, YHWH,
you know all their counsel against
me to kill me; do not forgive their
iniquity, neither blot out their sin
from your sight; but let them be
overthrown before you; deal you
with them in the time of your
anger."

19 Thus said YHWH,
"Go, and buy a
potter's earthen
bottle, and take with
you[a] some of the elders of the
people, and of the elders of the
priests; 2and go forth to the Valley
of Ben Hinnom, which is by the
entry of the Potsherd Gate, and
proclaim there the words that I shall
tell you; 3and say, 'Hear the word
of YHWH, kings of Judah, and
inhabitants of Jerusalem: thus says
YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel,
"Look, I will bring evil on this
place, which whoever hears, his
ears shall tingle. 4Because they
have forsaken me, and have
estranged this place, and have
burned incense in it to other gods,
that they did not know, they and
their fathers and the kings of Judah;
and have filled this place with the
blood of innocents, 5and have built
the high places of Baal, to burn
their sons in the fire for burnt
offerings to Baal; which I did not
command, nor spoke it, neither
came it into my mind: 6therefore,
look, the days come," says YHWH,
"that this place shall no more be
called Topheth, nor The Valley of
Ben Hinnom, but The Valley of

[a]19:1 Tg Syr and BHS. MT lacks "and take with you"

Slaughter. 7I will make void the
counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in
this place; and I will cause them to
fall by the sword before their
enemies, and by the hand of those
who seek their life: and their dead
bodies will I give to be food for the
birds of the sky, and for the animals
of the earth. 8I will make this city
an astonishment, and a hissing;
everyone who passes thereby shall
be astonished and hiss because of
all its plagues. 9I will cause them to
eat the flesh of their sons and the
flesh of their daughters; and they
shall eat everyone the flesh of his
friend, in the siege and in the
distress, with which their enemies,
and those who seek their life, shall
distress them."' 10Then you shall
break the bottle in the sight of the
men who go with you, 11and shall
tell them, 'Thus says YHWH of
hosts: "Even so will I break this
people and this city, as one breaks
a potter's vessel, that can't be made
whole again; and they shall bury in
Topheth, until there is no place to
bury. 12Thus will I do to this place,"
says YHWH, "and to its inhabitants,
even making this city as Topheth:
13and the houses of Jerusalem, and
the houses of the kings of Judah,
which are defiled, shall be as the
place of Topheth, even all the
houses on whose roofs they have
burned incense to all the host of
heaven, and have poured out drink
offerings to other gods."'" 14Then
came Jeremiah from Topheth,
where YHWH had sent him to
prophesy; and he stood in the court
of YHWH's house, and said to all
the people: 15"Thus says YHWH of
hosts, the God of Israel, 'Look, I
will bring on this city and on all its
towns all the evil that I have
pronounced against it; because they
have made their neck stiff, that they
may not hear my words.'"

20 Now Pashhur, the
son of Immer the
priest, who was
chief officer in the house of YHWH,
heard Jeremiah prophesying these
things. 2Then Pashhur struck
Jeremiah the prophet, and put him
in the stocks that were in the Upper
Gate of Benjamin, which was in the
house of YHWH. 3It happened on
the next day, that Pashhur brought
forth Jeremiah out of the stocks.
Then Jeremiah said to him, "YHWH
has not called your name 'Pashhur,'
but 'Magor- Missabib.'[a] 4For thus
says YHWH, 'Look, I will make
you a terror to yourself, and to all
your friends; and they shall fall by
the sword of their enemies, and
your eyes shall see it; and I will
give all Judah into the hand of the
king of Babylon, and he shall carry
them captive to Babylon, and shall
kill them with the sword.
5Moreover I will give all the riches
of this city, and all its gains, and all
the precious things of it, yes, all the
treasures of the kings of Judah will
I give into the hand of their
enemies; and they shall make them
a prey, and take them, and carry
them to Babylon. 6You, Pashhur,
and all who dwell in your house
shall go into captivity; and you

[a]20:3 Meaning, Terror on every side

shall come to Babylon, and there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you, and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely.'" [7]YHWH, you have persuaded[a] me, and I was persuaded. You are stronger than I am, and have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. [8]For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, "Violence and destruction." because the word of YHWH is made a reproach to me, and a derision, all the day. [9]If I say, "I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name," then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I can't contain it. [10]For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. "Denounce, and we will denounce him," say all my familiar friends, those who watch for my fall; "perhaps he will be persuaded, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him." [11]But YHWH is with me as an awesome mighty one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be utterly disappointed, because they have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor which shall never be forgotten. [12]But, YHWH of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance on them; for to you have I revealed my cause. [13]Sing to YHWH, praise YHWH; for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers. [14]Cursed is the day in which I was born: do not let the day in which my mother bore me be blessed. [15]Cursed is the man who brought news to my father, saying, A boy is born to you; making him very glad. [16]Let that man be as the cities which YHWH overthrew, and did not repent: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at noontime; [17]because he did not kill me from the womb; and so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great. [18]Why came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21 The word which came to Jeremiah from YHWH, when king Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, [2]"Please inquire of YHWH for us; for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us: perhaps YHWH will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us." [3]Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall tell Zedekiah: [4]'Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, "Look, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans who besiege you, without the walls; and I will gather them into the

[a]20:7 Heb. Pathah: persude, entice, deceive, seduce. BDB 7936, and Proverbs 25:15

midst of this city. [5]I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation. [6]I will strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and animal: they shall die of a great pestilence. [7]Afterward," says YHWH, "I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life: and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy."' [8]To this people you shall say, "Thus says YHWH: 'Look, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. [9]He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes out, and passes over to the Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey. [10]For I have set my face on this city for evil, and not for good,' says YHWH: 'it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.' [11]Touching the house of the king of Judah, hear the word of YHWH: [12]'House of David, thus says YHWH, "Execute justice in the morning, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. [13]Look, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain," says YHWH; "you that say, 'Who shall come down against us? Or who shall enter into our habitations?' [14]I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings," says YHWH; "and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is around her."'"

22 Thus said YHWH: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, [2]Say, 'Hear the word of YHWH, king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. [3]Thus says YHWH: "Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the foreigner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place. [4]For if you do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. [5]But if you will not hear these words, I swear by myself, says YHWH, that this house shall become a desolation." [6]For thus says YHWH concerning the house of the king of Judah: "You are Gilead to me, the head of Lebanon. Yet surely I will make you a wilderness, cities which are not inhabited. [7]I will prepare destroyers against you, everyone with his weapons; and they shall cut down your choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. [8]Many nations shall pass by this city, and

they shall say every man to his neighbor, 'Why has YHWH done thus to this great city?' [9]Then they shall answer, 'Because they forsook the covenant of YHWH their God, and worshiped other gods, and served them.' [10]Do not weep for the dead, neither bemoan him; but weep bitterly for him who goes away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country." [11]For thus says YHWH touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went forth out of this place: "He shall not return there any more. [12]But in the place where they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more." [13]Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his rooms by injustice; who uses his neighbor's service without wages, and doesn't give him his hire; [14]who says, "I will build me a wide house and spacious rooms," and cuts him out windows; and it is ceiling with cedar, and painted with vermilion. [15]Shall you reign, because you strive to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. [16]He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Wasn't this to know me?' says YHWH. [17]"But your eyes and your heart are not but for your covetousness, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. [18]Therefore thus says YHWH concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: "They will not mourn for him: 'Alas, my brother. Alas, my sister.' They will not mourn for him: 'Alas, my master. Alas, his majesty.' [19]He shall be buried with the burial of a donkey, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. [20]Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up your voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all your lovers are destroyed. [21]I spoke to you in your prosperity; but you said, 'I will not hear.' This has been your way from your youth, that you did not obey my voice. [22]The wind shall feed all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity: surely then you will be ashamed and confounded for all your wickedness. [23]Inhabitant of Lebanon, who makes your nest in the cedars, how greatly you will groan[a] when pangs come on you, the pain as of a woman in travail. [24]As I live," says YHWH, "though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet on my right hand, yet would I pluck you there; [25]and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of them of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. [26]I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country, where you were not born; and there you will die. [27]But to the land whereunto their soul longs to return, there shall they

[a]22:23 LXX, reading "groan." MT reads "pitied"

not return." [28]Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? Is he a vessel in which none delights? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, and cast into a land that they do not know? [29]O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of YHWH. [30]Thus says YHWH, "Write this man down childless, a man who will not succeed in his days; for none of his descendants will succeed in sitting on the throne of David, and ruling in Judah.

23 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture." says YHWH. [2]Therefore thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who feed my people: "You have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; look, I will visit on you the evil of your doings," says YHWH. [3"]I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply. [4]I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking," says YHWH. [5"]Look, the days come," says YHWH, "that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [6]In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name by which he shall be called: 'YHWH our righteousness.'[a] [7]Therefore look, the days come," says YHWH, "that they shall no more say, 'As YHWH lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt'; [8]but, 'As YHWH lives, who brought up and who led the descendants of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries where he[b] had driven them.' They shall dwell in their own land."' [9]Concerning the prophets: My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of YHWH, and because of his holy words. [10]For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. "Their course is evil, and their might is not right; [11]for both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house have I found their wickedness," says YHWH. [12"]Therefore their way shall be to them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall in it; for I will bring evil on them, even the year of their visitation," says YHWH. [13"]I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. [14]In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that none does return from his wickedness: they are all of them become to me as Sodom, and

[a]23:6 I.e., YHWH-Tzidkenu

[b]23:8 LXX. MT reads "I"

its inhabitants as Gomorrah.
15Therefore thus says YHWH of
hosts concerning the prophets:
'Look, I will feed them with
wormwood, and make them drink
the water of gall; for from the
prophets of Jerusalem is
ungodliness gone forth into all the
land.' 16Thus says YHWH of hosts,
'Do not listen to the words of the
prophets who prophesy to you: they
teach you vanity; they speak a
vision of their own heart, and not
out of the mouth of YHWH. 17They
say continually to those who
despise me, "YHWH has said, 'You
shall have peace'"; and to everyone
who walks in the stubbornness of
his own heart they say, "No evil
shall come on you." 18For who has
stood in the council of YHWH, that
he should perceive and hear his
word? Who has marked my word,
and heard it? 19Look, the storm of
YHWH, his wrath, has gone forth.
Yes, a whirling storm. It shall burst
on the head of the wicked. 20The
anger of YHWH shall not return,
until he has executed, and until he
have performed the intents of his
heart: in the latter days you shall
understand it perfectly. 21I sent not
these prophets, yet they ran: I did
not speak to them, yet they
prophesied. 22But if they had stood
in my council, then had they caused
my people to hear my words, and
had turned them from their evil
way, and from the evil of their
doings. 23Am I a God at hand,' says
YHWH, 'and not a God afar off?
24Can any hide himself in secret
places so that I shall not see him?'
says YHWH. 'Do I not fill heaven
and earth?' says YHWH. 25'I have
heard what the prophets have said,
who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, "I have dreamed, I have
dreamed." 26How long shall this be
in the heart of the prophets who
prophesy lies, even the prophets of
the deceit of their own heart, 27who
think to cause my people to forget
my name by their dreams which
they tell every man to his neighbor,
as their fathers forgot my name for
Baal. 28The prophet who has a
dream, let him tell a dream; and he
who has my word, let him speak my
word faithfully. What is the straw
to the wheat?' says YHWH. 29'Isn't
my word like fire?' says YHWH;
'and like a hammer that breaks the
rock in pieces? 30Therefore look, I
am against the prophets,' says
YHWH, 'who steal my words
everyone from his neighbor.
31Look, I am against the prophets,'
says YHWH, 'who use their
tongues, and say, "He says."
32Look, I am against the prophets[a]
who prophesy lying dreams,' says
YHWH, 'and do tell them, and
cause my people to err by their lies,
and by their vain boasting: yet I did
not send them, nor commanded
them; neither do they profit this
people at all,' says YHWH. 33'When
this people, or the prophet, or a
priest, shall ask you, saying, "What
is the burden of YHWH?" Then you
shall tell them, "You are the

[a]23:32 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "the prophets," possibly from haplography by homoioarcton: h-h

burden,[a] and I will cast you off," says YHWH. 34As for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, "The burden of YHWH," I will even punish that man and his house. 35You shall say everyone to his neighbor, and everyone to his brother, "What has YHWH answered?" and, "What has YHWH spoken?" 36You shall mention the burden of YHWH no more: for every man's own word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of YHWH of hosts our God. 37You shall say to the prophet, "What has YHWH answered you?" and, "What has YHWH spoken?" 38But if you say, "The burden of YHWH"; therefore thus says YHWH: Because you say this word, "The burden of YHWH," and I have sent to you, saying, "You shall not say, 'The burden of YHWH'"; 39therefore, look, I will surely lift you up[b] and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave to you and to your fathers, away from my presence: 40and I will bring an everlasting reproach on you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.'"

24 YHWH showed me, and look, two baskets of figs set before YHWH's temple, after that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths,[c] from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3Then YHWH said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that can't be eaten, they are so bad." 4The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 5"Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel: 'Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good. 6For I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7I will give them a heart to know me, that I am YHWH: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return to me with their whole heart.' 8As the bad figs, which can't be eaten, they are so bad, surely thus says YHWH, 'So will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his officials, and the remnant of Jerusalem, who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt, 9I will make them a horror, an evil thing, to all the kingdoms of the earth, as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. 10I will send the sword,

[a] 23:33 LXX Vg Tg. MT reads "What burden"
[b] 23:39 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "I will forget you"
[c] 24:1 LXX adds "and the wealthy," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: r-r

the famine, and the pestilence, among them, until they be consumed from off the land that I gave to them and to their fathers.'"

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (the same was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), [2]which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: [3]"From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years, the word of YHWH has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; but you have not listened. [4]YHWH has sent to you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them (but you have not listened, nor inclined your ear to hear) [5]saying, 'Return now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that YHWH has given to you and to your fathers, from of old and even forevermore; [6]and do not go after other gods to serve them or worship them, and do not provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no harm. [7]Yet you have not listened to me,' says YHWH; 'that you may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own hurt.' [8]Therefore thus says YHWH of hosts: 'Because you have not heard my words, [9]look, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says YHWH, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations around; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. [10]Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. [11]This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. [12]It shall happen, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, says YHWH, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it desolate forever. [13]I will bring on that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this scroll, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. [14]For many nations and great kings shall make bondservants of them, even of them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.'"

[15]For thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, to me: "Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. [16]They shall drink, and reel back and forth, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them."

17Then took I the cup at YHWH's hand, and made all the
nations to drink, to whom YHWH
had sent me: 18Jerusalem, and the
cities of Judah, and its kings, and its
officials, to make them a
desolation, an astonishment, a
hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;
19Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his
servants, and his officials, and all
his people; 20and all the mixed
people, and all the kings of the land
of the Uz, and all the kings of the
Philistines, and Ashkelon, and
Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant
of Ashdod; 21Edom, and Moab, and
the people of Ammon; 22and all the
kings of Tyre, and all the kings of
Sidon, and the kings of the isle
which is beyond the sea; 23Dedan,
and Tema, and Buz, and all who
have the corners of their beard cut
off; 24and all the kings of Arabia,
[and all the kings of the mixed
people][a] who dwell in the
wilderness; 25and all the kings of
Zimri, and all the kings of Elam,
and all the kings of the Medes;
26and all the kings of the north, far
and near, one with another; and all
the kingdoms of the world, which
are on the surface of the earth: and
the king of Sheshach shall drink
after them.

27"You shall tell them, 'Thus
says YHWH of hosts, the God of
Israel: "Drink, and be drunk, vomit,
fall, and rise no more, because of
the sword which I will send among
you."' 28It shall be, if they refuse to
take the cup at your hand to drink,
then you shall tell them, 'Thus says
YHWH of hosts: "You shall surely
drink. 29For, look, I begin to work
evil at the city which is called by
my name; and should you be utterly
unpunished? You shall not be
unpunished; for I will call for a
sword on all the inhabitants of the
earth,"' says YHWH of hosts.
30Therefore prophesy you against
them all these words, and tell them,
'YHWH will roar from on high, and
utter his voice from his holy
habitation; he will mightily roar
against his fold; he will give a
shout, as those who tread grapes,
against all the inhabitants of the
earth. 31A noise shall come even to
the remotest parts of the earth; for
YHWH brings charges against the
nations; he will enter into judgment
with all flesh: as for the wicked, he
will give them to the sword,' says
YHWH. 32'Thus says YHWH of
hosts, 'Look, evil shall go forth
from nation to nation, and a great
storm shall be raised up from the
uttermost parts of the earth.' 33The
slain of YHWH shall be on that day
from all areas of the earth. They
shall not be lamented, neither
gathered, nor buried; they shall be
dung on the surface of the ground.
34Wail, you shepherds, and cry; and
wallow in dust, you principal of the
flock; for the days of your slaughter
and of your dispersions are fully
come, and you shall fall like a
goodly vessel. 35The shepherds
shall have no way to flee, nor the

[a]25:24 LXX lacks "and all the kings of the mixed people." BHS labels as dittography

principal of the flock to escape. 36A
voice of the cry of the shepherds,
and the wailing of the principal of
the flock. For YHWH lays waste
their pasture. 37The peaceable folds
are brought to silence because of
the fierce anger of YHWH. 38He has
left his covert, as the lion; for their
land has become an astonishment,
because of the sword of the
oppressor, and because of his fierce
anger."

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from YHWH, saying, 2"Thus says YHWH: Stand in the court of YHWH's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in YHWH's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not diminish a word. 3It may be they will listen, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may relent of the evil which I purpose to do to them because of the evil of their doings. 4You shall tell them, 'Thus says YHWH: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, 5to listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send to you, even rising up early and sending them, but you have not listened; 6then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.'" 7The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of YHWH. 8It happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that YHWH had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, "You shall surely die. 9Why have you prophesied in the name of YHWH, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" All the people were gathered to Jeremiah in the house of YHWH.

10When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of YHWH; and they sat in the entry of the New Gate of YHWH's house.[a] 11Then spoke the priests and the prophets to the officials and to all the people, saying, "This man is worthy of death; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."

12Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, "YHWH sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. 13Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of YHWH your God; and YHWH will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. 14But as for me, look, I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your eyes. 15Only

[a]26:10 LXX(Marchalianus) Tg Syr Arab Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "house"

know for certain that, if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for of a truth YHWH has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

16Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets: "This man is not worthy of death; for he has spoken to us in the name of YHWH our God." 17Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18"Micah the Morashtite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts: "Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest."'[a] 19Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear YHWH, and seek the favor of YHWH, and YHWH relented of the disaster which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great evil against our own souls.

20"There was also a man who prophesied in the name of YHWH, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath Jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. 21And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the officials, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt. 22And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt; 23and they fetched forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people." 24But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah[b] the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying, 2"Thus says YHWH to me: Make bonds and bars, and put them on your neck; 3and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the people of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah; 4and give them a command to their masters, saying, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, You shall tell your masters: 5"I have made the earth, the men and the animals that are on the surface of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it to whom it seems right to me. 6Now

[a]26:18 Micah 3:12

[b]27:1 Hebrew Mss Syriac and 27:3, 12 and 28:1. MT reads "Jehoiakim"

have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the animals of the field also have I given him to serve him. 7All the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondservant. 8It shall happen, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, says YHWH, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9But as for you, do not listen to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon': 10for they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and you should perish. 11But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that nation will I let remain in their own land, says YHWH; and they shall till it, and dwell in it."'"

12I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. 13Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as YHWH has spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14Do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon'; for they prophesy a lie to you. 15'For I have not sent them,' says YHWH, 'but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you, and the prophets who prophesy to you.'"

16Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying, "Thus says YHWH: 'Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Look, the vessels of YHWH's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon; for they prophesy a lie to you. 17Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: why should this city become a desolation?' 18But if they are prophets and if the word of YHWH is with them, let them now make intercession with YHWH of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the YHWH, and in the house of the king of Judah and at Jerusalem may not go to Babylon. 19For thus says YHWH of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city, 20which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21yes, thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the

vessels that are left in the house of YHWH, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem: 22'They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them,' says YHWH; 'then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.'"

28 It happened the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of YHWH, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, 2"Thus speaks YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of YHWH's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried to Babylon: 4and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, who went to Babylon,' says YHWH; 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.'"

5Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of YHWH, 6even the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen: YHWH do so; YHWH perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of YHWH's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon to this place. 7Nevertheless hear you now this word that I speak in your ears, and in the ears of all the people: 8The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. 9The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall happen, then shall the prophet be known, that YHWH has truly sent him."

10Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. 11Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says YHWH: 'Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations.'" The prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12Then the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13"Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, 'Thus says YHWH: You have broken the bars of wood; but you have made in their place bars of iron. 14For thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: "I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the animals of the field also."'" 15Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, Hananiah: YHWH has not sent you;

but you make this people to trust in a lie. 16Therefore thus says YHWH, ‘Look, I will send you away from off the surface of the earth: this year you shall die, because you have spoken rebellion against YHWH.’” 17So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

29 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, 2(after that Jeconiah the king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers, had departed from Jerusalem), 3by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), saying, 4“Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the captivity, whom I have caused to be carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5’Build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit. 6Take wives, and father sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there, and do not be diminished. 7Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to YHWH for it; for in its peace you shall have peace.’ 8For thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Do not let your prophets who are in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you; neither listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. 9For they prophesy falsely to you in my name: I have not sent them,’ says YHWH.

10“For thus says YHWH, ‘After seventy years are accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. 11For I know the plans that I have for you,’ says YHWH, ‘plans for your welfare, and not for calamity, to give you hope and a future. 12You shall call on me, and you shall go and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13You shall seek me, and find me, when you shall search for me with all your heart. 14I will be found by you,’ says YHWH, ‘and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you,’ says YHWH; ‘and I will bring you again to the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive.’

15“Because you have said, ‘YHWH has raised us up prophets in Babylon’; 16thus says YHWH concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who haven’t gone forth with you into captivity; 17thus says YHWH of hosts; ‘Look, I will send on them the sword, the

famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that can't be eaten, they are so bad. 18I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed back and forth among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them; 19because they have not listened to my words,' says YHWH, 'with which I sent to them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but you would not hear,' says YHWH. 20'Hear therefore the word of YHWH, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.'

21"Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahiab[a] the son of Kolaiah,[b] and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah,[c] who prophesy a lie to you in my name: 'Look, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall kill them before your eyes; 22and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, "YHWH make you like Zedekiah and like Ahiab,[d] whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire"; 23because they have worked folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I did not command them; and I am he who knows, and am witness,' says YHWH."

24"Concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying, 25'Thus speaks YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, "Because you have sent letters in your own name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying, 26'YHWH has made you priest in the place of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in the house of YHWH, for every man who is mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in the stocks and in shackles. 27Now therefore, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself a prophet to you, 28because he has sent to us in Babylon, saying, "The captivity is long: build houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit?"'"'

29Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30Then came the word of YHWH to Jeremiah, saying, 31"Send to all them of the captivity, saying, 'Thus says YHWH

[a]29:21 LXX. MT reads "Ahab" cf. 2 LXX(311-538) Mss
[b]29:21 MT LXX(*O* 233 L c-613) Mss. LXX lacks "son of Kolaiah." The following LXX Mss add
[c]29:21 MT LXX(*O*-233 L c-613) Mss. LXX lacks "son of Maaseiah"
[d]29:22 LXX. MT reads "Ahab"

concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: “Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he has caused you to trust in a lie; 32therefore,” thus says YHWH, “Look, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his offspring; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he see the good that I will do to my people, says YHWH, because he has spoken rebellion against YHWH.”’”

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying, 2“Thus speaks YHWH, the God of Israel, saying, ‘Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a scroll. 3For, look, the days come, says YHWH, that I will turn again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah,’ says YHWH; ‘and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’”

4These are the words that YHWH spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. 5For thus says YHWH: “We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. 6Ask now, and see whether a man does travail with child: why do I see every man with his hands on his waist, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it. It is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. 8It shall come to pass in that day,” says YHWH of hosts, “that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondservant; 9but they shall serve YHWH their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them. 10Therefore do not be afraid, O Jacob my servant, says YHWH; neither be dismayed, Israel: for, look, I will save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 11For I am with you, says YHWH, to save you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have scattered you, but I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished.” 12For thus says YHWH, “Your hurt is incurable, and your wound grievous. 13There is none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up: you have no healing medicines. 14All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you: for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins were increased. 15Why do you cry for your hurt? Your pain is incurable: for the greatness of your iniquity, because your sins were increased, I have done these things to you. 16Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your adversaries, everyone of them, shall go into captivity; and those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all who prey on you I will make a prey. 17For I will restore health to you, and I will heal you of your wounds,” says YHWH; “because they have called you an

outcast, saying, 'It is Zion, whom no man seeks after.'" [18]Thus says YHWH: "Look, I will turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built on its own hill, and the palace shall be inhabited in its own way. [19]Out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. [20]Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all who oppress them. [21]Their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from their midst; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach to me: for who is he who has had boldness to approach to me? says YHWH. [22]You shall be my people, and I will be your God. [23]Look, the storm of YHWH, his wrath, has gone forth, a sweeping storm: it shall burst on the head of the wicked. [24]The fierce anger of YHWH will not return, until he has executed, and until he has performed the intentions of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it.

31 "At that time," says YHWH, "will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people." [2]Thus says YHWH, "The people who were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. [3]YHWH appeared to him[a] from afar.[b] I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you. [4]Again will I build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel: again you shall be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who make merry. [5]Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy its fruit. [6]For there shall be a day, that the watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall cry, "Arise, and let us go up to Zion to YHWH our God."" [7]For thus says YHWH, "Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish, praise, and say, 'For YHWH has saved[c] your people, the remnant of Israel.' [8]'Look, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, along with the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who travails with child together: a great company shall they return here. [9]They shall come with weeping; and with petitions will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by[d] rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.'" [10]Hear the word of YHWH, you nations, and declare it in the islands afar off; and say, "He who scattered

[a]31:3 LXX. MT reads "me"
[b]31:3 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT adds "and"
[c]31:7 DSS LXX ("saved his people") Tg. MT reads "YHWH, save"
[d]31:9 DSS LXX. MT reads "towards"

Israel will gather him, and keep
him, as shepherd does his flock."
11For YHWH has ransomed Jacob,
and redeemed him from the hand of
him who was stronger than he.

12They shall come and sing in
the height of Zion, and they shall be
radient over the goodness of
YHWH, to the grain, and to the new
wine, and to the oil, and to the
young of the flock and of the herd:
and their soul shall be as a watered
garden; and they shall not sorrow
any more at all. 13"Then shall the
virgin rejoice in the dance, and the
young men and the old together; for
I will turn their mourning into joy,
and will comfort them, and make
them rejoice from their sorrow. 14I
will satiate the soul of the priests
with fatness, and my people shall
be satisfied with my goodness,"
says YHWH.
15Thus says YHWH: "A voice is
heard in Ramah, lamentation and
weeping and great[a] bitterness,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her
children, because they are no
more."[b] 16Thus says YHWH:
"Refrain your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears; for your
work shall be rewarded," says
YHWH; "and they shall come again
from the land of the enemy.

17There is hope for your latter
end," says YHWH; "and your
children shall come again to their
own border. 18I have surely heard
Ephraim bemoaning himself thus,
'You have chastised me, and I was
chastised, as an untrained calf: turn
me, and I shall be turned; for you
are YHWH my God. 19Surely after
that I was turned, I repented; and
after that I was instructed, I struck
on my thigh: I was ashamed, yes,
even confounded, because I bore
the reproach of my youth.' 20Is
Ephraim my dear son? Is he a
darling child? For as often as I
speak against him, I do earnestly
remember him still: therefore my
heart yearns for him; I will surely
have mercy on him," says YHWH.

21"Set up road signs, make
guideposts; set your heart toward
the highway, even the way by
which you went: turn again, virgin
of Israel, turn again to these your
cities. 22How long will you go here
and there, you backsliding
daughter? For YHWH has created a
new thing in the earth: a woman
shall encompass a man." 23Thus
says YHWH of hosts, the God of
Israel, "Yet again shall they use this
speech in the land of Judah and in
its cities, when I shall bring again
their captivity: 'YHWH bless you,
habitation of righteousness,
mountain of holiness.' 24Judah and
all its cities shall dwell in it
together, the farmers, and those
who go about with flocks. 25For I
have satisfied the weary soul, and I
have filled every sorrowful soul."

[a]31:15 LXX(239) Ms, reading polus = rab. MT lacks rab "great" from homoioarcton: r-r

[b]31:15 Matthew 2:18

[26]On this I awakened, and saw; and my sleep was sweet to me. [27]"Look, the days come, " says YHWH, "that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of animal. [28]It shall happen that, like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant," says YHWH. [29]"In those days they shall say no more, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' [30]But everyone shall die for his own iniquity: every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. [31]Look, the days come," says YHWH, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: [32]not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, and I disregarded[a] them," says YHWH.[b] [33]"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says YHWH: "I will put my law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: [34]and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know YHWH'; for they shall all know me, from their least to their greatest,[c] for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sins I will remember no more." [d]

[35]Thus says YHWH, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirs up the sea, so that its waves roar; YHWH of hosts is his name: [36]"If this fixed order departs from before me," says YHWH, "then the descendants of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever." [37]Thus says YHWH: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the descendants of Israel for all that they have done," says YHWH.

[38]"Look, the days come," says YHWH, "that the city shall be built to YHWH from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. [39]The measuring line shall go out further straight onward to the hill Gareb, and shall turn about to Goah. [40]The whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields to the Kidron Valley, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to YHWH; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more forever."

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[a]31:32 LXX, reading emelesa "disregarded, care less" perhaps a form of alam "disregard, hide," e.g., התעלמתי. MT reads בעלתי "rule over, marry," an apparent misreading, since in Jeremiah 3:14 LXX translates Hebrew בעלתי as katakurieuso "rule over," but here reads emelesa

[b]31:32 Hebrews 8:9

[c]31:34 LXX. MT adds "says YHWH"

[d]31:34 Hebrews 8:8-12

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2Now at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy, and say, 'Thus says YHWH, "Look, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall see his eyes; 5and he shall bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him," says YHWH: "though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not prosper?"'"

6Jeremiah said, "The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 7'Look, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it."' 8So Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of YHWH, and said to me, "Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of YHWH. 9I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel my uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and that which was open; 12and I delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, and in the presence of the witnesses who subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the guard. 13I commanded Baruch before them, saying, 14'Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days."' 15For thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.' 16Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to YHWH, saying, 17'Ah,[a] YHWH. Look, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched

[a]32:17 LXX* Cop Eth. MT adds "Lord"

arm; there is nothing too hard for you, [18]who show loving kindness to thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the Great, the Mighty God,[a] YHWH of hosts is his name; [19]great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open on all the ways of human beings, to give to each person according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. [20]You performed signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all humankind, and have made a name for yourself to this day. [21]You brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror; [22]and gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; [23]and they came in, and possessed it, but they did not obey your voice, neither walked in your law; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do: therefore you have caused all this evil to come on them. [24]Look, the mounds, they have come to the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what you have spoken has happened; and look, you see it. [25]You have said to me, Lord YHWH, "Buy the field for money, and call witnesses"; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'"

[26]Then came the word of YHWH to Jeremiah, saying, [27]"Look, I am YHWH, the God of all flesh: is there anything too difficult for me? [28]Therefore thus says YHWH: 'Look, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it: [29]and the Chaldeans, who fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke me to anger. [30]For the children of Israel and the people of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, says YHWH. [31]For this city has been to me a provocation of my anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from before my face, [32]because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the people of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their officials, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [33]They have turned to me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up

[a]32:18 Hebrew "haEl haGadol haGibbor." Cf. Isaiah 9:6

early and teaching them, yet they
have not listened to receive
instruction. 34But they set their
abominations in the house which is
called by my name, to defile it.
35They built the high places of
Baal, which are in the Valley of
Ben Hinnom, to cause their sons
and their daughters to pass through
fire to Molech; which I did not
command them, neither did it come
into my mind, that they should do
this abomination, to cause Judah to
sin.'

36"Now therefore thus says
YHWH, the God of Israel,
concerning this city, about which
you say, 'It is given into the hand of
the king of Babylon by the sword,
and by the famine, and by the
pestilence': 37'Look, I will gather
them out of all the countries, where
I have driven them in my anger, and
in my wrath, and in great
indignation; and I will bring them
again to this place, and I will cause
them to dwell safely: 38and they
shall be my people, and I will be
their God: 39and I will give them
one heart and one way, that they
may fear me forever, for their good,
and of their children after them:
40and I will make an everlasting
covenant with them, that I will not
turn away from following them, to
do them good; and I will put my
fear in their hearts, that they may
not depart from me. 41Yes, I will
rejoice over them to do them good,
and I will plant them in this land
assuredly with my whole heart and
with my whole soul.'

42"For thus says YHWH: 'Just
as I have brought all this great
disaster on this people, so will I
bring on them all the good that I
have promised them. 43Fields shall
be bought in this land, about which
you say, "It is desolate, without
man or animal; it is given into the
hand of the Chaldeans." 44Men
shall buy fields for money, and
subscribe the deeds, and seal them,
and call witnesses, in the land of
Benjamin, and in the places about
Jerusalem, and in the cities of
Judah, and in the cities of the hill
country, and in the cities of the
lowland, and in the cities of the
Negev: for I will cause their
captivity to return,' says YHWH."

33 Moreover the word
of YHWH came to
Jeremiah the second
time, while he was
yet shut up in the court of the guard,
saying, 2"Thus says YHWH who
made the earth, and[a] who formed it
to establish it; YHWH is his name:
3'Call to me, and I will answer you,
and will show you great and hidden
things, which you do not know.'
4For thus says YHWH, the God of
Israel, concerning the houses of this
city, and concerning the houses of
the kings of Judah, which are
broken down to make a defense
against the mounds and against the

[a]33:2 LXX. MT reads "made (it);
YHWH." In a square script in a
damaged scroll aretz was misread as
yhwh

sword; [5]while men come to fight
with the Chaldeans, and to fill them
with the dead bodies of men, whom
I have killed in my anger and in my
wrath, and for all whose
wickedness I have hidden my face
from this city: [6]'Look, I will bring
it health and cure, and I will cure
them; and I will reveal to them
abundance of peace and truth. [7]I
will cause the captivity of Judah
and the captivity of Israel to return,
and will build them, as at the first.
[8]I will cleanse them from all their
iniquity, by which they have sinned
against me; and I will pardon all
their iniquities, by which they have
sinned against me, and by which
they have transgressed against me.
[9]This city shall be to me for a name
of joy, for a praise and for a glory,
before all the nations of the earth,
which shall hear all the good that I
do to them, and shall fear and
tremble for all the good and for all
the peace that I procure to it.'

[10]"Thus says YHWH: 'Yet
again there shall be heard in this
place, about which you say, "It is
waste, without man and without
animal," even in the cities of Judah,
and in the streets of Jerusalem, that
are desolate, without man and
without inhabitant and without
animal, [11]the voice of joy and the
voice of gladness, the voice of the
bridegroom and the voice of the
bride, the voice of those who say,
"Give thanks to YHWH of hosts,
for YHWH is good, for his loving
kindness endures forever; who
bring thanksgiving into the house
of YHWH." For I will cause the
captivity of the land to return as at
the first,' says YHWH. [12]Thus says
YHWH of hosts: 'Yet again shall
there be in this place, which is
waste, without man and without
animal, and in all its cities, a
habitation of shepherds causing
their flocks to lie down. [13]In the
cities of the hill country, in the
cities of the lowland, and in the
cities of the Negev, and in the land
of Benjamin, and in the places
about Jerusalem, and in the cities of
Judah, shall the flocks again pass
under the hands of him who
numbers them,' says YHWH.
[14]'Look, the days come,' says
YHWH, 'that I will perform that
good word which I have spoken
concerning the house of Israel and
concerning the house of Judah. [15]In
those days, and at that time, will I
cause a Branch of righteousness to
grow up to David; and he shall
execute justice and righteousness
in the land. [16]In those days shall
Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall
dwell safely; and this is the name
by which she shall be called:
"YHWH our righteousness."[a] [17]For
thus says YHWH: "David shall
never want a man to sit on the
throne of the house of Israel;
[18]neither shall the priests the
Levites want a man before me to
offer burnt offerings, and to burn
meal offerings, and to do sacrifice
continually."'"

[a]33:16 I.e., YHWH-Tzidkenu

19The word of YHWH came
to Jeremiah, saying, 20"Thus says
YHWH: 'If you can break my
covenant of the day, and my
covenant of the night, so that there
shall not be day and night in their
season; 21then may also my
covenant be broken with David my
servant, that he shall not have a son
to reign on his throne; and with the
Levites the priests, my ministers.
22As the host of heaven can't be
numbered, neither the sand of the
sea measured; so will I multiply the
offspring of David my servant, and
the Levites who minister to me.'"

23The word of YHWH came
to Jeremiah, saying, 24"Do not
consider what this people has
spoken, saying, 'The two families
which YHWH chose, he has cast
them off?' Thus do they despise my
people, that they should be no more
a nation before them. 25Thus says
YHWH: 'If my covenant of day and
night fails, if I have not appointed
the ordinances of heaven and earth;
26then will I also cast away the
descendants of Jacob, and of David
my servant, so that I will not take of
his descendants to be rulers over
the descendants of Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob: for I will cause their
captivity to return, and will have
mercy on them.'"

34 The word which
came to Jeremiah
from YHWH, when
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
and all his army, and all the
kingdoms of the earth that were
under his dominion, and all the
peoples, were fighting against
Jerusalem, and against all the cities
of it, saying: 2"Thus says YHWH,
the God of Israel, 'Go, and speak to
Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell
him, "Thus says YHWH, 'Look, I
will give this city into the hand of
the king of Babylon, and he shall
burn it with fire: 3and you shall not
escape out of his hand, but shall
surely be taken, and delivered into
his hand; and your eyes shall see
the eyes of the king of Babylon, and
he shall speak with you mouth to
mouth, and you shall go to
Babylon.' 4Yet hear the word of
YHWH, O Zedekiah king of Judah:
thus says YHWH concerning you,
'You shall not die by the sword;
5you shall die in peace; and with the
burnings of your fathers, the former
kings who were before you, so shall
they make a burning for you; and
they shall lament you, saying, "Ah
Lord." for I have spoken the word,'
says YHWH."'"

6Then Jeremiah the prophet
spoke all these words to Zedekiah
king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7when
the king of Babylon's army was
fighting against Jerusalem, and
against all the cities of Judah that
were left, against Lachish and
against Azekah; for these alone
remained of the cities of Judah as
fortified cities.

8The word that came to
Jeremiah from YHWH, after that the
king Zedekiah had made a
covenant with all the people who
were at Jerusalem, to proclaim
liberty to them; 9that every man
should let his male servant, and
every man his female servant, who

is a Hebrew man or a Hebrew
woman, go free; that none should
keep a fellow Judean in bondage.
10And all the officials and all the
people obeyed, who had entered
into the covenant, that everyone
should let his male servant, and
everyone his female servant, go
free, that none should make
bondservants of them any more;
they obeyed, and let them go: 11but
afterwards they turned, and caused
the servants and the handmaids,
whom they had let go free, to
return, and brought them into
subjection for servants and for
handmaids. 12Therefore the word of
YHWH came to Jeremiah from
YHWH, saying, 13"Thus says
YHWH, the God of Israel: 'I made a
covenant with your fathers in the
day that I brought them forth out of
the land of Egypt, out of the house
of bondage, saying, 14"At the end of
seven years you shall let go every
man his brother who is a Hebrew,
who has been sold to you, and has
served you six years, you shall let
him go free from you": but your
fathers did not listen to me, neither
inclined their ear. 15You had now
turned, and had done that which is
right in my eyes, in proclaiming
liberty every man to his neighbor;
and you had made a covenant
before me in the house which is
called by my name: 16but you
turned and profaned my name, and
caused every man his servant, and
every man his handmaid, whom
you had let go free at their pleasure,
to return; and you brought them
into subjection, to be to you for
servants and for handmaids.
17Therefore thus says YHWH: "You
have not listened to me, to proclaim
liberty, every man to his brother,
and every man to his neighbor:
look, I proclaim to you a liberty,
says YHWH, to the sword, to the
pestilence, and to the famine; and I
will make you to be tossed back
and forth among all the kingdoms
of the earth. 18I will give the men
who have transgressed my
covenant, who have not performed
the words of the covenant which
they made before me, when they
cut the calf in two and passed
between its parts; 19the officials of
Judah, and the officials of
Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the
priests, and all the people of the
land, who passed between the parts
of the calf; 20I will even give them
into the hand of their enemies, and
into the hand of those who seek
their life; and their dead bodies
shall be for food to the birds of the
sky, and to the animals of the earth.
21And Zedekiah king of Judah and
his officials will I give into the
hand of their enemies, and into the
hand of those who seek their life,
and into the hand of the king of
Babylon's army, who have gone
away from you. 22Look, I will
command, says YHWH, and cause
them to return to this city; and they
shall fight against it, and take it,
and burn it with fire: and I will
make the cities of Judah a
desolation, without inhabitant."'"

35 The word which
came to Jeremiah
from YHWH in the
days of Jehoiakim the son of
Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2"Go
to the house of the Rechabites, and
speak to them, and bring them into

the house of YHWH, into one of the rooms, and give them wine to drink." [3]Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites. [4]And I brought them into the house of YHWH, into the room of the sons of Hananiah son of Gedaliah,[a] the man of God, which was by the room of the officials, which was above the room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold. [5]I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine." [6]But they said, "We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall drink no wine, neither you, nor your sons, forever: [7]neither shall you build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days you shall dwell in tents; that you may live many days in the land in which you live.' [8]We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters; [9]nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: [10]but we have lived in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. [11]But it happened, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, 'Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Arameans'; so we dwell at Jerusalem."

[12]Then came the word of YHWH to Jeremiah, saying, [13]"Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Go, and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction to listen to my words?" says YHWH. [14]"The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and to this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment: but I have spoken to you, rising up early and speaking; and you have not listened to me. [15]I have sent also to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, 'Return now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers': but you have not inclined your ear, nor listened to me. [16]Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to me; [17]therefore thus says YHWH, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Look, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the

[a]35:4 LXX. MT reads "Hanan the son of Igdaliah"

disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them, but they have not listened; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.'"""

18 Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he commanded you'; 19 therefore thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever.'"

36 It happened in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying, 2 "Take a scroll, and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day. 3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do to them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of YHWH, which he had spoken to him, on a scroll. 5 Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am shut up; I can't go into the house of YHWH: 6 therefore you go, and read from the scroll, which you have written from my mouth, the words of YHWH in the ears of the people in YHWH's house on the fast day; and also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities. 7 It may be they will present their petition before YHWH, and will return everyone from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that YHWH has pronounced against this people."

8 Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading from the scroll the words of YHWH in YHWH's house. 9 Now it happened in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before YHWH. 10 Then Baruch read from the scroll the words of Jeremiah in the house of YHWH, in the room of Gemariah the son of Shaphan, the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of YHWH's house, in the ears of all the people.

11 When Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard from the scroll all the words of YHWH, 12 he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room: and look, all the officials were sitting there, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of

Hananiah, and all the officials. 13Then Micaiah declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the scroll in the hearing of the people. 14Therefore all the officials sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand, and came to them. 15They said to him, "Sit down now, and read it in our ears." So Baruch read it in their ears. 16Now it happened, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said to Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all these words." 17They asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth?" 18Then Baruch answered them, "He pronounced all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink on the scroll." 19Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no man know where you are."

20They went in to the king into the court; but they had put the scroll in the room of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king. 21So the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll; and he took it out of the room of Elishama the scribe. Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the officials who stood beside the king. 22Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him. 23It happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with a knife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. 24They were not afraid, nor tore their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words. 25Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the scroll; but he would not hear them. 26The king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but YHWH hid them.

27Then the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the scroll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28"Take again another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. 29Concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, 'Thus says YHWH: "You have burned this scroll, saying, 'Why have you written in it, saying, "The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from there man and animal?"'" 30Therefore thus says YHWH concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: "He shall have none to sit on the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. 31I will punish him and his

seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they did not listen.”’”

32Then Jeremiah took another scroll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the scroll which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides to them many like words.

37 Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. 2But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of YHWH, which he spoke by the prophet Jeremiah.

3Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “Pray now to YHWH our God for us.”

4Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison. 5Pharaoh’s army had come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard news of them, they broke up from Jerusalem. 6Then came the word of YHWH to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7”Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, ‘You shall tell the king of Judah, who sent you to me to inquire of me: “Look, Pharaoh’s army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. 8The Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire.” 9Thus says YHWH, “Do not deceive yourselves, saying, ‘The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us’; for they shall not depart. 10For though you had struck the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yes would they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.”’”

11It happened that, when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh’s army, 12then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people. 13When he was in the Benjamin Gate, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Irijah,[a] the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “You are falling away to the Chaldeans.” 14Then Jeremiah said, “It is false; I am not falling away to the Chaldeans.” But he did

[a]37:13 LXX reads “Zeruiah” or “Saruiah,” here and in v. 14

not listen to him; so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the officials. 15And the officials were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

16When Jeremiah had come into the dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; 17Then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from YHWH?" Jeremiah said, "There is." He said also, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon." 18Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zedekiah, "Wherein have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison? 19Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? 20Now please hear, my lord the king: please let my petition be presented before you, that you not cause me to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there." 21Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

38 Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spoke to all the people, saying, 2"Thus says YHWH, 'He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he who goes forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be to him for a prey, and he shall live.' 3Thus says YHWH, 'This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it.'" 4Then the officials said to the king, "Please let this man be put to death; because he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them: for this man doesn't seek the welfare of this people, but the hurt." 5Zedekiah the king said, "Look, he is in your hand; for the king is not he who can do anything against you." 6Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malkiah the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. In the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire. 7Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, who was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the Benjamin Gate), 8Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spoke to the king, saying, 9"My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is likely to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more

bread in the city." [10]Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take from here thirty men with you, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he dies." [11]So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took there rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. [12]Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Put now these rags and worn-out garments under your armpits under the cords." Jeremiah did so. [13]So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

[14]Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third entry that is in the house of YHWH: and the king said to Jeremiah, "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me." [15]Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me." [16]So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, "As YHWH lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life."

[17]Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says YHWH, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: 'If you will go forth to the king of Babylon's officiers, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and you shall live, and your house. [18]But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's officiers, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand.'" [19]Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews who are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me." [20]But Jeremiah said, "They shall not deliver you. Obey, I beg you, the voice of YHWH, in that which I speak to you: so it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live. [21]But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that YHWH has shown me: [22]look, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's officers, and those women shall say, 'Your familiar friends have set you on, and have prevailed over you. Your feet are sunk in the mire, they have turned away back.' [23]They shall bring out all your wives and your children to the Chaldeans; and you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and you shall cause this city to be burned with fire."

[24]Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die. [25]But if the officials hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you, and tell you, 'Declare to us now what you have said to the king; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you': [26]then you shall

tell them, 'I presented my petition before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there.'"

27Then all the officials came to Jeremiah, and asked him; and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived. 28So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

39 It happened when Jerusalem was taken, (in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and besieged it; 2in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city). 3Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the Middle Gate, Nergal-sar-ezer of Samgar, Nebu-sar-sekim the Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the Rab-mag, with all the rest of the officers of the king of Babylon. 4It happened that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. 5But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him. 6Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon killed all the nobles of Judah. 7Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 8The Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. 9Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people who remained in the city, the deserters also who fell away to him, and the residue of the people who remained. 10But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon commanded Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard concerning Jeremiah, saying, 12"Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do to him even as he shall tell you." 13So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban the Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the Rab-mag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon; 14they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he lived among the people.

15Now the word of YHWH
came to Jeremiah, while he was
shut up in the court of the guard,
saying, 16"Go, and speak to
Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying,
'Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God
of Israel: "Look, I will bring my
words on this city for disaster, and
not for prosperity; and they shall be
fulfilled before you in that day.
17But I will deliver you in that day,
says YHWH; and you shall not be
given into the hand of the men of
whom you are afraid. 18For I will
surely save you, and you shall not
fall by the sword, but your life will
be given to you as a reward;
because you have put your trust in
me,"' says YHWH."

40 The word which
came to Jeremiah
from YHWH, after
that Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard had let him go from Ramah,
when he had taken him being
bound in chains among all the
captives of Jerusalem and Judah,
who were carried away captive to
Babylon. 2The captain of the guard
took Jeremiah, and said to him,
"YHWH your God pronounced this
evil on this place; 3and YHWH has
brought it, and done according as
he spoke: because you have sinned
against YHWH, and have not
obeyed his voice, therefore this
thing has come on you. 4Now, look,
I release you this day from the
chains which are on your hand. If it
seems good to you to come with me
into Babylon, come, and I will take
care of you; but if it seems bad to
you to come with me into Babylon,
do not: look, all the land is before
you; where it seems good and right
to you to go, there go." 5Now while
he had not yet gone back, "Go back
then," he said, "to Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,
whom the king of Babylon has
made governor over the cities of
Judah, and dwell with him among
the people; or go wherever it seems
right to you to go." So the captain
of the guard gave him food and a
present, and let him go. 6Then went
Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam to Mizpah, and lived with
him among the people who were
left in the land.

7Now when all the captains
of the forces who were in the fields,
even they and their men, heard that
the king of Babylon had made
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam
governor in the land, and had
committed to him men, and
women, and children, and of the
poorest of the land, of those who
were not carried away captive to
Babylon; 8then they came to
Gedaliah to Mizpah, Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and
Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and
Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and
the sons of Ephai the Netophathite,
and Jezaniah the son of the
Maacathite, they and their men.
9Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the
son of Shaphan swore to them and
to their men, saying, "Do not be
afraid to serve the Chaldeans: dwell
in the land, and serve the king of
Babylon, and it shall be well with
you. 10As for me, look, I will dwell
at Mizpah, to stand before the
Chaldeans who shall come to us:
but you, gather wine and summer

fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken."

11 Likewise when all the Jews who were in Moab, and among the people of Ammon, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; 12 then all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14 and said to him, "Do you know that Baalis[a] the king of the people of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, "Please let me go, and I will kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: why should he take your life, that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?" 16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing; for you speak falsely of Ishmael."

41 Now it happened in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they ate bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3 Ishmael also killed all the Jews who were with him, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war. 4 It happened the second day after he had killed Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5 that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their beards shaved and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with meal offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of YHWH. 6 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it happened, as he met them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam." 7 It was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah killed them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men who

[a] 40:14 LXX reads "Belisa" = Baalisa. A bulla from Tall al-'Umayri Jordan reads "Milkom'ur servant of Baalisha"

were with him. 8But ten men were found among those who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he stopped, and did not kill them among their brothers. 9Now the pit in which Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had killed was a large one[a] that King Asa had constructed in the encounter with Baasha king of Israel. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with those who were killed. 10Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people who were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the people of Ammon.

11But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, 12then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. 13Now it happened that, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad. 14So all the people who Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah. 15But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the people of Ammon.

16Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon: 17and they departed, and lived in Geruth Kimham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt, 18because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah,[b] and all the people from the least even to the greatest, came near, 2and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our petition be presented before you, and pray for us to YHWH your God, even for all

[a]41:9 LXX, reading "a large one." MT reads "by the hand of Gedaliah"

[b]42:1 LXX reads "Azariah son of Maaseiah." Cf. 43:2. This name is also in Nehemiah 3:23

this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as your eyes do see us: [3]that YHWH your God may show us the way in which we should walk, and the thing that we should do." [4]Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you; look, I will pray to YHWH your God according to your words; and it shall happen that whatever thing YHWH shall answer you, I will declare it to you; I will keep nothing back from you." [5]Then they said to Jeremiah, "YHWH be a true and faithful witness among us, if we do not do according to all the word with which YHWH your God shall send you to us. [6]Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of YHWH our God, to whom we send you; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of YHWH our God."

[7]It happened after ten days, that the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah. [8]Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, [9]and said to them, "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before him: [10]'If you will still live in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I grieve over the distress that I have brought on you. [11]Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him, says YHWH: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. [12]I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you, and cause you to return to your own land.' [13]But if you say, 'We will not dwell in this land'; so that you do not obey the voice of YHWH your God, [14]saying, 'No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell': [15]now therefore hear the word of YHWH, O remnant of Judah: Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, 'If you indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to live there; [16]then it shall happen, that the sword, which you fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are afraid, shall follow close behind you there in Egypt; and there you shall die. [17]So shall it be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there: they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring on them.' [18]For thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: 'As my anger and my wrath has been poured forth on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my wrath be poured forth on you, when you shall enter into Egypt; and you shall be an object of horror, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.' [19]YHWH has spoken concerning you, remnant of Judah, 'Do not go into Egypt': know certainly that I have testified to you this day. [20]For you have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for you sent me to YHWH your God, saying, 'Pray for us to

YHWH our God; and according to all that YHWH our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do it': [21]and I have this day declared it to you; but you have not obeyed the voice of YHWH your God in anything for which he has sent me to you. [22]Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place where you desire to go to live there."

43 It happened that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of YHWH their God, with which YHWH their God had sent him to them, even all these words, [2]then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying to Jeremiah, "You speak falsely. YHWH our God has not sent you to say, 'You shall not go into Egypt to live there'; [3]but Baruch the son of Neriah[a] sets you on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive to Babylon." [4]So Johanan the son of Kareah,[b] and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of YHWH, to dwell in the land of Judah. [5]But Johanan the son of Kareah,[c] and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, who were returned from all the nations where they had been driven, to live in the land of Judah; [6]the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person who Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard[d] had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan;[e] and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah; [7]and they came into the land of Egypt; for they did not obey the voice of YHWH: and they came to Tahpanhes.

[8]Then came the word of YHWH to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, [9]"Take great stones in your hand, and hide them in mortar in the brick work, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; [10]and tell them, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: "Look, I will send and take Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne on these stones that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. [11]He shall come, and shall strike the land of Egypt; such as are for death shall be put to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. [12]I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd puts on his garment; and he shall go forth

[a]43:3 LXX MT. DSS lacks "the son of Neriah"
[b]43:4 DSS LXX omit "son of Kareah"
[c]43:5 DSS LXX omit "son of Kareah"
[d]43:6 DSS LXX omit "the captain of the guard"
[e]43:6 DSS LXX omit "the son of Shaphan"

from there in peace. 13He shall also break the pillars of Beth Shemesh,[a] that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.”’”

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who lived in the land of Egypt, who lived at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the country of Pathros, saying, 2”Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘You have seen all the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem, and on all the cities of Judah; and look, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwells in them, 3because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, to serve other gods, that they did not know, neither they, nor you, nor your fathers. 4However I sent to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, ‘Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I hate.’ 5But they did not listen, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. 6Therefore my wrath and my anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as it is this day.’ 7Therefore now thus says YHWH, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Why do you commit great evil against your own souls, to cut off from yourselves man and woman, infant and nursing child out of the midst of Judah, to leave yourselves none remaining; 8in that you provoke me to anger with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live; that you may be cut off, and that you may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? 9Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? 10They are not humbled even to this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.’ 11Therefore thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Look, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. 12I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to live there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be an object of horror, an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. 13For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as

[a]43:13 I.e., “house of the sun,” or possibly “Heliopolis”

I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; 14so that none of the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.'"

15Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, 16"As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of YHWH, we will not listen to you. 17But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven,[a] and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our leaders, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then had we plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil. 18But since we left off burning incense to the queen of heaven, and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine." 19And the woman said,[b] "When we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands?"

20Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people who had given him an answer, saying, 21"The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your leaders, and the people of the land. Did not YHWH remember them, and did not it come into his mind, 22so that YHWH could no longer bear because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which you have committed? Therefore your land has become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day. 23Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against YHWH, and have not obeyed the voice of YHWH, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil has happened to you, as it is this day."

24Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, "Hear the word of YHWH, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt: 25Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, 'You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, "We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the

[a]44:17 I.e., Ashtoreth, known as Ishtar in Mesopotamia, and Anat in Canaan

[b]44:19 LXX(L) Syr. MT lacks "And the woman said" from haplography:

queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her": establish then your vows, and perform your vows.' [26]Therefore hear the word of YHWH, all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt: 'Look, I have sworn by my great name,' says YHWH, 'that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "As[a] YHWH lives." [27]Look, I watch over them for disaster, and not for good; and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until they are all gone. [28]Those who escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall know whose word shall stand, mine, or theirs. [29]This shall be the sign to you,' says YHWH, 'that I will punish you in this place, that you may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil': [30]Thus says YHWH, 'Look, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy, and sought his life.'"

45 The message that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, [2]"Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, to you, Baruch: [3]'You said, "Woe is me now. For YHWH has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest."'"

[4]"You shall tell him, 'Thus says YHWH: "Look, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. [5]Do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for, look, I will bring disaster on all flesh, says YHWH; but your life will I give to you for a reward in all places where you go."'"

46 The word of YHWH came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations. [2]Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh Necoh king of Egypt, which was by the river Perath in Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah. [3]"Prepare the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. [4]Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail. [5]Why have I seen it? They are dismayed and are turned backward; and their

[a]44:26 LXX* Arm Arab; Thdrt. MT adds "Lord"

mighty ones are beaten down, and
have fled in haste, and do not look
back: terror is on every side," says
YHWH. 6"Do not let the swift flee
away, nor the mighty man escape;
in the north by the river Perath have
they stumbled and fallen. 7Who is
this who rises up like the Nile,
whose waters toss themselves like
the rivers? 8Egypt rises up like the
Nile, and his waters toss
themselves like the rivers: and he
says, 'I will rise up, I will cover the
earth; I will destroy cities and its
inhabitants.' 9Go up, you horses;
and rage, you chariots; and let the
mighty men go forth: Cush and Put,
who handle the shield; and the
Ludim, who handle and bend the
bow. 10For that day is of the Lord[a]
YHWH of hosts,[b] a day of
vengeance, that he may avenge him
of his adversaries: and the sword
shall devour and be satiate, and
shall drink its fill of their blood; for
the Lord[c] YHWH of hosts[d] has a
sacrifice in the north country by the
river Perath. 11Go up into Gilead,
and take balm, virgin daughter of
Egypt: in vain do you use many
medicines; there is no healing for
you. 12The nations have heard of
your shame, and the earth is full of
your cry; for the mighty man has
stumbled against the mighty, they
are fallen both of them together."

13The word that YHWH spoke
to Jeremiah the prophet, how that
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
should come and strike the land of
Egypt. 14"Declare in Egypt, and
publish in Migdol, and publish in
Memphis and i n Tahpanhes: say,
'Stand forth, and prepare; for the
sword has devoured around you.'
15Why are your strong ones swept
away? They did not stand, because
YHWH pushed them. 16He made
many to stumble, yes, they fell one
on another: and they said, 'Arise,
and let us go again to our own
people, and to the land of our birth,
from the oppressing sword.' 17They
cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt
is but a noise; he has let the
appointed time pass by.'"

18"As I live," says the King,
"whose name is YHWH of hosts,
surely like Tabor among the
mountains, and like Carmel by the
sea, so shall he come. 19You
daughter who dwells in Egypt,
furnish yourself to go into
captivity; for Memphis shall
become a desolation, and shall be
burnt up, without inhabitant.
20Egypt is a very beautiful heifer;
but a horsefly from the north is
coming against her. 21Also her
hired men in the midst of her are
like calves of the stall; for they also
are turned back, they are fled away
together, they did not stand: for the
day of their calamity has come on
them, the time of their visitation.
22The sound of it shall go like the
serpent; for they shall march with
an army, and come against her with
axes, as wood cutters. 23They shall
cut down her forest, says YHWH,

[a]46:10 Hebrew(178) Ms lacks "Lord"
[b]46:10 Hebrew(113) Ms LXX lacks "of hosts"
[c]46:10 LXX lacks "Lord"
[d]46:10 Hebrew(113) Ms lacks "of hosts"

though it can't be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable. 24The daughter of Egypt shall be disappointed; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north."

25"YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, says: 'Look, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and those who trust in him: 26and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old,' says YHWH. 27'But do not be afraid, Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, Israel: for, look, I will save you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 28Do not be afraid, O Jacob my servant,' says YHWH; 'for I am with you: for I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you; but I will not make a full end of you, but I will correct you in measure, and will in no way leave you unpunished.'"

47 The word of YHWH that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh struck Gaza. 2"Thus says YHWH: 'Look, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is in it, the city and those who dwell in it; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail. 3At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers do not look back to their children for feebleness of hands; 4because of the day that comes to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off[a] from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains: for YHWH will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphtor. 5Baldness has come on Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nothing, the remnant of their valley: how long will you cut yourself? 6You sword of YHWH, "how long will it be before you be quiet? Put yourself into your sheath; rest, and be still." 7How can it[b] be quiet, since YHWH has given you a command? Against Ashkelon, and against the seashore, there has he appointed it.'"

48 Of Moab. "Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Woe to Woe to Nebo, because it is about to be destroyed; Kiriathaim will be put to shame, it will be taken captive. The fortress is put to shame and broken down. 2The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her: "Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation." You also, Madmen, shall

[a]47:4 DSS LXX read "I will cut off"

[b]47:7 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "you"

be brought to silence: the sword
shall pursue you. 3The sound of a
cry from Horonaim, "destruction
and great calamity." 4Moab is
destroyed; her little ones have
caused a cry to be heard. 5For by
the ascent of Luhith with continual
weeping shall they go up; for at the
descent of Horonaim they have
heard the distress of the cry of
destruction. 6"Flee, save your lives,
and be like a shrub in the
wilderness." 7For, because you
have trusted in your works and in
your treasures, you also shall be
taken: and Chemosh shall go forth
into captivity, his priests and his
officials together. 8The destroyer
shall come on every city, and no
city shall escape; the valley also
shall perish, and the plain shall be
destroyed; as YHWH has spoken.
9Give wings to Moab, that she may
fly and get her away: and her cities
shall become a desolation, without
any to dwell in them.' 10Cursed is
he who does the work of YHWH
negligently; and cursed is he who
keeps back his sword from blood.
11'Moab has been at ease from his
youth, and he has settled on his
lees, and has not been emptied from
vessel to vessel, neither has he gone
into captivity: therefore his taste
remains in him, and his scent is not
changed. 12Therefore look, the days
come,' says YHWH, 'that I will
send to him those who pour off, and
they shall pour him off; and they
shall empty his[a] vessels, and break
their bottles in pieces. 13Moab shall
be ashamed of Chemosh, as the
house of Israel was ashamed of
Bethel their confidence. 14How can
you say, "We are mighty men, and
valiant men for the war?" 15Moab is
laid waste, and they are gone up
into his cities, and his chosen
young men are gone down to the
slaughter,' says the King, whose
name is YHWH of hosts. 16The
calamity of Moab is near to come,
and his affliction hurries fast. 17All
you who are around him, bemoan
him, and all you who know his
name; say, "How is the strong staff
broken, the beautiful rod." 18You
daughter who dwells in Dibon,
come down from your glory, and sit
in thirst; for the destroyer of Moab
has come up against you, he has
destroyed your strongholds.
19Inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the
way, and watch: ask him who flees,
and her who escapes; say, "What
has been done?" 20"Moab is
disappointed; for it is broken down:
wail and cry; tell it by the Arnon,
that Moab is laid waste."
21Judgment has come on the plain
country, on Holon, and on Jahzah,
and on Mephaath, 22and on Dibon,
and on Nebo, and on Beth
Diblathaim, 23and on Kiriathaim,
and on Beth Gamul, and on Beth
Meon, 24and on Kerioth, and on
Bozrah, and on all the cities of the
land of Moab, far or near. 25The
horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm
is broken,' says YHWH. 26'Make
him drunk; for he magnified
himself against YHWH: and Moab
shall wallow in his vomit, and he
also shall be in derision. 27For
wasn't Israel a derision to you?
Was he found among thieves? For

[a]48:12 LXX. Hebrew "their"

as often as you speak of him, you shake your head. 28You inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that makes her nest over the mouth of the abyss. 29We have heard of the pride of Moab--he is very proud--of his pride, and his vanity, and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30I know his wrath,' says YHWH, 'that it is nothing; his boastings have worked nothing. 31Therefore I will wail for Moab; yes, I will cry out for all Moab; I will mourn for the men of Kir Heres.[a] 32With more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for you, vine of Sibmah: your branches passed over the sea, they reached even to[b] Jazer; on your summer fruits and on your vintage the destroyer is fallen. 33Gladness and joy is taken away from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the wine presses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting. 34From the cry of Heshbon even to Elealeh, even to Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even to Horonaim, to Eglath Shelishiyah: for the waters of Nimrim also shall become desolate. 35And I will cause to cease in Moab,' says YHWH, 'the one who offers sacrifice[c] upon the[d] high place, and the one who burns incense to his gods. 36Therefore my heart sounds for Moab like pipes, and my heart sounds like pipes for the men of Kir Heres: therefore the abundance that he has gotten is perished. 37For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: on all the hands are cuttings, and on the waist sackcloth. 38On all the housetops of Moab and in its streets there is lamentation every where; for I have broken Moab like a vessel in which none delights,' says YHWH. 39How it is broken down. How they wail. How Moab has turned the back with shame. So shall Moab become a derision and a terror to all who are around him.' 40For thus says YHWH: 'Look, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab. 41Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified himself against YHWH. 43Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are on you, inhabitant of Moab, says YHWH. 44He who flees from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring on him, even on Moab, the year of

[a]48:31 A variant spelling of Kir Hareseth. DSS reads Kir Hareseth here and Kir Heres in v. 36. LXX reads "Kiradas" (poss. dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion) here and at v. 36

[b]48:32 2 Hebrew Mss LXX and Isaiah 16:8. MT adds "sea of" from dittography

[c]48:35 Tg cf. BHS. MT lacks olah "sacrifice" from haplography: m'lh-'lh

[d]48:35 LXX Aquila Symmachus Tg cf. BHS. MT lacks "upon the" from haplography: 'lh-'l h

their visitation,' says YHWH.
45'Those who fled stand without
strength under the shadow of
Heshbon; for a fire has gone forth
out of Heshbon, and a flame from
the city[a] of Sihon, and it has
destroyed the forehead of Moab,
and the crown of the sons of tumult.
46Woe to you, O Moab. The people
of Chemosh is undone; for your
sons are taken away captive, and
your daughters into captivity. 47Yet
will I bring back the captivity of
Moab in the latter days,' says
YHWH. Thus far is the judgment of
Moab."

49 Of the people of
Ammon. "Thus says
YHWH: 'Has Israel
no sons? Has he no heir? Why then
does Milcom possess Gad, and his
people dwell in its cities?
2Therefore look, the days come,'
says YHWH, 'that I will cause an
alarm of war to be heard against
Rabbah of the people of Ammon;
and it shall become a desolate heap,
and her daughters shall be burned
with fire: then shall Israel possess
those who possessed him,' says
YHWH. 3'Wail, Heshbon, for Ai is
laid waste; cry, you daughters of
Rabbah, clothe yourself in
sackcloth: lament, and run back and
forth among the fences; for Milcom
shall go into captivity, his priests
and his officials together. 4Why do
you glory in the valleys, your
flowing valley, backsliding
daughter? You who trusted in her
treasures, saying,[b] "Who shall
come to me?" 5Look, I will bring a
fear on you,' says[c] YHWH of hosts,
'from all who are around you; and
you shall be driven out every man
right forth, and there shall be none
to gather together the fugitives.
6But afterward I will bring back the
captivity of the people of Ammon,'
says YHWH."

7Of Edom. "Thus says
YHWH of hosts: 'Is wisdom no
more in Teman? Is counsel
perished from the prudent? Is their
wisdom vanished? 8Flee, turn back,
dwell in the depths, inhabitants of
Dedan; for I will bring the calamity
of Esau on him, the time that I shall
visit him. 9If grape gatherers came
to you, would they not leave some
gleaning grapes? If thieves by
night, wouldn't they destroy until
they had enough? 10But I have
made Esau bare, I have uncovered
his secret places, and he shall not be
able to hide himself: his seed is
destroyed, and his brothers, and his
neighbors; and he is no more.
11Leave your fatherless children, I
will preserve them alive; and let
your widows trust in me.' 12For
thus says YHWH: 'Look, they to
whom it did not pertain to drink of
the cup shall certainly drink; and
are you he who shall altogether go
unpunished? You shall not go

[a]48:45 DSS Syr Theodotion. MT reads "from the midst"
[b]49:4 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT lacks "saying," possibly from haplography by homoioteleuton: h-h
[c]49:5 Hebrew(3 72 84 128) Mss. MT adds "Lord"

unpunished, but you shall surely drink. 13For I have sworn by myself,' says YHWH, 'that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all its cities shall be perpetual wastes.'"

14I have heard news from YHWH, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, "Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle."

15"For, look, I have made you small among the nations, and despised among men. 16As for your terror, the pride of your heart has deceived you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill: though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there," says YHWH. 17"Edom shall become an astonishment: everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all its plagues. 18As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it," says YHWH, "no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live in it. 19Look, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? And who will appoint me a time? And who is the shepherd who will stand before me? 20Therefore hear the counsel of YHWH, that he has taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 21The earth trembles at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise which is heard in the Red Sea. 22Look, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs."

23Of Damascus. "Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil news, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it can't be quiet. 24Damascus has grown feeble, she turns herself to flee, and trembling has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. 25How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? 26Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day," says YHWH of hosts. 27"I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben Hadad."

28Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon struck. "Thus says YHWH: 'Arise, go up to Kedar, and destroy the people of the east.' 29Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry to them, 'Terror on every side.' 30Flee, wander far off,

dwell in the depths, you inhabitants of Hazor," says YHWH; "for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has conceived a purpose against you." 31"Arise, go up to a nation that is at ease, that dwells without care, says YHWH; that have neither gates nor bars, that dwell alone. 32Their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their livestock a spoil: and I will scatter to all winds those who have the corners of their beards cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them," says YHWH. 33"Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation forever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man live in it."

34The word of YHWH that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35"Thus says YHWH of hosts: 'Look, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. 36On Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of the sky, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not come. 37I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before those who seek their life; and I will bring evil on them, even my fierce anger,' says YHWH; 'and I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them; 38and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from there king and officials,' says YHWH. 39'But it shall happen in the latter days, that I will bring back the captivity of Elam,' says YHWH."

50 The word that YHWH spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet. 2"Declare among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and do not conceal: say, 'Babylon is taken, Bel is disappointed, Marduk is dismayed; her images are disappointed, her idols are dismayed. 3For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell in it: they are fled, they are gone, both man and animal. 4In those days, and in that time,' says YHWH, 'the children of Israel shall come, they and the people of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek YHWH their God. 5They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces turned toward it. They will come and join themselves to YHWH in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten. 6My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. 7All who found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, "We are not guilty, because they have sinned against YHWH, the habitation of righteousness, even YHWH, the hope of their fathers." 8Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the

Chaldeans, and be as the male goats before the flocks. [9]For, look, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon a company of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be taken. Their arrows shall be like a skilled warrior who does not return empty-handed. [10]Chaldea shall be a prey: all who prey on her shall be satisfied,' says YHWH.' [11]Because you are glad, because you rejoice, O you who plunder my heritage, because you are wanton as a heifer that treads out the grain, and neigh as strong horses; [12]your mother shall be utterly disappointed; she who bore you shall be confounded: look, she shall be the least of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. [13]Because of the wrath of YHWH she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate: everyone who goes by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. [14]"Set yourselves in array against Babylon all around, all you who bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she has sinned against YHWH. [15]Shout against her all around: she has submitted herself; her towers are fallen, her walls are thrown down; for it is the vengeance of YHWH: take vengeance on her; as she has done, do to her. [16]Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him who handles the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn everyone to his people, and they shall flee everyone to his own land."'

[17]'Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has broken his bones. [18]Therefore thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel: "Look, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. [19]I will bring Israel again to his pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied on the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. [20]In those days, and in that time, says YHWH, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant."'"

[21]"Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: kill and utterly destroy after them," says YHWH, "and do according to all that I have commanded you. [22]A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. [23]How is the hammer of the whole earth cut apart and broken. How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations. [24]I have laid a snare for you, and you are also taken, Babylon, and you weren't aware: you are found, and also caught, because you have striven against YHWH. [25]YHWH has opened his armory, and has brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, YHWH of hosts, has a work to do in the land of the Chaldeans. [26]Come against her from the utmost border; open her storehouses; cast

her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left. [27]Kill all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come, the time of their visitation."

[28]The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of YHWH our God, the vengeance of his temple. [29]"Call together the archers against Babylon, all those who bend the bow; camp against her all around; let none of it escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against YHWH, against the Holy One of Israel. [30]Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, and all her men of war will be brought to silence in that day," says YHWH. [31]"Look, I am against you, you proud one," says Lord YHWH of hosts; for your day has come, the time that I will visit you. [32]The proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all who are around him."

[33]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "The children of Israel and the people of Judah are oppressed together; and all who took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. [34]Their Redeemer is strong; YHWH of hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. [35]A sword is on the Chaldeans," says YHWH, "and on the inhabitants of Babylon, and on her officials, and on her wise men. [36]A sword is on the boasters, and they shall become fools; a sword is on her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed. [37]A sword is on their horses, and on their chariots, and on all the mixed people who are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is on her treasures, and they shall be robbed. [38]A drought is on her waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is a land of engraved images, and they glory over idols. [39]Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell in it: and it shall be no more inhabited forever; neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation. [40]As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities of it," says YHWH, "so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man live in it."

[41]"Look, a people comes from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. [42]They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride on horses, everyone set in array, as a man to the battle, against you, daughter of Babylon. [43]The king of Babylon has heard the news of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish has taken hold of him, pains as of a woman in labor. [44]Look, the enemy shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the

strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoever is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? And who will appoint me a time? And who is the shepherd who can stand before me?"

45Therefore hear the counsel of YHWH, that he has taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: "Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 46At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembles, and the cry is heard among the nations."

51 Thus says YHWH: "Look, I will raise up against Babylon, and against those who dwell in Lebkamai, a destroying wind. 2I will send to Babylon foreigners who shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her around. 3Do not let him who bends the bow bend it; nor not let him rise up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy her entire army. 4They shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets.

5"For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of YHWH of hosts; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. 6Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; do not be cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of YHWH's vengeance; he will render to her a recompense. 7Babylon has been a golden cup in YHWH's hand, who made all the earth drunk: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed. 9'We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go everyone into his own country; for her judgment reaches to heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.' 10'YHWH has brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in Zion the work of YHWH our God.'

11Make sharp the arrows; hold firm the shields: YHWH has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of YHWH, the vengeance of his temple. 12Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for YHWH has both purposed and done that which he spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. 13You who dwell on many waters, abundant in treasures, your end has come, the measure of your covetousness. 14YHWH of hosts has sworn by himself, saying, "Surely I will fill you with men, as with the canker worm; and they shall lift up a shout against you." 15He has made the earth by his power, he has established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding has he stretched out the heavens.

16When he utters his voice, there is
a tumult of waters in the heavens,
and he causes the vapors to ascend
from the farthest parts of the earth;
he makes lightning for the rain, and
brings forth the wind out of his
treasuries. 17Every man has become
brutish without knowledge. Every
goldsmith is disappointed by his
image; for his molten image is
falsehood, and there is no breath in
them. 18They are vanity, a work of
delusion: in the time of their
visitation they shall perish. 19The
portion of Jacob is not like these,
for he is the maker of all things; and
Israel is the tribe of his inheritance;
YHWH of hosts is his name. 20"You
are my battle axe and weapons of
war: and with you will I break in
pieces the nations; and with you
will I destroy kingdoms; 21and with
you will I break in pieces the horse
and his rider; and with you will I
break in pieces the chariot and its
rider. 22And with you will I break in
pieces man and woman; and with
you will I break in pieces the old
man and the youth; and with you
will I break in pieces the young
man and the virgin; 23and with you
will I break in pieces the shepherd
and his flock; and with you will I
break in pieces the farmer and his
yoke; and with you will I break in
pieces governors and deputies. 24I
will render to Babylon and to all the
inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil
that they have done in Zion in your
sight," says YHWH. 25"Look, I am
against you, destroying mountain,"
says YHWH, "which destroys all
the earth; and I will stretch out my
hand on you, and roll you down
from the rocks, and will make you
a burnt mountain. 26They shall not
take of you a stone for a corner, nor
a stone for foundations; but you
shall be desolate for ever," says
YHWH.

27Set up a standard in the
land, blow the trumpet among the
nations, prepare the nations against
her, call together against her the
kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and
Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal
against her; cause the horses to
come up as the rough canker worm.
28Prepare against her the nations,
the kings of the Medes, its
governors, and all its deputies, and
all the land of their dominion. 29The
land trembles and is in pain; for the
purposes of YHWH against
Babylon do stand, to make the land
of Babylon a desolation, without
inhabitant. 30The mighty men of
Babylon have forborne to fight,
they remain in their strongholds;
their might has failed; they are
become as women: her dwelling
places are set on fire; her bars are
broken. 31One runner will run to
meet another, and one messenger to
meet another, to show the king of
Babylon that his city is taken on
every quarter: 32and the passages
are seized, and the reeds they have
burned with fire, and the men of
war are frightened.

33For thus says YHWH of
hosts, the God of Israel: "The
daughter of Babylon is like a
threshing floor at the time when it
is trodden; yet a little while, and the
time of harvest shall come for her.
34'Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon has devoured me, he has
crushed me, he has made me an

empty vessel, he has, like a monster, swallowed me up, he has filled his maw with my delicacies; he has cast me out. 35The violence done to me and to my flesh be on Babylon,' shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and, 'My blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea,' shall Jerusalem say.

36Therefore thus says YHWH: "Look, I will plead your cause, and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain dry. 37Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. 38They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' cubs. 39When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunk, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake," says YHWH. 40"I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats. 41How is Sheshach taken, and the praise of the whole earth seized. How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations. 42The sea has come up on Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves. 43Her cities are become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land in which no man dwells, neither does any son of man pass thereby. 44I will execute judgment on Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more to him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall."

45"My people, go away from the midst of her, and save yourselves every man from the fierce anger of YHWH. 46Do not let your heart faint, neither fear for the news that shall be heard in the land; for news shall come one year, and after that in another year shall come news, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47Therefore look, the days come, that I will execute judgment on the engraved images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be confounded; and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 48Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the destroyers shall come to her from the north," says YHWH.

49As Babylon has caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land. 50You who have escaped the sword, go, do not stand still; remember YHWH from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. 51"We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; confusion has covered our faces: for strangers have come into the sanctuaries of YHWH's house."

52"Therefore look, the days come," says YHWH, "that I will execute judgment on her engraved images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. 53Though Babylon should mount up to the sky, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall destroyers come to her," says YHWH. 54"The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great

destruction from the land of the Chaldeans." [55]For YHWH lays Babylon waste, and destroys out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is uttered: [56]for the destroyer has come on her, even on Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces; for YHWH is a God of recompenses,[a] he will surely requite. [57]"I will make drunk her officials and her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake up," says the King, whose name is YHWH of hosts.

[58]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the peoples shall labor for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and they shall be weary."

[59]The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was chief quartermaster. [60]Jeremiah wrote in a scroll all the evil that should come on Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon. [61]Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When you come to Babylon, then see that you read all these words, [62]and say, 'YHWH, you have spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell in it, neither man nor animal, but that it shall be desolate forever.' [63]It shall be, when you have made an end of reading this scroll, that you shall bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of the Perath: [64]and you shall say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring on her; and they shall be weary.'" Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

52 Zedekiah was twenty-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. [2]He did that which was evil in the sight of YHWH, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. [3]For through the anger of YHWH it happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. [4]It happened 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 army, against Jerusalem, and camped against it; and they built forts against it round about. [5]So the city was besieged to the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. [6]In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was severe in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. [7]Then a breach was made in the city, and all

[a]51:56 YHWH Gemuloth

the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around;) and they went toward the Arabah. 8But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. 9Then they took the king, and carried him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment on him. 10The king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he killed also all the officials of Judah in Riblah. 11He put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death. 12Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem: 13and he burned the house of YHWH, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burned he with fire. 14All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. 15Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people who were left in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. 16But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vineyard keepers and farmers. 17The Chaldeans broke the pillars of bronze that were in the house of YHWH, and the bases and the bronze sea that were in the house of YHWH in pieces, and carried all their bronze to Babylon. 18They also took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze with which they ministered. 19The captain of the guard took away the cups, the fire pans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver. 20They took the two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the sea,[a] and the stands which king Solomon had made for the house of YHWH. The bronze of all these vessels was without weight. 21As for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eight feet seven inches[b]; and a line of twenty feet eight inches[c] encircled it; and its thickness was almost three inches[d] It was hollow. 22A capital of bronze was on it; and the height of the one capital was eight feet seven inches,[e] with network and pomegranates on

[a]52:20 LXX. MT lacks "the sea"
[b]52:21 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[c]52:21 Or, 6.3 meters. Lit. twelve cubits
[d]52:21 I.e., 2.91 inches, or 74.04 mm. Lit. four fingers, which was a handbreadth
[e]52:22 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits

the capital all around, all of bronze: and the second pillar also had like these, and pomegranates. [23]There were ninety-six pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates were one hundred on the network all around. [24]The captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: [25]and out of the city he took an officer who was set over the men of war; and seven men of those who saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the midst of the city. [26]Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. [27]The king of Babylon struck them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. [28]This is the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews; [29]in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two persons; [30]in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

[31]It happened in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Awil-Marduk[a] king of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison; [32]and he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon, [33]and changed his prison garments. Jehoiachin ate bread before him continually all the days of his life: [34]and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him by the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

Lamentations

1 How the city sits solitary, that was full of people.
She has become as a widow, who was great among the nations.
She who was a princess among the provinces has become a forced laborer.

[a]52:31 MT vocalizes as "Evil-Merodach." Amil-Marduk, pronounced Awil-Marduk, ruled c. 562-560 BC

[2]She weeps bitterly in the night,
and her tears are on
her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has none
to comfort her.
All her friends have dealt
treacherously with her;
they have become her
enemies.

[3]Judah has gone into exile because
of affliction and harsh
servitude;
she dwells among the nations, she
finds no rest:
all her persecutors overtook her in
the midst of *her*
distress.

[4]The roads to Zion mourn, because
no one comes to the
solemn assembly;
all her gates are desolate, her
priests groan:
her virgins are afflicted, and she
herself is in bitterness.

[5]Her adversaries have become the
head, her enemies
prosper;
for YHWH has afflicted her for the
multitude of her
transgressions:
her young children have gone into
captivity before the
adversary.

[6]All majesty has departed from the
daughter of Zion:
her leaders have become like deer
that find no pasture,
they fled exhausted before the
pursuer.

[7]Jerusalem remembers in the days
of her affliction and
wandering all her
precious things that
were from the days of
old:
when her people fell into the hand
of the adversary, and
no one helped her.
The adversaries saw her, they
mocked at her
desolations.

[8]Jerusalem has grievously sinned;
therefore she has
become as an unclean
thing;
all who honored her despise her,
because they have
seen her nakedness:
yes, she groans, and turns away.

[9]Her filthiness was in her skirts;
she did not remember
her latter end;
therefore her fall was astonishing;
she has no comforter.
“Look, YHWH, on my affliction,
for the enemy has
magnified himself.”

[10]The adversary has spread out his
hand on all her
precious things:
for she has seen that the nations
have entered into her
sanctuary,
concerning whom you
commanded that they
should not enter into
your assembly.

[11]All her people sigh, they seek
bread;
they have given their precious
things for food to
refresh the soul.

"Look, YHWH, and see, for I am
despised."

12 Is it nothing to you, all you who
pass by?
Look, and see if there is any
sorrow like my
sorrow, which is
brought on me,
with which YHWH has afflicted
me in the day of his
fierce anger.

13 From on high he has sent fire
into my bones, and it
overcame them.
He has spread a net for my feet, he
has turned me back.
He has made me desolate and faint
all the day.

14 My transgressions are bound into
a yoke; by his hand
they are fastened together, they are
set upon my neck; he
has made my strength
to fail. YHWH[a] has
delivered me into their
hands, against whom I
am not able to stand.

15 YHWH[b] has rejected all my
mighty men in my
midst;
he has called a solemn assembly
against me to crush my
young men.
YHWH[c] has trodden as in a
winepress the virgin
daughter of Judah.

16 For these things I weep; my eyes[d]
flow with tears;
because the comforter who should
refresh my soul is far
from me.
My children are desolate, because
the enemy has
prevailed.

17 Zion spreads forth her hands;
there is none to
comfort her.
YHWH has commanded
concerning Jacob, that
those who are around
him should be his
adversaries.
Jerusalem is among them as an
unclean thing.

18 YHWH is righteous, for I have
rebelled against his
commandment.
Please listen all you people, and
see my suffering.
My virgins and my young men
have gone into
captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, *but* they
deceived me.
My priests and my elders perished
in the city,
while they searched for food to
refresh their souls.[e]

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[a] 1:14 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b] 1:15 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c] 1:15 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[d] 1:16 LXX Syr Vg. MT adds "my eyes" from dittography
[e] 1:19 LXX adds "and they did not find it," possibly lost from homoioarcton by sight confusion in square script: w-r

[20]See, YHWH, for I am in distress;
my stomach churns;
my heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled.
Outside the sword bereaves, in the house it is like death.

[21]They have heard that I groan;
there is none to comfort me.
All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it.
Bring the day that you have proclaimed, so that they shall end up like me.

[22]Let all their wickedness come before you.
Do to them, as you have done to me for all my transgressions.
For my groans are many, and my heart is faint.

2 How YHWH[a] covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger.
He has cast down from heaven to the earth the splendor of Israel,
and hasn't remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.

[2]YHWH[b] has swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and has not pitied.
He has thrown down in his wrath the strongholds of the daughter of Judah.
He has brought them down to the ground; he has humiliated the kingdom and its rulers.

[3]He has cut off in fierce anger all the strength of Israel.
He has drawn back his right hand before the enemy.
He has blazed in Jacob like a flaming fire, which devours all around.

[4]He has bent his bow like an enemy; his right hand he has positioned like an adversary.
He killed all that were pleasant to the eye.
In the tent of the daughter of Zion he has poured out his wrath like fire.

[5]YHWH[c] has become as an enemy;
he has swallowed up Israel;
he has swallowed up all her palaces and has destroyed its strongholds.
He has multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

[6]He has done violence to his temple, as if it were a vineyard;[d] he has

[a]2:1 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b]2:2 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c]2:5 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[d]2:6 LXX cf. BHS, reading os ampelon = kgpn "vineyard." MT reads kgn "garden," having lost a pey

destroyed his place of
assembly.
YHWH has caused solemn
assembly and Sabbath
to be forgotten in
Zion,
and he has spurned in his fierce
anger king and priest
and prince.[a]

7YHWH[b] has rejected his altar, he
has disowned his
sanctuary, and
has given up into the hand of the
enemy the walls of her
palaces.
They have made a shout in the
house of YHWH, as in
the day of a solemn
assembly.

8YHWH has determined to destroy
the wall of the
daughter of Zion.
He has stretched out the line, he
has not withdrawn his
hand from destroying.
He has made the rampart and wall
to lament; they
languish together.

9Her gates are sunk into the
ground; he has
destroyed and broken
her bars.
Her king and her princes are
among the nations
where the law is no
more, and
her prophets find no vision from
YHWH.

10The elders of the daughter of
Zion sit on the ground
in silence.
They have cast up dust on their
heads; they have
clothed themselves
with sackcloth.
The virgins of Jerusalem hang
down their heads to
the ground.

11My eyes are worn out from
weeping, my stomach
is churning.
My heart is poured on the earth,
because of the destruction of the
daughter of my people,
because the young children and
the infants faint in the streets of
the city.

12They tell their mothers, "Where
is grain and wine?"
When they faint as the wounded in
the streets of the city,
as their lives fade away in their
mothers' bosom.

13What shall I testify of you? What
shall I liken to you,
daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I compare to you, that I
may comfort you,
virgin daughter of
Zion?
For your ruin is great like the sea.
Who can heal you?

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[a]2:6 LXX. MT lacks "and prince," from homoioarcton by sight confusion: wn-zn. Cf. Jeremiah 1:18

[b]2:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

14 Your prophets have seen for you
false and deceptive
visions.
They have not uncovered your
iniquity, to bring back
your captivity,
but have seen for you false and
misleading oracles.

15 All that pass by clap their hands
at you,
they hiss and wag their head at the
daughter of Jerusalem,
saying,
"Is this the city that men called
'The perfection of
beauty,' 'The joy of
the whole earth'?"
16 All your enemies have opened
wide their mouth
against you.
They hiss and gnash the teeth; they
say, "We have
swallowed her up.
Certainly this is the day that we
looked for; we have
found, we have seen
it."

17 YHWH has done that which he
purposed, he has
fulfilled his word that
he commanded in the
days of old.
He has thrown down, and has not
pitied.
He has caused the enemy to gloat
over you and exalted
the horn of your
adversaries.

18 Their heart cried to YHWH.[a]
O wall of the daughter of Zion, let
tears run down like a
river day and night.
Give yourself no respite; do not let
your tears cease.

19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the
beginning of the
watches.
Pour out your heart like water
before the face of
YHWH.[b]
Lift up your hands toward him for
the life of your young
children, that faint for
hunger at the head of
every street.

20 Look, YHWH, and see to whom
you have done like
this.
Shall the women eat their fruit, the
children that are
dandled in the hands?
Shall the priest and the prophet be
killed in the sanctuary
of YHWH[c]?

21 The youth and the old man lie on
the ground in the
streets;
my virgins and my young men
have fallen by the
sword.
You have killed them in the day of
your anger; you have
slaughtered, without
pity.

22 You have called, as in the day of
a solemn assembly,

[a] 2:18 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[b] 2:19 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c] 2:20 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

my terrors on every
side.
There was none that escaped or
remained in the day of
YHWH's anger.
Those that I have borne and
brought up has my
enemy destroyed.

3 I am the man that has
seen affliction by the
rod of his wrath.

2He has led me and caused me to
walk in darkness, and
not in light.
3Surely against me he turns his
hand again and again
all the day.
4My flesh and my skin he has
made old; he has
broken my bones.
5He has built against me, and
surrounded me with
bitterness and
hardship.
6He has made me to dwell in dark
places, like those that
have been long dead.

7He has walled me in, so I can't
escape; he has made
my chains heavy.
8Yes, when I cry, and call for help,
he shuts out my
prayer.
9He has walled up my ways with
cut stone; he has made
my paths crooked.

10He is to me as a bear lying in
wait, as a lion in
hiding.
11He has obstructed my path, and
torn me in pieces; he
has made me desolate.
12He has bent his bow, and set me
as a mark for the
arrow.

13He has caused the arrows of his
quiver to pierce my
inward parts.[a]
14I have become a laughingstock
to all peoples,[b] and
their song all the day.
15He has filled me with bitterness,
he has given me in full
measure wormwood.

16He has also broken my teeth with
gravel; he has pressed
me down in the dust.
17You have removed my soul far
away from peace; I
have forgotten what
prosperity is.
18And I said, "My strength and my
hope has perished
from YHWH."

19Remember my affliction and my
misery, the wormwood
and the gall.
20My soul considers them, and is
depressed.
21But this I call to my mind;
therefore I have hope:

[a]3:13 Lit. kidneys

[b]3:14 Hebrew Mss Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "to my people"

22 YHWH's faithful love does not cease;[a] his compassion
does not fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your
faithfulness.
24 "YHWH is my portion," says my
soul, "therefore I will
hope in him."

25 YHWH is good to those who wait
for him, to the soul
that seeks him.
26 It is good that a man should hope
and quietly wait for
the salvation of
YHWH.
27 It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke while he is
young.

28 Let him sit alone and keep
silence when he is
disciplining him.
29 Let him put his mouth to the
dust, there may yet be
hope.
30 Let him give his cheek to him
who strikes him; let
him be filled with
insults.

31 For YHWH[b] will not reject
forever.
32 For though he may cause grief,
yet he will have
compassion according
to the abundance of his
loving kindness.
33 For he is not predisposed to
bring affliction or
suffering to human
beings.

34 To crush under foot all the
prisoners of the earth;
35 to deprive a man of justice
before the face of the
Most High,
36 to subvert a man in his cause,
YHWH[c] does not
approve.

37 Who can speak a thing and have
it come to pass, unless
YHWH[d] has
commanded it?
38 Doesn't both calamity and good
come out of the mouth
of the Most High?
39 Why does a living man
complain, a man for
the punishment of his
sins?

40 Let us examine and search our
ways, and return to
YHWH.
41 Let us lift up our heart with our
hands to God in the
heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have
rebelled, and you have
not forgiven.

43 You have covered yourself with
anger and pursued us;
you killed without
sparing.
44 You have covered yourself with
a cloud, so that no

[a] 3:22 LXX Tg Syr Hebrew Mss. MT: "not cut off"
[b] 3:31 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[c] 3:36 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[d] 3:37 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

prayer can pass
through.
45You have made us rubbish and
refuse in the midst of
the peoples.

46All our enemies have opened
their mouth wide
against us.

47Fear and the pit have come on
us, devastation and
destruction.
48Streams of tears run down from
my eyes because of the
destruction of the
daughter of my people.

49My tears flow and do not cease,
without respite,
50until YHWH looks down and sees
from heaven.
51My eyes bring my soul grief,
because of all the
daughters of my city.

52They have chased me
relentlessly like a bird,
those who are my
enemies without
cause.
53They have cut off my life in a
pit, and have cast a
stone on me.
54Waters flowed over my head; I
said, 'I am finished.'

55I called on your name, YHWH,
out of the depths of the
pit.
56You heard my voice; do not hide
your ear at my sighs,
to my cry.
57You drew near in the day that I
called on you; you
said, "Do not be
afraid."

58YHWH,[a] you have taken up the
case for my soul; you
have redeemed my
life.
59You have seen, YHWH, the
wrong done to me;
judge my case.
60You have seen all their
vengeance and all their
plots against me.

61You have heard their insults,
YHWH, and all their
plots against me.
62The lips of those that rose up
against me, and their
plots against me all
day long.
63Look their sitting down, and
their rising up; I am
their mocking song.

64You will render to them what
they deserve, YHWH,
according to the work
of their hands.
65You will give them hardness of
heart as your curse to
them.
66You will pursue them in anger,
and destroy them from
under the heavens of
YHWH.

[a]3:58 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

4 How the gold has become dim. How the most pure gold has changed.
The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the head of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold,
How they are regarded as clay jars, the work of the hands of the potter.

3 Even the jackals offer the breast, they nurse their young ones, but
the daughter of my people has become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The nursing infant's tongue sticks to the roof of his mouth for thirst.
The young children ask for bread, but no one gives to them.

5 Those who ate delicacies are destitute in the streets.
Those who were brought up in purple embrace ash heaps.

6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom,
which was overthrown in an instant, and no hands were laid on her.

7 Her consecrated ones were purer than snow, whiter than milk; their bodies
more ruddy than rubies, their appearance was like lapis lazuli.[a]

8 They appear darker than soot; they are not known in the streets.
Their skin cleaves to their bones; it is withered and has become as dry as a stick.

9 Those who are killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with hunger;
those who waste away, pierced through, for lack of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the compassionate women have cooked their own children;
they were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 YHWH has accomplished his wrath, he has poured out his fierce anger;
he has kindled a fire in Zion, which has devoured its foundations.

12 The kings of the earth did not believe, neither all the inhabitants of the world,

[a] 4:7 Or, sapphire

that the adversary or the enemy
would enter into the
gates of Jerusalem.

13 *It is* because of the sins of her
prophets, and the
iniquities of her
priests,
that have shed the blood of the just
in the midst of her.

14 They wander as blind men in the
streets, they are
polluted with blood,
so that men can't touch their
garments.

15 "Go away." they cried to them,
"Unclean. Away,
away. Do not touch."
When they fled away and
wandered, men said
among the nations,
"They shall not live
here anymore."

16 YHWH himself has scattered
them; he will no more
regard them.
They did not respect the priests,
they did not favor the
elders.

17 Our eyes still fail, looking in
vain for our help.
In our watching we have watched
for a nation that could
not save.

18 They hunt our steps, so that we
can't go in our streets.
Our end is near, our days are
fulfilled; for our end
has come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than
the eagles of the sky.
They chased us on the mountains,
they lay in wait for us
in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the
anointed of YHWH,
was taken in their pits;
of whom we said, "Under his
shadow we can live
among the nations."

21 Rejoice and be glad, daughter of
Edom, that dwell in
the land of Uz.
The cup shall pass through to you
also; you will get
drunk, and shall make
yourself naked.
22 The punishment of your iniquity
is accomplished,
daughter of Zion; he
will no more carry you
away into captivity.
He will visit your iniquity,
daughter of Edom; he
will uncover your sins.

5 Remember, YHWH,
what has come on us.
Look, and see our
disgrace.
2 Our inheritance is turned over to
strangers,
our houses to foreigners.
3 We are orphans and fatherless.
Our mothers are like
widows.
4 We have to pay for a drink of
water;
our wood is sold to us.
5 Our pursuers are on our necks;
we are weary, and have no rest.

6We have submitted to the
Egyptians and
to the Assyrians, to get enough
bread.
7Our fathers sinned, and are no
more;
but[a] we have borne their iniquities.
8Servants rule over us:
There is none to deliver us out of
their hand.
9We get our bread at the peril of
our lives,
because of the sword in the
wilderness.
10Our skin is hot like an oven,
because of the burning heat of
famine.
11They raped the women in Zion,
the virgins in the cities of Judah.
12Princes were hung by their
hands;
elders were shown no respect.
13The young men grind at the mill;
the boys stagger under loads of
wood.
14The elders have gone from the
gate,
the young men from their music.
15The joy of our heart has ceased;
our dancing is turned into
mourning.
16The crown is fallen from our
head;
woe to us, for we have sinned.
17For this our heart is faint;
for these things our eyes grow
dim.
18For the mountain of Zion, which
is desolate;
the foxes walk on it.

19But[b] you, YHWH, abide forever;
your throne is from generation to
generation.
20Why do you keep on forgetting
us?
Why do you forsake us so long?
21Restore us to you, YHWH, and
we shall be restored;
renew our days as in former times,
22unless you have completely
rejected us and
are angry with us beyond measure.

Ezekiel

1 Now it happened in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2In the fifth of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, 3the word of YHWH came[c] to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of YHWH came upon him.[d] 4I looked, and look, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with flashing lightning, and a brightness around it, and out of its midst as it were glowing metal, out

[a]5:7 MT Qere Hebrew Mss Tg Syr Vg. MT Kethib lacks "but"
[b]5:19 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "But"
[c]1:3 LXX Syr Vg. MT adds "came/becoming" again, possibly by dittography. Cf. BHS
[d]1:3 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr cf. BHS reads "me"

of the midst of the fire. 5Out of its midst came the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6And each one had four faces, and each one of them had four wings. 7Their legs were straight, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. 8They had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings thus: 9their wings were joined one to another; they didn't turn when they went; each one went straight forward. 10As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle. 11Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above. Two wings of each one touched another, and two covered their bodies. 12Each one went straight forward: where the spirit would go, they went; they didn't turn when they went. 13And in the midst[a] of the living creatures was an appearance[b] of burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches. The fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14The living creatures darted back and forth, like the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15Now as I saw the living creatures, look, there was a wheel on the ground beside each living creature with its four faces. 16And[c] the appearance of the wheels and their work was like a beryl: and the four of them had the same likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel. 17When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn when they went. 18As for their rims, they were high and awesome; and the four of them had their rims full of eyes all around. 19When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. 20They went in whichever direction[d] the spirit would go, and the wheels rose alongside them because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 21When those [the living creatures] moved, these [the wheels] moved; and when those [the living creatures] stood still, these [the wheels] stood still; and when those [the living creatures] rose from the ground, the wheels rose alongside them because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 22And over the heads of the living creatures[e]

[a]1:13 LXX (the LXX used for Ezekiel is according to J. Ziegler, Septuaginta). MT reads "As to the appearance"
[b]1:13 LXX. MT reads "their appearance"
[c]1:16 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Ms Vg. MT lacks "And" from haplography with the previous waw
[d]1:20 Tg Hebrew Mss
[e]1:22 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "creature"

there was the likeness of an expanse, like glittering ice, it was awesome to look upon, stretched out over their heads above. [23]Under the expanse their wings were straight, the one toward the other. And each one had two which covered its body.[a] [24]When they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of Shaddai, a noise of tumult like the noise of an army: when they stood, they let down their wings. [25]There was a voice above the expanse that was over their heads.[b] [26]Above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire[c] stone; and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man on it above. [27]I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it all around, from the appearance of his waist and upward; and from the appearance of his waist and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. [28]As the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of YHWH. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice speaking.

2 He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." [2]The Spirit entered into me when he spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard him who spoke to me. [3]He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the house[d] of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me even to this very day. [4]The children are obstinate and hardhearted. I am sending you to them, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says[e] YHWH.' [5]They, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there has been a prophet among them. [6]You, son of man, do not be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you, and you do dwell among scorpions: do not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house. [7]You shall speak my words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious. [8]But you, son of man, hear what I tell you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat that which I give you."

[a]1:24 LXX. MT adds "and each had two which covered them" from dittography
[b]1:25 Hebrew Mss Syr Ms. MT adds "When they stood they let down their wings," a dittography from v.24
[c]1:26 Or, lapis lazuli
[d]2:3 LXX. MT reads "children"
[e]2:4 Hebrew(72) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

9 And I looked and saw a hand
was extended to me; and, look,[a] a
written scroll was in it. 10 And he
spread it before me, and it was
written on the front and on the
back. And written on it were
lamentations, and mourning, and
woe.

3 He said to me, "Son of
man, eat that which you
find. Eat this scroll, and
go, speak to the house of Israel."
2 So I opened my mouth, and he
caused me to eat the scroll. 3 He said
to me, "Son of man, cause your
belly to eat, and fill your belly with
this scroll that I give you." So I ate
it,[b] and it was as sweet as honey in
my mouth. 4 He said to me, "Son of
man, go to the house of Israel, and
speak my words to them. 5 For you
are not sent to a people of a strange
speech and of a hard language, but
to the house of Israel; 6 not to many
peoples of a strange speech and of
a hard language, whose words you
can not understand. Surely, if I sent
you to them, they would listen to
you. 7 But the house of Israel will
not listen to you; for they will not
listen to me: for all the house of
Israel are obstinate[c] and hard-
hearted. 8 Look, I have made your
face hard against their faces, and
your forehead hard against their
foreheads. 9 As an adamant harder
than flint have I made your
forehead. Do not be afraid of them,
nor be dismayed at their looks,
though they are a rebellious house."

10 Moreover he said to me,
"Son of man, all my words that I
shall speak to you receive in your
heart, and hear with your ears.
11 And go to the exiles, to the
children of your people, and speak
to them, and tell them, 'Thus says[d]
YHWH'; whether they will hear, or
whether they will forbear. 12 Then
the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard
behind me the voice of a great
rushing, saying, "Blessed be the
glory of YHWH from his place." 13 I
heard the noise of the wings of the
living creatures as they touched one
another, and the noise of the wheels
beside them, even the noise of a
great rushing. 14 So the Spirit lifted
me up, and took me away; and I
went in bitterness, in the anger of
my spirit; and the hand of YHWH
was strong on me. 15 Then I came to
them of the exiles at Tel Aviv, that
lived by the river Chebar, and to
where they lived; and I sat there
overwhelmed among them seven
days. 16 It happened at the end of
seven days, that the word of YHWH
came to me, saying, 17 "Son of man,
I have made you a watchman to the
house of Israel: therefore hear the
word from my mouth, and give
them warning from me. 18 When I
tell the wicked, 'You shall surely
die'; and you give him no warning,
nor speak to warn the wicked from
his wicked way, to save his life;
that wicked man shall die in his
iniquity; but his blood will I require
at your hand. 19 Yet if you warn the
wicked, and he doesn't turn from

[a] 2:9 LXX Syr Vg lack "and look"
[b] 3:3 LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "it"
[c] 3:7 Lit. have a hard forehead
[d] 3:11 Hebrew(30) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

20"Again, when a righteous man does turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at your hand. 21Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and you have delivered your soul."

22The hand of YHWH was there on me; and he said to me, "Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with you." 23Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and look, the glory of YHWH stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 24Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, "Go, shut yourself inside your house. 25But you, son of man, look, they shall lay bands on you, and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them: 26and I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, that you shall be mute, and shall not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house. 27But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall tell them, 'Thus says[a] YHWH': He who hears, let him hear; and he who forbears, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

4 "You also, son of man, take a tile, and lay it before yourself, and portray on it a city, even Jerusalem: 2and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant[b] battering rams against it all around. 3Take for yourself an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between you and the city: and set your face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4"Moreover lie on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. 5For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be to you a number of days, even three hundred ninety days: so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6"Again, when you have accomplished these, you shall lie on your right side, and shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year,

[a]3:27 Hebrew(100) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

[b]4:2 Cf. LXX Syr

have I appointed it to you. 7You shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with your arm uncovered; and you shall prophesy against it. 8Look, I lay bands on you, and you shall not turn you from one side to the other, until you have accomplished the days of your siege.

9"Take for yourself also wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie on your side, even three hundred ninety days, you shall eat of it. 10Your food which you shall eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time you shall eat it. 11You shall drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time you shall drink. 12You shall eat it as barley cakes, and you shall bake it in their sight with dung that comes out of man." 13YHWH said, "Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations where I will drive them."

14Then I said, "Ah Lord YHWH. look, my soul has not been polluted; for from my youth up even until now have I not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn of animals; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth."

15Then he said to me, "Look, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread thereon."

16Moreover he said to me, "Son of man, look, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay: 17that they may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

5 "You, son of man, take a sharp sword; You shall take it as a barber's razor to you, and shall cause it to pass on your head and on your beard: then take balances to weigh, and divide the hair. 2A third part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and you shall take a third part, and strike with the sword around it; and a third part you shall scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. 3You shall take of it a few in number, and bind them in your skirts. 4Of these again you shall take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; from it shall a fire come forth[a] into all the house of Israel."

5"Thus says[b] YHWH: 'This is Jerusalem; I have placed her at the center of the nations, and countries

[a]5:4 LXX adds "And you shall say"

[b]5:5 Hebrew(4) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

are around her. 6She has rebelled against my ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are around her; for they have rejected my ordinances, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them.'

7"'Therefore thus says[a] YHWH: 'Because you are turbulent more than the nations that are around you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are around you'; 8therefore thus says[b] YHWH: 'Look, I, even I, am against you; and I will execute judgments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations. 9I will do in you that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all your abominations. 10Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of you, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments on you; and the whole remnant of you will I scatter to all the winds.'

11"'Therefore as I live,' says[c] YHWH, 'surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; neither shall my eye spare, and I also will have no pity. 12A third part of you shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of you; and a third part shall fall by the sword around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them. 13Thus shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my wrath toward them to rest, and I shall be comforted; and they shall know that I, YHWH, have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath on them. 14Moreover I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations[d] that are around you, in the sight of all that pass by. 15And you[e] shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, to the nations that are around you, when I shall execute judgments on you in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes; I, YHWH, have spoken; 16when I shall send on them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine on you, and will break your staff of bread; 17and I will send on you famine and evil animals, and they shall bereave you; and pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and I will bring the sword on you: I, YHWH, have spoken it.'"

[a]5:7 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]5:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]5:11 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]5:14 LXX may have lost "and a reproach" from haplography, and reads "daughters" instead of "among the nations"
[e]5:15 DSS LXX Syr Vg Tg. MT reads "And it shall be"

6 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy to them, 3and say, 'You mountains of Israel, hear the word of[a] YHWH: Thus says[b] YHWH to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: "Look, I, even I, will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places. 4Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense altars shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars. 6In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7The slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am YHWH.

8"'"Yet will I leave a remnant, in that you shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered through the countries. 9Those of you that escape shall remember me among the nations where they shall be carried captive, how that I have been broken with their lewd heart, which has departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the prostitute after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10They shall know that I am YHWH: I have not said in vain that I would bring this disaster on them."'"

11"Thus says[c] YHWH: 'Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, "Alas." because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel; for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. 12He who is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my wrath on them. 13You shall know that I am YHWH, when their slain men shall be among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the places where they offered pleasant aroma to all their idols. 14I will stretch out my hand on them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Riblah,[d] throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am YHWH."'"

[a]6:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]6:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]6:11 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]6:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss. MT reads "Diblah," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

7 Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"You, son of man, say,[a] 'Thus says[b] YHWH to the land of Israel: An end has come.[c] The end has come on the four quarters of the land. 3Now is the end on you, and I will send my anger on you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations. 4My eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity; but I will bring your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you: and you shall know that I am YHWH.'"

5"Thus says[d] YHWH: 'A disaster, a unique disaster; look, it comes. 6An end has come, the end has come; it awakes against you; look, it comes. 7Your doom has come to you, inhabitant of the land: the time has come, the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, on the mountains. 8Now will I shortly pour out my wrath on you, and accomplish my anger against you, and will judge you according to your ways; and I will bring on you all your abominations. 9My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring on you according to your ways; and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I, YHWH, do strike.[e] 10Look, the day, look, it comes: your doom is gone forth; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded.'

11"Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth. There shall be nothing of value among them. 12The time has come, the day draws near: do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is on all its multitude. 13For the buyer[f] shall not return to the seller while they live. For the vision is touching the whole multitude of it, none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. 14They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goes to the battle; for my wrath is on all its multitude. 15The sword is outside, and the pestilence and the famine within: he who is in the field shall die with the sword: and he who is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16But those of those who escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in his iniquity. 17All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. 18They shall also clothe themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be on all faces, and baldness on all their heads. 19They shall cast

[a]7:2 LXX. MT lacks "say," possibly from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph, or a graphic confusion: '(dm)-'(mr)
[b]7:2 LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[c]7:2 Hebrew Mss Tg Vg cf. LXX Syr and BHS. MT lacks "has come" from haplography
[d]7:5 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]7:9 Hebrew: "YHWH Makkeh"
[f]7:13 LXX cf. BHS. MT reads "seller"

their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of YHWH: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it has been the stumbling block of their iniquity. 20As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty; but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things. Therefore I will render it an unclean thing to them. 21I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23"Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24Therefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned. 25Destruction comes; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. 26Disaster shall come upon disaster, and rumor shall follow rumor; and they shall seek a vision from a prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. 27The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do to them after their way, and according to their own judgments will I judge them; and they shall know that I am YHWH."

8 It happened in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of[a] YHWH fell there on me. 2Then I saw, and look, a likeness as the appearance of a man;[b] from the appearance of his waist and downward, fire; and from his waist and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal. 3He put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and the sky, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looks toward the north; where there was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. 4Look, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain. 5Then he said to me, "Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north." So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and see, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they do? Even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, that I should go far off from my

[a]8:1 Hebrew(28 30 92) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

[b]8:2 LXX. MT reads "of fire"

sanctuary? But you shall again see
yet other great abominations."

7He brought me to the door of
the court; and when I looked, look,
a hole in the wall. 8Then he said to
me, "Son of man, dig now in the
wall": and when I had dug in the
wall, look, a door. 9He said to me,
"Go in, and see the wicked
abominations that they do here."
10So I went in and saw; and see,
every form of crawling creatures,
and abominable animals, and all the
idols of the house of Israel,
portrayed around on the wall.
11There stood before them seventy
men of the elders of the house of
Israel; and in their midst stood
Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan,
every man with his censer in his
hand; and the odor of the cloud of
incense went up.

12Then he said to me, "Son of
man, have you seen what the elders
of the house of Israel do in the dark,
every man in his rooms of imagery?
For they say, 'YHWH doesn't see
us. YHWH has forsaken the land.'"

13He said also to me, "You
shall again see yet other great
abominations which they do."

14Then he brought me to the
door of the gate of YHWH's house
which was toward the north; and
see, there sat the women weeping
for Tammuz. 15Then he said to me,
"Have you seen this, son of man?
You shall again see yet greater
abominations than these."

16He brought me into the
inner court of YHWH's house; and
see, at the door of YHWH's temple,
between the porch and the altar,
were about twenty-five men, with
their backs toward YHWH's
temple, and their faces toward the
east; and they were worshipping
the sun toward the east. 17Then he
said to me, "Have you seen this,
son of man? Is it a light thing to the
house of Judah that they commit
the abominations which they
commit here? For they have filled
the land with violence, and have
turned again to provoke me to
anger: and look, they put the branch
to their nose. 18Therefore I will also
deal in wrath; my eye shall not
spare, neither will I have pity; and
though they cry in my ears with a
loud voice, yet will I not hear
them."

9 Then he cried in my
ears with a loud voice,
saying, "Cause those
who are in charge of the city to
draw near, every man with his
destroying weapon in his hand."
2Look, six men came from the way
of the Upper Gate, which lies
toward the north, every man with
his slaughter weapon in his hand;
and one man in their midst clothed
in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by
his side. They went in, and stood
beside the bronze altar. 3The glory
of the God of Israel was gone up
from the cherub, whereupon it was,
to the threshold of the house: and
he called to the man clothed in
linen, who had the writer's inkhorn
by his side. 4YHWH said to him,
"Go through the midst of the city,

through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in its midst." [5]To the others he said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike: do not let your eye spare, neither have pity; [6]kill utterly the old man, the young man and the virgin, and little children and women; but do not come near any man on whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary." Then they began at the old men that were before the house.

[7]He said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain. Go forth." They went forth, and struck in the city. [8]It happened, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell on my face, and cried, and said, "Ah,[a] YHWH. Will you destroy all the residue of Israel in your pouring out of your wrath on Jerusalem?" [9]Then he said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perversion: for they say, 'YHWH has forsaken the land, and YHWH doesn't see.' [10]As for me also, my eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way on their head."

[11]Look, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, "I have done as you have commanded me."

10 Then I looked, and saw, in the expanse that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire[b] stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. [2]He spoke to the man clothed in linen, and said, "Go in between the whirling wheels, even under the cherubim,[c] and fill both your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." He went in as I watched.

[3]Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. [4]The glory of YHWH mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of YHWH's glory. [5]The sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of El Shaddai when he speaks.

[6]It came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. [7]The cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim to the fire that was between the cherubim, and took of it, and put it

[a]9:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]10:1 Or, lapis lazuli
[c]10:2 LXX Syr Vg Tg Mss cf. BHS. MT reads "cherub"

into the hands of him who was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. [8]There appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.

[9]I looked, and look, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub,[a] and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone. [10]As for their appearance, the four of them had the same likeness, like a wheel within a wheel. [11]When they went, they went in their four directions: they didn't turn as they went, but to the place where the head looked they followed it; they didn't turn as they went. [12]Their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes all around, even the wheels that the four of them had. [13]As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, "the whirling wheels." [14]Every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third face the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

[15]The cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. [16]When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also didn't turn from beside them. [17]When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

[18]The glory of YHWH went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. [19]The cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of YHWH's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

[20]These were the living creatures that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that they were cherubim. [21]Every one had four faces, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. [22]As for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw[b] by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

11 Moreover the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of YHWH's house, which looks eastward: and see, at the door of the gate twenty-five men; and I saw in their midst Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of

[a]10:9 LXX* Syr. MT adds "and one wheel beside one cherub" from dittography

[b]10:22 LXX adds "below the glory of the God of Israel"

Benaiah, officials of the people.
2He said to me, "Son of man, these
are the men who devise iniquity,
and who give wicked counsel in
this city; 3who say, 'The time is not
near to build houses: this is the
caldron, and we are the meat.'
4Therefore prophesy against them,
prophesy, son of man."

5The Spirit of YHWH fell on
me, and he said to me, "Speak,
Thus says YHWH: 'Thus you have
said, house of Israel; for I know the
things that come into your mind.
6You have multiplied your slain in
this city, and you have filled its
streets with the slain.' 7Therefore
thus says[a] YHWH: 'Your slain
whom you have laid in its midst,
they are the meat, and this is the
caldron; but I[b] will bring you out of
it. 8You have feared the sword; and
I will bring the sword on you,'
says[c] YHWH. 9'I will bring you
forth out of its midst, and deliver
you into the hands of strangers, and
will execute judgments among you.
10You shall fall by the sword; I will
judge you in the border of Israel;
and you shall know that I am
YHWH. 11This shall not be your
caldron, neither shall you be the
meat in its midst; I will judge you
in the border of Israel; 12and you
shall know that I am YHWH: for
you have not walked in my statutes,
neither have you executed my
ordinances, but have done after the
ordinances of the nations that are
around you.'"

13It happened, when I
prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of
Benaiah died. Then I fell down on
my face, and cried with a loud
voice, and said, "Ah,[d] YHWH. Will
you make a full end of the remnant
of Israel?"

14The word of YHWH came
to me, saying, 15"Son of man, your
brothers,[e] the men of your relatives,
and all the house of Israel, all of
them, to whom the inhabitants of
Jerusalem have said, 'Go far away
from YHWH. This land has been
given to us for a possession.'
16Therefore say, 'Thus says[f]
YHWH: "Whereas I have removed
them far off among the nations, and
whereas I have scattered them
among the countries, yet will I be to
them a sanctuary for a little while
in the countries where they have
come."'

17Therefore say, 'Thus says[g]
YHWH: "I will gather you from the
peoples, and assemble you out of
the countries where you have been
scattered, and I will give you the
land of Israel." 18They shall come
there, and they shall take away all
the detestable things of it and all its
abominations from there. 19I will

[a]11:7 Hebrew(1 28 178) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]11:7 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "he"
[c]11:8 Hebrew(226) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]11:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]11:15 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss cf. BHS. MT adds "your brothers" from dittography
[f]11:16 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[g]11:17 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

give them one heart, and I will put
a new spirit within them;[a] and I will
take the stony heart out of their
flesh, and will give them a heart of
flesh; [20]that they may walk in my
statutes, and keep my ordinances,
and do them: and they shall be my
people, and I will be their God.
[21]But as for them whose heart
walks after the heart of their
detestable things and their
abominations, I will bring their way
on their own heads,' says[b] YHWH."

[22]Then the cherubim lifted up
their wings, and the wheels were
beside them; and the glory of the
God of Israel was over them above.
[23]The glory of YHWH went up from
the midst of the city, and stood on
the mountain which is on the east
side of the city. [24]The Spirit lifted
me up, and brought me in the vision
by the Spirit of God into Chaldea,
to them of the captivity. So the
vision that I had seen went up from
me. [25]Then I spoke to them of the
captivity all the things that YHWH
had shown me.

12 The word of YHWH
also came to me,
saying, [2]"Son of
man, you dwell in the midst of the
rebellious house, who have eyes to
see, and do not see, who have ears
to hear, and do not hear; for they are
a rebellious house. [3]Therefore, you
son of man, prepare your stuff for
moving, and move by day in their
sight; and you shall move from
your place to another place in their
sight: it may be they will consider,
though they are a rebellious house.
[4]You shall bring forth your
baggage by day in their sight, as
baggage for exile; and you shall go
forth yourself at even in their sight,
as when men go forth into exile.
[5]Dig through the wall in their sight,
and carry your stuff out that way.
[6]In their sight you shall bear it on
your shoulder, and carry it forth in
the dark; you shall cover your face,
so that you do not see the land: for
I have set you for a sign to the
house of Israel."

[7]I did so as I was
commanded: I brought forth my
stuff by day, as stuff for removing,
and in the even I dug through the
wall with my hand; I brought it
forth in the dark, and bore it on my
shoulder in their sight. [8]In the
morning came the word of YHWH
to me, saying, [9]"Son of man, has
not the house of Israel, the
rebellious house, said to you,
'What are you doing?' [10]Say to
them, 'Thus says[c] YHWH: This
burden concerns the prince in
Jerusalem, and all the house of
Israel among whom they are.'
[11]Say, 'I am your sign: like as I
have done, so shall it be done to
them; they shall go into exile, into
captivity.'

[a]11:19 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "within you"
[b]11:21 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]12:10 Hebrew(28) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

12"The prince who is among
them shall bear on his shoulder in
the dark, and shall go forth. He[a]
shall dig through the wall and carry
it through: he shall cover his face,
because he shall not see the land
with his eyes. 13My net also will I
spread on him, and he shall be
taken in my snare; and I will bring
him to Babylon to the land of the
Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it,
though he shall die there. 14I will
scatter toward every wind all who
are around him to help him, and all
his bands; and I will draw out the
sword after them. 15They shall
know that I am YHWH, when I shall
disperse them among the nations,
and scatter them through the
countries. 16But I will leave a few
men of them from the sword, from
the famine, and from the pestilence;
that they may declare all their
abominations among the nations
where they come; and they shall
know that I am YHWH."

17Moreover the word of
YHWH came to me, saying, 18"Son
of man, eat your bread with
quaking, and drink your water with
trembling and with fearfulness;
19and tell the people of the land,
'Thus says[b] YHWH concerning the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the
land of Israel: They shall eat their
bread with fearfulness, and drink
their water in dismay, that her land
may be desolate, and all that is in it,
because of the violence of all those
who dwell in it. 20The cities that are
inhabited shall be laid waste, and
the land shall be a desolation; and
you shall know that I am YHWH.'"

21The word of YHWH came
to me, saying, 22"Son of man, what
is this proverb that you have in the
land of Israel, saying, 'The days are
prolonged, and every vision fails?'
23Tell them therefore, 'Thus says[c]
YHWH: I will make this proverb to
cease, and they shall no more use it
as a proverb in Israel'; but tell
them, 'The days are at hand, and
the fulfillment of every vision.
24For there shall be no more any
false vision nor flattering
divination within the house of
Israel. 25For I am YHWH; I will
speak, and the word that I shall
speak shall be performed; it shall be
no more deferred: for in your days,
rebellious house, will I speak the
word, and will perform it,' says[d]
YHWH."

26Again the word of YHWH
came to me, saying, 27"Son of man,
look, they of the house of Israel
say, 'The vision that he sees is for
many day to come, and he
prophesies of times that are far off.'
28Therefore tell them, 'Thus says[e]
YHWH: None of my words shall be
deferred any more, but the word
which I shall speak shall be
performed, says[f] YHWH.'"

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[a]12:12 LXX Syr. MT reads "They"
[b]12:19 Hebrew(182) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]12:23 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]12:25 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]12:28 Hebrew(91) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[f]12:28 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

13 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of YHWH: 3Thus says[a] YHWH, "Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing. 4Israel, your prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. 5You have not gone up into the breaches, neither built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of YHWH." 6They have seen falsehood and lying divination, who say, "YHWH says"; but YHWH has not sent them: and they have made men to hope that the word would be confirmed. 7"Haven't you seen a false vision, and haven't you spoken a lying divination, in that you say, "YHWH says"; but I have not spoken? 8Therefore thus says[b] YHWH: Because you have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, look, I am against you, says[c] YHWH. 9My hand shall be against the prophets who see false visions, and who divine lies: they shall not be in the council of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and you shall know that I am[d] YHWH. 10Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, 'Peace'; and there is no peace; and when one builds up a wall, look, they plaster it with whitewash: 11tell those who plaster it with whitewash, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and you, great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind break out. 12Look, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, 'Where is the plaster with which you have plastered it?'

13"Therefore thus says[e] YHWH: I will even tear it with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. 14So will I break down the wall that you have plastered with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in its midst: and you shall know that I am YHWH. 15Thus will I accomplish my wrath on the wall, and on those who have plastered it with whitewash; and I will tell you, 'The wall is no more, neither those who plastered it; 16to wit, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace,'" says[f] YHWH."

17"You, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy against

[a]13:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]13:8 LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[c]13:8 Hebrew(2) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]13:9 Hebrew(29 72 116 182 249) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]13:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[f]13:16 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

them, [18]and say, 'Thus says[a] YHWH: "Woe to the women who sew pillows on all elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls. Will you hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive for yourselves? [19]You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls who should not die, and to save the souls alive who should not live, by your lying to my people who listen to lies."

[20]"'Therefore thus says[b] YHWH: "Look, I am against your pillows, with which you there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls whom you hunt to make them fly. [21]Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and you shall know that I am YHWH. [22]Because with lies you have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, and be saved alive: [23]Therefore you shall no more see false visions, nor practice divination. I will deliver my people out of your hand; and you shall know that I am YHWH."

14 Then came certain of the elders of Israel to me, and sat before me. [2]The word of YHWH came to me, saying, [3]"Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all[c] by them? [4]Therefore speak to them, and tell them, 'Thus says[d] YHWH: "Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I YHWH will answer him in it according to the multitude of his idols; [5]that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols."'

[6]"Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says[e] YHWH: "Return, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. [7]For everyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who live in Israel, who separates himself from me, and takes his idols into his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet to inquire for himself of me; I YHWH will answer him by myself: [8]and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and

[a]13:18 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]13:20 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]14:3 The word translated "of at all" may be a dittography of the previous word. Cf. BHS
[d]14:4 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]14:6 Hebrew(28 30) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and you shall know that I am YHWH.

9"'"If the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, YHWH, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand on him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. 10They shall bear their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him who seeks him; 11that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God," says[a] YHWH.'"

12The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 13"Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand on it, and break the staff of its bread, and send famine on it, and cut off from it man and animal; 14though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, says[b] YHWH."

15"If I cause evil animals to pass through the land, and they ravage it, and it be made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the animals; 16though these three men were in it, as I live," says[c] YHWH, "they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only should be delivered, but the land should be desolate.

17"Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land'; so that I cut off from it man and animal; 18though these three men were in it, as I live, says[d] YHWH, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered themselves.

19"Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and animal; 20though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says[e] YHWH, they could not save either son nor daughter; they would save only their own souls by their righteousness.

21"For thus says[f] YHWH: 'How much more when I send my four severe judgments on Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil animals, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and animal. 22Yet, look, there shall be left a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: look, they shall come forth to you, and you shall see their way and their doings; and you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought on Jerusalem,

[a]14:11 Hebrew(182) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]14:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]14:16 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]14:18 Hebrew(4 195) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]14:20 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[f]14:21 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

even concerning all that I have brought on it. [23]They shall comfort you, when you see their way and their doings; and you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it,' says[a] YHWH."

15 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, [2]"Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, the vine-branch which is among the trees of the forest? [3]Shall wood be taken of it to make any work? Or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? [4]Look, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire has devoured both its ends, and its midst is burned: is it profitable for any work? [5]Look, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less, when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be meet for any work.

[6]"Therefore thus says[b] YHWH: 'As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [7]I will set my face against them; they shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and you shall know that I am YHWH, when I set my face against them. [8]I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass,' says[c] YHWH."

16 Again the word of YHWH came to me, saying, [2]"Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; [3]and say, 'Thus says[d] YHWH to Jerusalem: Your birth and your birth is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was your father, and your mother was a Hethite. [4]As for your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, neither were you washed in water to cleanse you; you weren't salted at all, nor swaddled at all. [5]No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you, to have compassion on you; but you were cast out in the open field, for that your person was abhorred, in the day that you were born.

[6]"'And I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, and I said to you in your blood: 'Live.'[e] [7]I caused you to multiply as that which grows in the field, and you increased and grew great, and you attained to excellent ornament; your breasts were fashioned, and your hair was grown; yet you were naked and bare.

[8]"'Now when I passed by you, and looked at you, look, your time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over you, and covered your nakedness: yes, I swore to you, and entered into a

[a]14:23 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]15:6 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]15:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]16:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]16:6 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr. MT adds "I said to you, in your blood: Live," by an accidental repitition

covenant with you,' says[a] YHWH,
'and you became mine.

9"'Then I washed you with
water; yes, I thoroughly washed
away your blood from you, and I
anointed you with oil. 10I clothed
you also with embroidered work,
and shod you with sealskin, and I
dressed you about with fine linen,
and covered you with silk. 11I
decked you with ornaments, and I
put bracelets on your hands, and a
chain on your neck. 12I put a ring on
your nose, and earrings in your
ears, and a beautiful crown on your
head. 13Thus you were decked with
gold and silver; and your clothing
was of fine linen, and silk, and
embroidered work; you ate fine
flour, and honey, and oil; and you
were exceeding beautiful, and you
prospered to royal estate. 14Your
renown went forth among the
nations for your beauty; for it was
perfect, through my majesty which
I had put on you,' says[b] YHWH.

15"'But you trusted in your
beauty, and played the prostitute
because of your renown, and
poured out your prostitution on
everyone who passed by; his it was.
16You took of your garments, and
made for yourselves high places
decked with various colors, and
played the prostitute on them: the
like things shall not come, neither
shall it be so. 17You also took your
beautiful jewels of my gold and of
my silver, which I had given you,
and made for yourself images of
men, and played the prostitute with
them; 18and you took your
embroidered garments, and
covered them, and set my oil and
my incense before them. 19My
bread also which I gave you, fine
flour, and oil, and honey, with
which I fed you, you even set it
before them for a pleasant aroma;
and thus it was,' says[c] YHWH.

20"'Moreover you have taken
your sons and your daughters,
whom you have borne to me, and
you have sacrificed these to them to
be devoured. Was your prostitution
a small matter, 21that you have slain
my children, and delivered them
up, in causing them to pass through
the fire to them? 22In all your
abominations and your prostitution
you have not remembered the days
of your youth, when you were
naked and bare, and were
wallowing in your blood.

23"'It has happened after all
your wickedness, ("Woe, woe to
you." says[d] YHWH), 24that you
have built for yourselves a vaulted
place, and have made yourselves a
lofty place in every street. 25You
have built your lofty place at the
head of every way, and have made
your beauty an abomination, and
have opened your feet to everyone
who passed by, and multiplied your
prostitution. 26You have also

[a]16:8 Hebrew(96) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]16:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]16:19 Hebrew(154) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]16:23 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

committed sexual immorality with the Egyptians, your neighbors, great of flesh; and have multiplied your prostitution, to provoke me to anger. [27]See therefore, I have stretched out my hand over you, and have diminished your ordinary food, and delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd way. [28]You have played the prostitute also with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; yes, you have played the prostitute with them, and yet you weren't satisfied. [29]You have moreover multiplied your prostitution to the land of merchants, to Chaldea; and yet you weren't satisfied with this.

[30]"'How weak is your heart, says[a] YHWH, since you do all these things, the work of an impudent prostitute; [31]in that you build your vaulted place at the head of every way, and make your lofty place in every street, and have not been as a prostitute, in that you scorn pay.

[32]"'A wife who commits adultery, who takes strangers instead of her husband. [33]They give gifts to all prostitutes; but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and bribe them, that they may come to you on every side for your prostitution. [34]You are different from other women in your prostitution, in that no one follows you to play the prostitute; and whereas you give hire, and no hire is given to you, therefore you are different.'

[35]"Therefore, prostitute, hear the word of YHWH: [36]Thus says[b] YHWH, 'Because your filthiness was poured out, and your nakedness uncovered through your prostitution with your lovers; and because of all the idols of your abominations, and for the blood of your children, that you gave to them; [37]therefore see, I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all those who you have loved, with all those who you have hated; I will even gather them against you on every side, and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. [38]I will judge you, as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy. [39]I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your vaulted place, and break down your lofty places; and they shall strip you of your clothes, and take your beautiful jewels; and they shall leave you naked and bare. [40]They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones, and thrust you through with their swords. [41]They shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women; and I will cause you to cease from playing the prostitute, and you shall also give no hire any more. [42]So

[a]16:30 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

[b]16:36 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

will I cause my wrath toward you to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43"'Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have raged against me in all these things; therefore, look, I also will bring your way on your head,' says[a] YHWH: 'and you shall not commit this lewdness with all your abominations.

44"'Look, everyone who uses proverbs shall use this proverb against you, saying, "As is the mother, so is her daughter." 45You are the daughter of your mother, who loathes her husband and her children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and their children: your mother was a Hethite, and your father an Amorite. 46Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells at your left hand, she and her daughters; and your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. 47Yet have you not walked in their ways, nor done after their abominations; but, as if that were a very little thing, you were more corrupt than they in all your ways. 48As I live,' says[b] YHWH, 'Sodom your sister has not done, she nor her daughters, as you have done, you and your daughters.

49"'Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: pride, fullness of bread, and prosperous ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50They were haughty, and committed abomination before me. So I took them away, as you[c] have seen. 51Neither has Samaria committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all your abominations which you have done. 52You also, bear you your own shame, in that you have given judgment for your sisters; through your sins that you have committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous that you: yes, be also confounded, and bear your shame, in that you have justified your sisters.

53"'I will turn again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives in their midst; 54that you may bear your own shame, and may be ashamed because of all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them. 55Your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; and you and your daughters shall return to your former estate. 56For your sister

[a]16:43 Hebrew(178) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]16:48 Hebrew(154) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]16:50 2 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Vg. MT reads "as I"

Sodom was not mentioned by your
mouth in the day of your pride,
57before your wickedness was
uncovered, so now you have
become[a] the reproach of the
daughters of Aram,[b] and of all who
are around her, the daughters of the
Philistines, who do despite to you
all around. 58You have borne your
lewdness and your abominations,
says YHWH.'

59"For thus says[c] YHWH: 'I
will also deal with you as you have
done, who have despised the oath
in breaking the covenant.
60Nevertheless I will remember my
covenant with you in the days of
your youth, and I will establish to
you an everlasting covenant.
61Then you shall remember your
ways, and be ashamed, when you[d]
receive your older and your
younger sisters; and I will give
them to you as daughters, but not
by your covenant. 62I will establish
my covenant with you; and you
shall know that I am YHWH; 63that
you may remember, and be
confounded, and never open your
mouth any more, because of your
shame, when I have forgiven you
all that you have done, says[e]
YHWH.'"

17 The word of YHWH
came to me, saying,
2"Son of man, put
forth a riddle, and speak a parable
to the house of Israel; 3and say,
'Thus says[f] YHWH: "A great eagle
with great wings and long feathers,
full of feathers, which had various
colors, came to Lebanon, and took
the top of the cedar: 4he cropped off
the topmost of the young twigs of
it, and carried it to a land of traffic;
he set it in a city of merchants. 5He
took also of the seed of the land,
and planted it in a fruitful soil; he
placed it beside many waters; he set
it as a willow tree. 6It grew, and
became a spreading vine of low
stature, whose branches turned
toward him, and its roots were
under him: so it became a vine, and
brought forth branches, and shot
forth sprigs.

7'"There was also another
great eagle with great wings and
many feathers: and look, this vine
bent its roots toward him, and shot
forth its branches toward him, from
the beds of its plantation, that he
might water it. 8It was planted in a
good soil by many waters, that it
might bring forth branches, and that
it might bear fruit, that it might be
a goodly vine."'

9"Say, 'Thus says[g] YHWH:
"Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull
up its roots, and cut off its fruit, that
it may wither; that all its fresh
springing leaves may wither? And
not by a strong arm or many people
can it be raised from its roots.

[a]16:57 LXX Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "become" from haplography: h_t-h_t
[b]16:57 MT LXX Vg. Hebrew Mss Syr read "Edom"
[c]16:59 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]16:61 LXX Mss Syr read "I"
[e]16:63 Hebrew(154) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[f]17:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[g]17:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

10Yes, look, being planted, shall it
prosper? Shall it not utterly wither,
when the east wind touches it? It
shall wither in the beds where it
grew.”””

11Moreover the word of
YHWH came to me, saying, 12”Say
now to the rebellious house, ‘Do
you not know what these things
mean?’ Tell them, ‘Look, the king
of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and
took its king, and its princes, and
brought them to him to Babylon:
13and he took of the royal family,
and made a covenant with him; he
also brought him under an oath, and
took away the mighty of the land;
14that the kingdom might be base,
that it might not lift itself up, but
that by keeping his covenant it
might stand. 15But he rebelled
against him in sending his
ambassadors into Egypt, that they
might give him horses and many
people. Shall he prosper? Shall he
escape who does such things? Shall
he break the covenant, and yet
escape?

16”’As I live,’ says[a] YHWH,
‘surely in the place where the king
dwells who made him king, whose
oath he despised, and whose
covenant he broke, even with him
in the midst of Babylon he shall die.
17Neither shall Pharaoh with his
mighty army and great company
help him in the war, when they cast
up mounds and build forts, to cut
off many persons. 18For he has
despised the oath by breaking the
covenant; and look, he had given
his hand, and yet has done all these
things; he shall not escape.’

19”Therefore thus says[b]
YHWH: ‘As I live, surely my oath
that he has despised, and my
covenant that he has broken, I will
even bring it on his own head. 20I
will spread my net on him, and he
shall be taken in my snare, and I
will bring him to Babylon, and will
enter into judgment with him there
for his trespass that he has
trespassed against me. 21All the
choice men[c] among all his troups
will fall by the sword, and those
who remain shall be scattered
toward every wind: and you shall
know that I, YHWH, have spoken
it.’

22”Thus says[d] YHWH: ‘I will also
take of the lofty top of the cedar,
and will set it; I will crop off from
the topmost of its young twigs a
tender one, and I will plant it on a
high and lofty mountain: 23in the
mountain of the height of Israel will
I plant it; and it shall bring forth
boughs, and bear fruit, and be a
goodly cedar: and under it shall
dwell all birds of every wing; in the
shade of its branches shall they
dwell. 24All the trees of the field
shall know that I, YHWH, have
brought down the high tree, have
exalted the low tree, have dried up

[a]17:16 LXX*. MT adds “Lord”
[b]17:19 LXX*. MT adds “Lord”
[c]17:21 Hebrew Mss cf. LXX Mss Tg Syr. MT reads “fugatives” from metathesis of chet and resh
[d]17:22 LXX*. MT adds “Lord”

the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish; I, YHWH, have spoken and have done it.'"

18 The word of YHWH came to me again, saying, 2"What do you mean, that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?' 3As I live, says[a] YHWH, you shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4Look, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins, he shall die.

5"But if a man is just, and does that which is lawful and right, 6and has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near to a woman in her impurity, 7and has not wronged any, but has restored to the debtor his pledge, has taken nothing by robbery, has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment; 8he who has not given forth on interest, neither has taken any increase, who has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has executed true justice between man and man, 9has walked in my statutes, and has kept my ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live," says[b] YHWH.

10"If he fathers a son who is a robber, a shedder of blood, and who does any one of these things, 11and who does not any of those duties, but even has eaten on the mountains, and defiled his neighbor's wife, 12has wronged the poor and needy, has taken by robbery, has not restored the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols, has committed abomination, 13has given forth on interest, and has taken increase; shall he then live? He shall not live: he has done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be on him.

14"Now, look, if he fathers a son, who sees all his father's sins, which he has done, and fears, and does not such like; 15who has not eaten on the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife, 16neither has wronged any, has not taken anything to pledge, neither has taken by robbery, but has given his bread to the hungry, and has covered the naked with a garment; 17who has withdrawn his hand from iniquity,[c] who takes no interest nor profit, He practices My ordinances and follows My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, robbed his brother, and did that which is not good among

[a]18:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]18:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]18:17 LXX. MT reads "from the poor"

his people, look, he shall die in his iniquity.

19"Yet you say, 'Why doesn't the son bear the iniquity of the father?' When the son has done that which is lawful and right, and has kept all my statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. 20The soul who sins, he shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him.

21"But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 22None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. 23Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked?" says[a] YHWH; "and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? 24But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die.

25"'Yet you say, "The way of YHWH[b] is not just." Hear now, house of Israel: "Is my way not just? Aren't your ways unjust?" 26When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and dies in it; in his iniquity that he has done shall he die. 27Again, when the wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has committed, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. 28Because he considers, and turns away from all his transgressions that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 29Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of YHWH[c] is not just." "House of Israel, aren't my ways just? Aren't your ways unjust?"

30"'Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, everyone according to his ways,' says[d] YHWH. 'Return, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31Cast away from you all your transgressions, in which you have transgressed; and make yourself a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, house of Israel? 32For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies,' says[e] YHWH: 'therefore turn yourselves, and live.'"

[a]18:23 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]18:25 Hebrew Mss LXX* Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "Lord"
[c]18:29 Hebrew Mss LXX* Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "Lord"
[d]18:30 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]18:32 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

19 "Moreover, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2 and say, 'What was your mother? A lioness: she couched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her cubs. 3 She brought up one of her cubs: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit; and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

5 "'Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her cubs, and made him a young lion. 6 He went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 7 He devastated[a] their strongholds,[b] and destroyed their cities; and the land was desolate, and its fullness, because of the noise of his roaring. 8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces; and they spread their net over him; he was taken in their pit. 9 They put him in a cage with hooks, and brought him to the king of Babylon; they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of Israel.

10 "'Your mother was like a vine in your vineyard,[c] planted by the waters: it was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters. 11 It had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and their stature was exalted among the thick boughs, and they were seen in their height with the multitude of their branches. 12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them. 13 Now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14 Fire is gone out of the rods of its branches, it has devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a scepter to rule.' This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation."

20 It happened in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of YHWH, and sat before me. 2 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 3 "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and tell them, 'Thus says[d] YHWH: "Is it to inquire of me that you have come? As I live, says[e] YHWH, I will not be inquired of by you."' 4 Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers;

[a] 19:7 Tg. MT reads "knew," from a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[b] 19:7 Tg. MT reads "widows," from a lamed-resh confusion
[c] 19:10 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "blood," from a dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion
[d] 20:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e] 20:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

5and tell them, 'Thus says[a] YHWH:
"In the day when I chose Israel, and
swore to the offspring of the house
of Jacob, and made myself known
to them in the land of Egypt, when
I swore to them, saying, 'I am
YHWH your God'; 6in that day I
swore to them, to bring them forth
out of the land of Egypt into a land
that I had searched out for them,
flowing with milk and honey,
which is the glory of all lands. 7I
said to them, 'Cast away every man
the abominations of his eyes, and
do not defile yourselves with the
idols of Egypt; I am YHWH your
God.' 8But they rebelled against
me, and would not listen to me;
they each didn't throw away the
abominations of their eyes, neither
did they forsake the idols of Egypt.
Then I said I would pour out my
wrath on them, to accomplish my
anger against them in the midst of
the land of Egypt. 9But I worked for
my name's sake, that it should not
be profaned in the sight of the
nations, among which they were, in
whose sight I made myself known
to them, in bringing them forth out
of the land of Egypt.

10"""So I caused them to go
forth out of the land of Egypt, and
brought them into the wilderness.
11I gave them my statutes, and
showed them my ordinances,
which if a man does, he shall live in
them. 12Moreover also I gave them
my Sabbaths, to be a sign between
me and them, that they might know
that I am YHWH who sanctifies
them. 13But the house of Israel
rebelled against me in the
wilderness: they didn't walk in my
statutes, and they rejected my
ordinances, which if a man keep, he
shall live in them; and my Sabbaths
they greatly profaned. Then I said I
would pour out my wrath on them
in the wilderness, to consume them.
14But I worked for my name's sake,
that it should not be profaned in the
sight of the nations, in whose sight
I brought them out.

15"""Moreover also I swore
to them in the wilderness, that I
would not bring them into the land
which I had given to them,[b] flowing
with milk and honey, which is the
most beautiful of all lands;
16because they rejected my
ordinances, and didn't walk in my
statutes, and profaned my
Sabbaths: for their heart went after
their idols. 17Nevertheless my eye
spared them, and I didn't destroy
them, neither did I make a full end
of them in the wilderness.
18"""I said to their children in the
wilderness, 'Do not walk in the
statutes of your fathers, neither
observe their ordinances, nor defile
yourselves with their idols. 19I am
YHWH your God: walk in my
statutes, and keep my ordinances,
and do them; 20and make my
Sabbaths holy; and they shall be a
sign between me and you, that you
may know that I am YHWH your
God.' 21But the children rebelled

[a]20:5 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

[b]20:15 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT lacks "to them"

against me; they didn't walk in my statutes, neither kept my ordinances to do them, which if a man do, he shall live in them; and[a] they profaned my Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath on them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. [22]Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and worked for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. [23]Moreover I swore to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; [24]because they had not executed my ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. [25]Moreover also I gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances in which they should not live; [26]and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that opens the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am YHWH."'

[27]"Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and tell them, 'Thus says[b] YHWH: "In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. [28]For when I had brought them into the land, which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering; there also they made their pleasant aroma, and they poured out there their drink offerings. [29]Then I said to them, 'What does the high place where you go mean?' So its name is called Bamah to this day."'

[30]"Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says[c] YHWH: "Do you pollute yourselves in the way of your fathers? And do you play the prostitute after their abominations? [31]And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, do you pollute yourselves with all your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, house of Israel? As I live, says[d] YHWH, I will not be inquired of by you; [32]and that which comes into your mind shall not be at all, in that you say, 'We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.' [33]As I live," says[e] YHWH, "surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, will I be king over you: [34]and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; [35]and I will bring you into the wilderness

[a]20:21 Hebrew Mss Vrs. MT lacks "and." L. C. Allen, Ezekiel 20-48 (WBC), 4
[b]20:27 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]20:30 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]20:31 Hebrew(224) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]20:33 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face. 36Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you," says[a] Lord YHWH. 37"I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and those who disobey against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they live, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and you shall know that I am YHWH."

39"'As for you, house of Israel, thus says Lord YHWH: "Go, serve everyone his idols, and hereafter also, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols. 40For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel," says[b] YHWH, "there shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the first fruits of your offerings, with all your holy things. 41As a pleasant aroma will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries in which you have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations. 42You shall know that I am YHWH, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I swore to give to your fathers. 43There you shall remember your ways, and all your doings, in which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed. 44You shall know that I am YHWH, when I have dealt with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, you house of Israel," says[c] YHWH.'"

45The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 46"Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop your word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South; 47and tell the forest of the South, 'Hear the word of YHWH: Thus says[d] YHWH, "Look, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree in you, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burnt thereby. 48All flesh shall see that I, YHWH, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched."'"

49Then I said, "Ah[e] YHWH. they say of me, 'Isn't he a speaker of parables?'"

[a]20:36 Hebrew(178) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]20:40 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[c]20:44 Hebrew(168 182) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[d]20:47 Hebrew(126) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[e]20:49 OL(S) Co; Tyc. MT adds "Lord"

21 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; 3and tell the land of Israel, 'Thus says YHWH: "Look, I am against you, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. 4Seeing then that I will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the Negev to the north: 5and all flesh shall know that I, YHWH, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more."'

6"Sigh therefore, you son of man; with the breaking of your thighs and with bitterness you will sigh before their eyes. 7It shall be, when they tell you, 'Why do you sigh?' that you shall say, 'Because of the news, for it comes; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: look, it comes, and it shall be done, says[a] YHWH.'"

8The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 9"Son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says YHWH:[b] Say, "A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furbished; 10it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? The rod of my son, it condemns every tree. 11It is given to be furbished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yes, it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the killer."' 12Cry and wail, son of man; for it is on my people, it is on all the princes of Israel: they are delivered over to the sword with my people; strike therefore on your thigh. 13For there is a trial; and what if even the rod that condemns shall be no more?" says[c] YHWH.

14"You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and strike your hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one who is deadly wounded, which enters into their rooms. 15I have set the threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: Ah. It is made as lightning, it is pointed for slaughter. 16'Gather yourselves together, go to the right, set yourselves in array, go to the left, wherever your face is set.' 17I will also strike my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, YHWH, have spoken it."

18The word of YHWH came to me again, saying, 19"Also, you

[a]21:7 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"
[b]21:9 Hebrew Mss LXX*. MT reads "Lord."
[c]21:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord"

son of man, appoint two ways that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they both shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a place, mark it out at the head of the way to the city. 20You shall appoint a way for the sword to come to Rabbah of the people of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem, the fortified. 21For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he shook the arrows back and forth, he consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver. 22In his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts. 23It shall be to them as a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths to them; but he brings iniquity to memory, that they may be taken.

24"Therefore thus says[a] YHWH: 'Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins appear; because you have come to memory, you shall be taken with the hand.

25"'You, deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come, in the time of the iniquity of the end, 26thus says[b] YHWH: "Remove the turban, and take off the crown; this shall be no more the same; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high." 27I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.'

28"You, son of man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus says[c] YHWH concerning the people of Ammon, and concerning their reproach; and say, "A sword, a sword is drawn, for the slaughter it is furbished, to cause it to devour, that it may be as lightning; 29while they see for you false visions, while they divine lies to you, to lay you on the necks of the wicked who are deadly wounded, whose day has come in the time of the iniquity of the end. 30Cause it to return into its sheath. In the place where you were created, in the land of your birth, will I judge you. 31I will pour out my indignation on you; I will blow on you with the fire of my wrath; and I will deliver you into the hand of brutish men, skillful to destroy. 32You shall be for fuel to the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall be remembered no more: for I, YHWH, have spoken it."'"

22 Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"You, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her

[a]21:24 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]21:26 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]21:28 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

abominations. 3You shall say, ‘Thus says[a] YHWH: “Woe[b] to the city that sheds blood in the midst of her, so that her time may come, and that makes idols against herself to defile her. 4You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed, and are defiled in your idols which you have made; and you have caused your days to draw near, and have come even to your years: therefore have I made you a reproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5Those who are near, and those who are far from you, shall mock you, you infamous one and full of tumult.

6”’”Look, the princes of Israel, everyone according to his power, have been in you to shed blood. 7In you have they set light by father and mother; in the midst of you have they dealt by oppression with the foreigner; in you have they wronged the fatherless and the widow. 8You have despised my holy things, and have profaned my Sabbaths. 9Slanderous men have been in you to shed blood; and in you they have eaten on the mountains: in the midst of you they have committed lewdness. 10In you have they uncovered their fathers’ nakedness; in you have they humbled her who was unclean in her impurity. 11One has committed abomination with his neighbor’s wife; and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father’s daughter. 12In you have they taken bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by oppression, and have forgotten me,’ says[c] YHWH.

13”’”Look, therefore, I have struck my hand at your dishonest gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in the midst of you. 14Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? I, YHWH, have spoken it, and will do it. 15I will scatter you among the nations, and disperse you through the countries; and I will consume your filthiness out of you. 16You shall be profaned in yourself, in the sight of the nations; and you shall know that I am YHWH.”’”

17The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 18”Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me: all of them are bronze and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. 19Therefore thus says[d] YHWH: ‘Because you have all become dross, therefore, look, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire on it, to melt it; so will I gather you in my anger and in my

[a]22:3 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”
[b]22:3 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks “Woe”
[c]22:12 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”
[d]22:19 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”

wrath, and I will lay you there, and
melt you. 21Yes, I will gather you,
and blow on you with the fire of my
wrath, and you shall be melted in its
midst. 22As silver is melted in the
midst of the furnace, so you will be
melted in its midst; and you will
know that I, YHWH, have poured
out my wrath on you.'"

23The word of YHWH came
to me, saying, 24"Son of man, tell
her, 'You are a land that is not
cleansed, nor rained on in the day
of indignation,' 25whose princes[a]
within her are like a roaring lion
tearing its prey: they have devoured
souls; they take treasure and
precious things; they have made
her widows many in its midst.
26Her priests have done violence to
my law, and have profaned my holy
things: they have made no
distinction between the holy and
the common, neither have they
caused men to discern between the
unclean and the clean, and have
hidden their eyes from my
Sabbaths, and I am profaned among
them. 27Her officials in its midst are
like wolves ravening the prey, to
shed blood, and to destroy souls,
that they may get dishonest gain.
28Her prophets have plastered for
them with whitewash, seeing false
visions, and divining lies to them,
saying, 'Thus says[b] YHWH,' when
YHWH has not spoken. 29The
people of the land have used
oppression, and exercised robbery;
yes, they have troubled the poor
and needy, and have oppressed the
foreigner wrongfully.

30"And I searched for a man
among them who would build up
the wall, and stand in the gap before
me for the land, that I should not
destroy it; but I found none.
31Therefore have I poured out my
indignation on them; I have
consumed them with the fire of my
wrath: their own way have I
brought on their heads, says[c]
YHWH."

23 The word of
YHWH came again
to me, saying, 2"Son
of man, there were two women, the
daughters of one mother: 3and they
played the prostitute in Egypt; they
played the prostitute in their youth;
there were their breasts pressed,
and there was handled the bosom of
their virginity. 4Their names were
Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her
sister: and they became mine, and
they bore sons and daughters. As
for their names, Samaria is Oholah,
and Jerusalem Oholibah.

5"Oholah played the
prostitute when she was mine; and
she doted on her lovers, on the
Assyrians her neighbors, 6who
were clothed with blue, governors
and rulers, all of them desirable
young men, horsemen riding on
horses. 7She bestowed her
prostitution on them, the choicest

[a]22:25 LXX. MT reads "a conspiracy of prophets," a misreading involving a beth-sin interchange

[b]22:28 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

[c]22:31 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

men of Assyria all of them; and on whoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. [8]Neither has she left her prostitution since the days of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled the bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their prostitution on her. [9]Therefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, on whom she doted. [10]These uncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters; and her they killed with the sword: and she became a byword among women; for they executed judgments on her.

[11]"Her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her prostitution which were more than the prostitution of her sister. [12]She doted on the Assyrians, governors and rulers, her neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men. [13]I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way. [14]She increased her prostitution; for she saw men portrayed on the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermilion, [15]wearing belts on their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, after the likeness of the Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth. [16]As soon as she saw them she doted on them, and sent messengers to them into Chaldea. [17]The Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their prostitution, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. [18]So she uncovered her prostitution, and uncovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister. [19]Yet she multiplied her prostitution, remembering the days of her youth, in which she had played the prostitute in the land of Egypt. [20]She doted on their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of donkeys, and whose issue is like the issue of horses. [21]Thus you called to memory the lewdness of your youth, in the handling of your bosom by the Egyptians for the breasts of your youth.

[22]"Therefore, Oholibah, thus says[a] YHWH: 'Look, I will raise up your lovers against you, from whom your soul is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side: [23]the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, all of them governors and officials, officers and men of renown, all of them riding on horses. [24]And they shall come against you armed[b] with chariots, and wagons, and with a huge army; they shall come against you on every side with large shields and small shields and helmet; and I will commit the judgment to them, and they will judge you by their own standards. [25]I will set my jealousy against you, and they shall deal with you in fury; they shall take away your nose and your ears;

[a]23:22 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

[b]23:24 LXX reads "from the north"

and your residue shall fall by the sword: they shall take your sons and your daughters; and your residue shall be devoured by the fire. [26]They shall also strip you of your clothes, and take away your beautiful jewels. [27]Thus will I make your lewdness to cease from you, and your prostitution brought from the land of Egypt; so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

[28]"'For thus says[a] YHWH: Look, I will deliver you into the hand of them whom you hate, into the hand of them from whom your soul is alienated; [29]and they shall deal with you in hatred, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare; and the nakedness of your prostitution shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your prostitution. [30]These things shall be done to you, because you have played the prostitute after the nations, and because you are polluted with their idols. [31]You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.'

[32]"Thus says[b] YHWH: 'You will drink of your sister's cup, which is deep and large; you will be ridiculed and held in derision; it contains much. [33]You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria. [34]You shall even drink it and drain it out, and you shall gnaw the broken pieces of it, and shall tear your breasts; for I have spoken it,' says[c] YHWH.

[35]"Therefore thus says[d] YHWH: 'Because you have forgotten me, and cast me behind your back, therefore you also bear your lewdness and your prostitution.'"

[36]YHWH said moreover to me: "Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? Then declare to them their abominations. [37]For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands; and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bore to me, to pass through the fire to them to be devoured. [38]Moreover this they have done to me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my Sabbaths. [39]For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and look, thus have they done in the midst of my house.

[40]"'Furthermore you have sent for men who come from far, to whom a messenger was sent, and look, they came; for whom you did wash yourself, paint your eyes, and

[a]23:28 Hebrew(30) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]23:32 Hebrew Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]23:34 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]23:35 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

decorate yourself with ornaments,
41and sit on a stately bed, with a
table prepared before it, whereupon
you set my incense and my oil.'
42The voice of a multitude being at
ease was with her: and with men of
the common sort were brought
drunkards from the wilderness; and
they put bracelets on their hands
twain, and beautiful crowns on
their heads. 43Then I said of her
who was old in adulteries, 'Now
will they play the prostitute with
her, and she with them.' 44They
went in to her, as they go in to a
prostitute: so went they in to
Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd
women. 45Righteous men, they
shall judge them with the judgment
of adulteresses, and with the
judgment of women who shed
blood; because they are
adulteresses, and blood is in their
hands.

46"For thus says[a] YHWH: 'I
will bring up a company against
them, and will give them to be
tossed back and forth and robbed.
47The company shall stone them
with stones, and dispatch them with
their swords; they shall kill their
sons and their daughters, and burn
up their houses with fire. 48'Thus
will I cause lewdness to cease out
of the land, that all women may be
taught not to do after your
lewdness. 49They shall recompense
your lewdness on you, and you
shall bear the sins of your idols; and
you shall know that I am[b] YHWH.'"

24 Again, in the ninth
year, in the tenth
month, in the tenth
day of the month,
the word of YHWH came to me,
saying, 2"Son of man, write the
name of the day, even of this same
day: the king of Babylon drew
close to Jerusalem this same day.
3Utter a parable to the rebellious
house, and tell them, 'Thus says[c]
YHWH, "Set on the caldron, set it
on, and also pour water into it:
4gather its pieces into it, even every
good piece, the thigh, and the
shoulder; fill it with the choice
bones. 5Take the choice of the
flock, and also a pile of wood for
the bones under the caldron; make
it boil well; yes, let its bones be
boiled in its midst."'

6"Therefore thus says[d]
YHWH: 'Woe to the bloody city, to
the caldron whose rust is in it, and
whose rust is not gone out of it.
Take out of it piece after piece; No
lot is fallen on it. 7For her blood is
in the midst of her; she set it on the
bare rock; she didn't pour it on the
ground, to cover it with dust. 8That
it may cause wrath to come up to
take vengeance, I have set her
blood on the bare rock, that it
should not be covered.'

9"Therefore thus says[e]
YHWH: 'Woe to the bloody city. I
also will make the pile great. 10Pile
on the wood, make the fire hot, boil

[a]23:46 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]23:49 Hebrew(182) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]24:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]24:6 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]24:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

the meat well, and mix in the spices, and let the bones be burned up. 11Then set it empty on its coals, that it may be hot, and its bronze may burn, and that its filthiness may be molten in it, that its rust may be consumed. 12She has wearied herself with toil; yet her great rust doesn't go forth out of her; her rust doesn't go forth by fire. 13In your filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed you and you weren't cleansed, you shall not be cleansed from your filthiness any more, until I have caused my wrath toward you to rest. 14I, YHWH, have spoken it: it shall happen, and I will do it: I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to your ways and according to your deeds I[a] will judge you,' says[b] YHWH."

15Also the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 16"Son of man, look, I will take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke: yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down. 17Sigh, but not aloud, make no mourning for the dead; bind your headdress on you, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your lips, and do not eat men's bread."

18So I spoke to the people in the morning; and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. 19The people said to me, "Won't you tell us what these things are to us, that you do so?"

20Then I said to them, "The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 21'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says[c] YHWH: Look, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind shall fall by the sword. 22You shall do as I have done: you shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. 23Your turbans shall be on your heads, and your shoes on your feet: you shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. 24Thus Ezekiel shall be a sign to you; according to all that he has done, you will do. When this comes, then you will know that I am[d] YHWH."'"

25"You, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their heart, their sons and their daughters, 26that in that day he who escapes shall come to you, to cause you to hear it with your ears? 27In that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped, and you shall speak, and be no more mute: so you

[a]24:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT reads "they"
[b]24:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]24:21 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]24:24 Hebrew(30 195) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

will be a sign to them; and they shall know that I am YHWH."

25 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face toward the people of Ammon, and prophesy against them: 3and tell the people of Ammon, 'Hear the word of[a] YHWH: Thus says[b] YHWH, "Because you said, 'Aha,' against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: 4therefore, look, I will deliver you to the people of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in you, and make their dwellings in you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. 5I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the people of Ammon a resting place for flocks: and you shall know that I am YHWH." 6For thus says[c] YHWH: "Because you have clapped your hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of your soul against the land of Israel; 7therefore, look, I have stretched out my hand on you, and will deliver you for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries: I will destroy you; and you shall know that I am YHWH."'"

8"Thus says[d] YHWH: 'Because Moab and Seir say, "Look, the house of Judah is like all the nations"; 9therefore, look, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim, 10to the people of the east, to go against the people of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that the people of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations. 11and I will execute judgments on Moab; and they shall know that I am YHWH.'"

12"Thus says[e] YHWH: 'Because Edom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended, and revenged himself on them'; 13therefore thus says[f] YHWH, 'I will stretch out my hand on Edom, and will cut off man and animal from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; even to Dedan shall they fall by the sword. 14I will lay my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my wrath; and they shall know my vengeance, says[g] YHWH.'"

[a] 25:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b] 25:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c] 25:6 Hebrew(150 251) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d] 25:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e] 25:12 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f] 25:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[g] 25:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

15"Thus says[a] YHWH:
'Because the Philistines have dealt
by revenge, and have taken
vengeance with despite of soul to
destroy with perpetual enmity;
16therefore thus says[b] YHWH,
Look, I will stretch out my hand on
the Philistines, and I will cut off the
Cherethites, and destroy the
remnant of the sea coast. 17I will
execute great vengeance on them
with wrathful rebukes; and they
shall know that I am YHWH, when
I shall lay my vengeance on
them.'"

26 It happened in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha, she is broken: the gate of the peoples; she is turned to me; I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste': 3therefore thus says[c] YHWH, 'Look, I am against you, Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.' 4They shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare rock. 5She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it," says[d] YHWH; "and she shall become a spoil to the nations. 6Her daughters who are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am YHWH.

7"For thus says[e] YHWH:
'Look, I will bring on Tyre
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
king of kings, from the north, with
horses, and with chariots, and with
horsemen, and a company, and
many people. 8He shall kill your
daughters in the field with the
sword; and he shall make forts
against you, and cast up a mound
against you, and raise up the
buckler against you. 9He shall set
his battering engines against your
walls, and with his axes he shall
break down your towers. 10By
reason of the abundance of his
horses their dust shall cover you:
your walls shall shake at the noise
of the horsemen, and of the
wagons, and of the chariots, when
he shall enter into your gates, as
men enter into a city in which is
made a breach. 11With the hoofs of
his horses shall he tread down all
your streets; he shall kill your
people with the sword; and the
pillars of your strength shall go
down to the ground. 12They shall
make a spoil of your riches, and
make a prey of your merchandise;
and they shall break down your
walls, and destroy your pleasant
houses; and they shall lay your
stones and your timber and your
dust in the midst of the waters. 13I
will cause the noise of your songs
to cease; and the sound of your
harps shall be no more heard. 14I

[a]25:15 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]25:16 Hebrew(251) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]26:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]26:5 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]26:7 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

will make you a bare rock; you
shall be a place for the spreading of
nets; you shall be built no more: for
I[a] have spoken it,' says[b] YHWH.

15"Thus says[c] YHWH to Tyre:
'Shall not the islands shake at the
sound of your fall, when the
wounded groan, when the slaughter
is made in the midst of you? 16Then
all the princes of the sea shall come
down from their thrones, and lay
aside their robes, and strip off their
embroidered garments: they shall
clothe themselves with trembling;
they shall sit on the ground, and
shall tremble every moment, and be
astonished at you. 17They shall take
up a lamentation over you, and tell
you, "How you are destroyed, you
have vanished[d] from the seas, the
renowned city, who was strong in
the sea, she and her inhabitants,
who caused their terror to be on all
who lived there. 18Now shall the
islands tremble in the day of your
fall; yes, the islands that are in the
sea shall be dismayed at your
departure."'

19"For thus says[e] YHWH:
'When I shall make you a desolate
city, like the cities that are not
inhabited; when I shall bring up the
deep on you, and the great waters
shall cover you; 20then will I bring
you down with those who descend
into the pit, to the people of old
time, and will make you to dwell in
the lower parts of the earth, in the
places that are desolate of old, with
those who go down to the pit, that
you be not inhabited; and I will set
glory in the land of the living: 21I
will make you a terror, and you
shall no more have any being;
though you are sought for, yet you
will never be found again,' says[f]
YHWH."

27 The word of YHWH
came again to me,
saying, 2"You, son
of man, take up a lamentation over
Tyre; 3and tell Tyre, 'You who
dwell at the entry of the sea, who
are the merchant of the peoples to
many islands, thus says[g] YHWH:
"You, Tyre, have said, 'I am
perfect in beauty.' 4Your borders
are in the heart of the seas; your
builders have perfected your
beauty. 5They have made all your
planks of fir trees from Senir; they
have taken a cedar from Lebanon to
make a mast for you. 6Of the oaks
of Bashan have they made your
oars; they have made your deck
with cypress wood[h] inlaid with
ivory, from the islands of Kittim.
7Of fine linen with embroidered
work from Egypt was your sail, that
it might be to you for a banner; blue
and purple from the islands of

[a]26:14 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT adds "YHWH."
[b]26:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]26:15 Hebrew Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]26:17 LXX. MT reads "inhabited"
[e]26:19 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f]26:21 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[g]27:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[h]27:6 Tg, reading "cypress wood." MT has a different word division and pointing, reading "daughter of the Assyrians"

Elishah was your awning. [8]The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your rowers: your wise men, Tyre, were in you, they were your pilots. [9]The old men of Gebal and the wise men of it were in you your repairers of ship seams: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you to deal in your merchandise. [10]Persia and Lud and Put were in your army, your men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in you; they set forth your comeliness. [11]The men of Arvad with your army were on your walls all around, and valorous men were in your towers; they hanged their shields on your walls all around; they have perfected your beauty. [12]Tarshish was your merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for your wares. [13]Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were your traffickers; they traded the persons of men and vessels of bronze for your merchandise. [14]They of the house of Togarmah traded for your wares with horses and war horses and mules. [15]The men of Dedan[a] were your traffickers; many islands were the market of your hand: they brought you in exchange horns of ivory and ebony. [16]Syria was your merchant by reason of the multitude of your handiworks: they traded for your wares with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. [17]Judah, and the land of Israel, they were your traffickers: they traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, and confections, and honey, and oil, and balm. [18]Damascus was your merchant for the multitude of your handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool. [19]Vedan and Javan traded with yarn for your wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among your merchandise. [20]Dedan was your trafficker in precious cloths for riding. [21]Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of your hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they your merchants. [22]The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were your traffickers; they traded for your wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. [23]Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, were your traffickers. [24]These were your traffickers in choice wares, in wrappings of blue and embroidered work, and in chests of rich clothing, bound with cords and made of cedar, among your merchandise. [25]The ships of Tarshish were your caravans for your merchandise: and you were replenished, and made very glorious in the heart of the seas.

[26]""Your rowers have brought you into great waters: the east wind has broken you in the heart of the seas. [27]Your riches, and

[a]27:15 LXX reads "Rodion," a dalet-resh (ר-ד) confusion

your wares, your merchandise, your mariners, and your pilots, your repairers of ship seams, and the dealers in your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, with all your company which is in the midst of you, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of your ruin. 28At the sound of the cry of your pilots the suburbs shall shake. 29All who handled the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand on the land, 30and shall cause their voice to be heard over you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust on their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: 31and they shall make themselves bald for you, and clothe them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning. 32In their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for you, and lament over you, saying, 'Who is there like Tyre, like her who is brought to silence in the midst of the sea?' 33When your wares went forth out of the seas, you filled many peoples; you enriched the kings of the earth with the multitude of your riches and of your merchandise. 34In the time that you were broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your merchandise and all your company fell in your midst. 35All the inhabitants of the islands are astonished at you, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in their face. 36The merchants among the peoples hiss at you; you are become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being."'"

28 The word of YHWH came again to me, saying, 2"Son of man, tell the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says[a] YHWH: "Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas'; yet you are man, and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God— 3look, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that is hidden from you; 4by your wisdom and by your understanding you have gotten yourself riches, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures; 5by your great wisdom and by your traffic you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches"—6therefore thus says[b] YHWH: "Because you have set your heart as the heart of God, 7therefore, look, I will bring strangers on you, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. 8They shall bring you down to the pit; and you shall die the death of those who are slain, in the heart of the seas. 9Will you still say before him who kills you, 'I am a god'? But you are a man, and not a god, in the hand of him who wounds you. 10You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the

[a]28:2 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

[b]28:6 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

hand of strangers: for I have spoken it," says[a] YHWH.'"

[11]Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, [12]"Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and tell him, 'Thus says[b] YHWH: "You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. [13]You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper,[c] sapphire[d], turquoise, and beryl. Gold work of tambourines and of pipes was in you. In the day that you were created they were prepared. [14]You were the anointed cherub who covers: and I set you, so that you were on the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. [15]You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. [16]By the abundance of your traffic they filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed you, covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. [17]Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I have cast you to the ground; I have laid you before kings, that they may see you. [18]By the multitude of your iniquities, in the unrighteousness of your traffic, you have profaned your sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of you; it has devoured you, and I have turned you to ashes on the earth in the sight of all those who see you. [19]All those who know you among the peoples shall be astonished at you: you have become a terror, and you shall nevermore have any being."'"

[20]The word of YHWH came to me, saying, [21]"Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it, [22]and say, 'Thus says[e] YHWH: "Look, I am against you, Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of you;" and they shall know that I am YHWH, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. [23]For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall fall in the midst of her, with the sword on her on every side; and they shall know that I am YHWH.

[24]"'There shall be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn of any that are around them, that scorned them; and they shall know that I am[f] YHWH.'

[a]28:10 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]28:12 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]28:13 Three stones, "jacinth, agate, amethyst," may have fallen out from haplography: h-h
[d]28:13 Or, lapis lazuli
[e]28:22 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f]28:24 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

25"Thus says[a] YHWH: 'When
I shall have gathered the house of
Israel from the peoples among
whom they are scattered, and shall
be sanctified in them in the sight of
the nations, then shall they dwell in
their own land which I gave to my
servant Jacob. 26They shall dwell
securely in it; yes, they shall build
houses, and plant vineyards, and
shall dwell securely, when I have
executed judgments on all those
who do them despite all around
them; and they shall know that I am
YHWH their God.'"

29 In the tenth year, in
the tenth month, on
the twelfth day of
the month, the word of YHWH
came to me, saying, 2"Son of man,
set your face against Pharaoh king
of Egypt, and prophesy against him
and against all Egypt. 3Speak and
say, 'Thus says[b] YHWH: "Look, I
am against you, Pharaoh king of
Egypt, the great monster[c] that lies
in the midst of his rivers, that has
said, 'My river is my own, and I
have made it for myself.' 4I will put
hooks in your jaws, and I will make
the fish of your rivers stick to your
scales; and I will bring you up out
of the midst of your rivers, with all
the fish of your rivers which stick
to your scales. 5I'll cast you forth
into the wilderness, you and all the
fish of your rivers. You'll fall on
the open field. You won't be
brought together, nor gathered. I
have given you for food to the
animals of the earth and to the birds
of the sky. 6All the inhabitants of
Egypt will know that I am YHWH,
because they have been a staff of
reed to the house of Israel. 7When
they took hold of you with their
hand, you splintered and dislocated
their shoulders; and when they
leaned on you, you shattered and
caused their legs to be unsteady.[d]"

8"'Therefore thus says[e]
YHWH: "Look, I will bring a sword
on you, and will cut off man and
animal from you. 9The land of
Egypt shall be a desolation and a
waste; and they shall know that I
am YHWH. Because he has said,
'The river is mine, and I have made
it;' 10therefore, look, I am against
you, and against your rivers, and I
will make the land of Egypt an utter
waste and desolation, from the
tower of Syene even to the border
of Ethiopia. 11No foot of man shall
pass through it, nor foot of animal
shall pass through it, neither shall it
be inhabited forty years. 12I will
make the land of Egypt a desolation
in the midst of the countries that are
desolate; and her cities among the
cities that are laid waste shall be a
desolation forty years; and I will
scatter the Egyptians among the
nations, and will disperse them
through the countries."

[a]28:25 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]29:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]29:3 Lit. "serpent." Hebrew Mss cf. Tg Syr and BHS. MT reads "jackals"
[d]29:7 LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "made their hips stand" from a metathesis of ayin and mem
[e]29:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

13"'For thus says[a] YHWH:
"At the end of forty years will I
gather the Egyptians from the
peoples where they were scattered;
14and I will bring back the captivity
of Egypt, and will cause them to
return into the land of Pathros, into
the land of their birth; and they
shall be there a base kingdom. 15It
shall be the base of the kingdoms;
neither shall it any more lift itself
up above the nations: and I will
diminish them, that they shall no
more rule over the nations. 16It shall
be no more the confidence of the
house of Israel, bringing iniquity to
memory, when they turn to look
after them: and they shall know that
I am[b] YHWH."'"

17It came to pass in the seven
and twentieth year, in the first
month, in the first day of the month,
the word of YHWH came to me,
saying, 18"Son of man,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
caused his army to serve a great
service against Tyre: every head
was made bald, and every shoulder
was worn; yet had he no wages, nor
his army, from Tyre, for the service
that he had served against it.
19Therefore thus says[c] YHWH:
'Look, I will give the land of Egypt
to Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon; and he shall carry off her
multitude, and take her spoil, and
take her prey; and it shall be the
wages for his army. 20I have given
him the land of Egypt as his
recompense for which he served,
because they worked for me,' says[d]
YHWH. 21'In that day will I cause a
horn to bud forth to the house of
Israel, and I will give you the
opening of the mouth in their midst;
and they shall know that I am
YHWH.'"

30 The word of YHWH
came again to me,
saying, 2"Son of
man, prophesy, and say, 'Thus
says[e] YHWH: "Wail, 'Alas for the
day.' 3For the day is near, even the
day of YHWH is near; it shall be a
day of clouds, a time of the nations.
4A sword shall come on Egypt, and
anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when
the slain shall fall in Egypt; and
they shall take away her multitude,
and her foundations shall be broken
down. 5Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud,
and all the mixed people, and Cub,[f]
and the children of the land that is
allied with them, shall fall with
them by the sword."'

6"Thus says YHWH: 'They
also who uphold Egypt shall fall;
and the pride of her power shall
come down: from the tower of
Syene shall they fall in it by the
sword,' says[g] YHWH. 7'They shall
be desolate in the midst of the
countries that are desolate; and her
cities shall be in the midst of the
cities that are wasted. 8They shall

[a]29:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]29:16 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]29:19 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]29:20 Hebrew Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]30:2 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f]30:5 LXX reads "Libya"
[g]30:6 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

know that I am YHWH, when I have
set a fire in Egypt, and all her
helpers are destroyed. 9In that day
shall messengers go forth from
before me in ships to make the
careless Ethiopians afraid; and
there shall be anguish on them, as
in the day of Egypt; for, look, it
comes.'

10"'Thus says[a] YHWH: 'I will
also make the multitude of Egypt to
cease, by the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
11He and his people with him, the
terrible of the nations, shall be
brought in to destroy the land; and
they shall draw their swords against
Egypt, and fill the land with the
slain. 12I will make the rivers dry,
and will sell the land into the hand
of evil men; and I will make the
land desolate, and all that is in it, by
the hand of strangers: I, YHWH,
have spoken it.'
13"'Thus says[b] YHWH: 'I will also
destroy the idols, and I will cause
the images to cease from Memphis;
and there shall be no more a prince
from the land of Egypt: and I will
put a fear in the land of Egypt. 14I
will make Pathros desolate, and
will set a fire in Zoan, and will
execute judgments on No. 15I will
pour my wrath on Sin, the
stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut
off the multitude of No. 16I will set
a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great
anguish, and No shall be broken up;
and Memphis shall have
adversaries in the daytime. 17The
young men of On[c] and of Pi-beseth
shall fall by the sword; and these
cities shall go into captivity. 18At
Tehaphnehes also the day shall
withdraw itself, when I shall break
there the yokes of Egypt, and the
pride of her power shall cease in
her: as for her, a cloud shall cover
her, and her daughters shall go into
captivity. 19Thus will I execute
judgments on Egypt; and they shall
know that I am YHWH.'"

20It happened in the eleventh
year, in the first month, in the
seventh day of the month, that the
word of YHWH came to me, saying,
21"'Son of man, I have broken the
arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and
look, it has not been bound up, to
apply healing medicines, to put a
bandage to bind it, that it be strong
to hold the sword. 22Therefore thus
says[d] YHWH: 'Look, I am against
Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will
break his arms, the strong arm, and
that which was broken; and I will
cause the sword to fall out of his
hand. 23I will scatter the Egyptians
among the nations, and will
disperse them through the
countries. 24I will strengthen the
arms of the king of Babylon, and
put my sword in his hand: but I will
break the arms of Pharaoh, and he
shall groan before him with the
groanings of a deadly wounded
man. 25I will hold up the arms of the
king of Babylon; and the arms of
Pharaoh shall fall down; and they
shall know that I am YHWH, when

[a]30:10 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]30:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]30:17 LXX Vg. MT reads "Aven"
[d]30:22 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

I shall put my sword into the hand
of the king of Babylon, and he shall
stretch it out on the land of Egypt.
[26]I will scatter the Egyptians among
the nations, and disperse them
through the countries; and they
shall know that I am YHWH.'"

31 It happened in the
eleventh year, in the
third month, in the
first day of the month, that the word
of YHWH came to me, saying,
[2]"Son of man, tell Pharaoh king of
Egypt, and to his multitude:
'Whom are you like in your
greatness? [3]Look, the Assyrian was
a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful
branches, and with a forest-like
shade, and of high stature; and its
top was among the thick boughs.
[4]The waters nourished it, the deep
made it to grow: its rivers ran all
around its plantation; and it sent out
its channels to all the trees of the
field. [5]Therefore its stature was
exalted above all the trees of the
field; and its boughs were
multiplied, and its branches
became long by reason of many
waters, when it shot them forth.
[6]All the birds of the sky made their
nests in its boughs; and under its
branches all the animals of the field
brought forth their young; and all
great nations lived under its
shadow. [7]Thus was it beautiful in
its greatness, in the length of its
branches; for its root was by many
waters. [8]The cedars in the garden of
God could not hide it; the fir trees
were not like its boughs, and the
plane trees were not as its branches;
nor was any tree in the garden of
God like it in its beauty. [9]I made it
beautiful by the multitude of its
branches, so that all the trees of
Eden, that were in the garden of
God, envied it.'

[10]"Therefore thus said[a]
YHWH: 'Because you are exalted in
stature, and he has set his top
among the thick boughs, and his
heart is lifted up in his height; [11]I
will even deliver him into the hand
of the mighty one of the nations; he
shall surely deal with him; I have
driven him out for his wickedness.
[12]Strangers, the terrible of the
nations, have cut him off, and have
left him: on the mountains and in
all the valleys his branches are
fallen, and his boughs are broken
by all the watercourses of the land;
and all the peoples of the earth are
gone down from his shadow, and
have left him. [13]On his ruin all the
birds of the sky shall dwell, and all
the animals of the field shall be on
his branches; [14]to the end that none
of all the trees by the waters exalt
themselves in their stature, neither
set their top among the thick
boughs, nor that their mighty ones
stand up on their height, even all
who drink water: for they are all
delivered to death, to the lower
parts of the earth, among human
beings who go down to the pit.'

[15]"Thus says[b] YHWH: 'In the
day when he went down to Sheol I
caused a mourning: I covered the

[a]31:10 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

[b]31:15 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

deep for him, and I restrained its rivers; and the great waters were stayed; and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. [16]I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with those who descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the lower parts of the earth. [17]They also went down into Sheol with him to those who are slain by the sword; yes, those who were his arm, that lived under his shadow in the midst of the nations. [18]To whom are you thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower parts of the earth: you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says[a] YHWH."

32 It happened in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of YHWH came to me, saying, [2]"Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and tell him, 'You were likened to a young lion of the nations: yet you are as a monster in the seas; and you broke out with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers.'

[3]"Thus says[b] YHWH: 'I will spread out my net on you with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring you up in my net. [4]I will leave you on the land, I will cast you forth on the open field, and will cause all the birds of the sky to settle on you, and I will satisfy the animals of the whole earth with you. [5]I will lay your flesh on the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height. [6]I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of you. [7]When I shall extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. [8]All the bright lights of the sky will I make dark over you, and set darkness on your land, says[c] YHWH. [9]I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries which you have not known. [10]Yes, I will make many peoples amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for you, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.'

[11]"For thus says[d] YHWH: 'The sword of the king of Babylon shall come on you. [12]By the swords of the mighty will I cause your multitude to fall; the terrible of the

[a]31:18 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]32:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]32:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]32:11 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

nations are they all: and they shall bring to nothing the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed. 13I will destroy also all its animals from beside many waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of animals trouble them. 14Then will I make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil,' says[a] YHWH. 15'When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land destitute of that of which it was full, when I shall strike all those who dwell in it, then shall they know that I am YHWH. 16This is the lamentation with which they shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall lament therewith; over Egypt, and over all her multitude, shall they lament therewith,' says[b] YHWH."

17It happened also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 18"Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts of the earth, with those who go down into the pit. 19'Whom do you pass in beauty? Go down, and be laid with the uncircumcised.' 20They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword; draw her away and all her multitudes. 21The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with those who help him: 'They are gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'

22"Asshur is there and all her company; her graves are all around her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her company is around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living.

24"There is Elam and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. 25They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her graves are around her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of those who are slain.

26"There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude around her grave[c]; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27And they are not buried with the

[a]32:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]32:16 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]32:26 LXX. MT reads "around him her graves"

fallen warriors of ancient times,[a] who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and having their swords placed under their heads, but the punishment for their iniquity rested on their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

28"But you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with those who are slain by the sword.

29"There is Edom, her kings and all her princes, who in their might are laid with those who are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

30"There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who are gone down with the slain; in the terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame; and they lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit.

31"Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword," says[b] YHWH. 32"For I have put his terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude," says[c] YHWH.

33 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and tell them, 'When I bring the sword on a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman; 3if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and doesn't take warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5He heard the sound of the trumpet, and didn't take warning; his blood shall be on him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. 6But if the watchman sees the sword come, and doesn't blow the trumpet, and the people aren't warned, and the sword comes, and take any person from among them; he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.'

7"So you, son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 8When I tell the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require

[a]32:27 LXX OL. MT reads "warriors of the uncircumcised"

[b]32:31 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

[c]32:32 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

at your hand. [9]Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he doesn't turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.

[10]"You, son of man, tell the house of Israel: 'Thus you speak, saying, "Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live?"' [11]Tell them, 'As I live,' says[a] YHWH, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, house of Israel?'

[12]"You, son of man, tell the children of your people, 'The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his disobedience; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall he who is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sins.' [13]When I say to the righteous "He shall surely live," but he trusts in his righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but he shall die because of the iniquity he has committed. [14]Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; [15]if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. [16]None of his sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him: he has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

[17]"Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of YHWH[b] is not just': but as for them, their way is not just. [18]When the righteous turns from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall even die in it. [19]When the wicked turns from his wickedness, and does that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. [20]Yet you say, 'The way of the YHWH[c] is not just.' House of Israel, I will judge every one of you after his ways."

[21]It happened in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, "The city has been struck." [22]Now the hand of YHWH had been on me in the evening, before he who was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more mute. [23]The word of YHWH came to me, saying, [24]"Son of man, they who inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, 'Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many;

[a]33:11 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]33:17 Hebrew Mss LXX*. MT reads "Lord"
[c]33:20 Hebrew Mss LXX*. MT reads "Lord."

the land is given us for inheritance.'
25Therefore tell them, 'Thus says[a]
YHWH: "You eat with the blood,
and lift up your eyes to your idols,
and shed blood: and shall you
possess the land? 26You stand on
your sword, you work
abomination, and every one of you
defiles his neighbor's wife: and
shall you possess the land?"'

27"You shall tell them, 'Thus
says Lord YHWH: "As I live, surely
those who are in the waste places
shall fall by the sword; and him
who is in the open field will I give
to the animals to be devoured; and
those who are in the strongholds
and in the caves shall die of the
pestilence. 28I will make the land a
desolation and an astonishment;
and the pride of her power shall
cease; and the mountains of Israel
shall be desolate, so that none shall
pass through. 29Then shall they
know that I am YHWH, when I have
made the land a desolation and an
astonishment, because of all their
abominations which they have
committed."'

30"As for you, son of man,
the children of your people talk of
you by the walls and in the doors of
the houses, and speak one to
another, everyone to his brother,
saying, 'Please come and hear what
is the word that comes forth from
YHWH.' 31They come to you as the
people come, and they sit before
you as my people, and they hear
your words, but do not do them; for
with their mouth they show much
love, but their heart goes after their
gain. 32Look, you are to them as a
very lovely song of one who has a
pleasant voice, and can play well
on an instrument; for they hear your
words, but they do not do them.
33When this comes to pass, (look, it
comes), then shall they know that a
prophet has been among them."

34 The word of YHWH
came to me, saying,
2"Son of man,
prophesy against the shepherds of
Israel, prophesy, and tell them,
even to the shepherds, 'Thus says[b]
YHWH: "Woe to the shepherds of
Israel who feed themselves.
Shouldn't the shepherds feed the
sheep? 3You eat the fat, and you
clothe yourself with the wool, you
kill the fatlings; but you do not feed
the sheep. 4You haven't
strengthened the diseased, neither
have you healed that which was
sick, neither have you bound up
that which was broken, neither
have you brought back that which
was driven away, neither have you
sought that which was lost; but with
force and with rigor you have ruled
over them. 5They were scattered,
because there was no shepherd; and
they became food to all the animals
of the field.[c] 6My sheep wandered
through all the mountains, and on
every high hill: yes, my sheep were
scattered on all the surface of the

[a]33:25 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]34:2 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]34:5 Syr. MT adds "and were scattered" from dittography

earth; and there was none who searched or sought."'

7"'"Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of YHWH:
8'As I live,' says[a] YHWH, 'surely because my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the animals of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and didn't feed my sheep';
9therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of YHWH:
10Thus says[b] YHWH: 'Look, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.'"

11"'For thus says[c] YHWH: "Look, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
12As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
13I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
14I will feed them with good pasture; and on the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and on fat pasture shall they feed on the mountains of Israel.
15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down," says[d] YHWH.
16"I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but the fat and the strong I will destroy;[e] I will feed them in justice."

17"'As for you, O my flock, thus says[f] YHWH: "Look, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the male goats.
18Does it seem a small thing to you to have fed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? And to have drunk of the clear waters, but you must foul the residue with your feet?
19As for my sheep, they eat that which you have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet."

20"'Therefore thus says[g] YHWH to them: "Look, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21Because you thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your

[a]34:8 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]34:10 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]34:11 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]34:15 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]34:16 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg read "watch over"
[f]34:17 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[g]34:20 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

horns, until you have scattered them abroad; 22therefore I will save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24I, YHWH, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them;" I, YHWH, have spoken it.

25"'I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil animals to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27The tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am YHWH, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them. 28They shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the animals of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. 29I will raise up to them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. 30They shall know that I, YHWH, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people," says[a] YHWH. 31"You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God," says[b] YHWH.'"

35 Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2"Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3and tell it, 'Thus says[c] YHWH: "Look, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against you, and I will make you a desolation and an astonishment. 4I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate; and you shall know that I am YHWH.

5"'"Because you have had a perpetual enmity, and have given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; 6therefore, as I live," says[d] YHWH, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you: since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you. 7Thus will I make Mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him who passes through and him who returns. 8I will fill its mountains with its slain: in your hills and in your valleys and in all

[a]34:30 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]34:31 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]35:3 Hebrew(601) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]35:6 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

your watercourses shall they fall
who are slain with the sword. 9I will
make you a perpetual desolation,
and your cities shall not be
inhabited; and you shall know that
I am YHWH.

10""Because you have said,
'These two nations and these two
countries shall be mine, and we will
possess it'; whereas YHWH was
there: 11therefore, as I live," says[a]
YHWH, "I will do according to your
anger, and according to your envy
which you have shown out of your
hatred against them; and I will
make myself known among them,
when I shall judge you. 12You shall
know that I, YHWH, have heard all
your insults which you have spoken
against the mountains of Israel,
saying, They are laid desolate, they
have been given us to devour.
13You have magnified yourselves
against me with your mouth, and
have multiplied your words against
me: I have heard it." 14Thus says[b]
YHWH: "When the whole earth
rejoices, I will make you desolate.
15As you rejoiced over the
inheritance of the house of Israel,
because it was desolate, so will I do
to you: you shall be desolate,
Mount Seir, and all Edom, even all
of it; and they shall know that I am
YHWH."'"

36 "You, son of man,
prophesy to the
mountains of Israel,
and say, 'You mountains of Israel,
hear the word of YHWH. 2Thus
says[c] YHWH: "Because the enemy
has said against you, 'Aha.' and,
'The ancient high places are ours in
possession'"'; 3therefore prophesy,
and say, 'Thus says[d] YHWH:
"Because, even because they have
made you desolate, and swallowed
you up on every side, that you
might be a possession to the residue
of the nations, and you are taken up
in the lips of talkers, and the evil
report of the people"; 4therefore,
you mountains of Israel, hear the
word of[e] YHWH: "Thus says[f]
YHWH to the mountains and to the
hills, to the watercourses and to the
valleys, to the desolate wastes and
to the cities that are forsaken,
which are become a prey and
derision to the residue of the
nations that are all around;
5therefore thus says[g] YHWH:
'Surely in the fire of my jealousy
have I spoken against the residue of
the nations, and against all Edom,
that have appointed my land to
themselves for a possession with
the joy of all their heart, with
despite of soul, to cast it out for a
prey.'"'

6"Therefore prophesy
concerning the land of Israel, and
tell the mountains and to the hills,
to the watercourses and to the
valleys, 'Thus says[h] YHWH: "Look,
I have spoken in my jealousy and in
my wrath, because you have borne

[a]35:11 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]35:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]36:2 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]36:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]36:4 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f]36:4 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[g]36: 5 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[h]36:6 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

the shame of the nations: 7therefore thus says Lord YHWH[a]: 'I have sworn, saying, "Surely the nations that are around you, they shall bear their shame."

8"'"'But you, mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come. 9For, look, I am for you, and I will turn into you, and you shall be tilled and sown; 10and I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built; 11and I will multiply on you man and animal; and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better to you than at your beginnings: and you shall know that I am YHWH. 12Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no more henceforth bereave them of children.'"

13"'Thus says[b] YHWH: "Because they say to you, 'You are a devourer of men, and have been a bereaver of your nation'; 14therefore you shall devour men no more, neither bereave your nation any more," says[c] YHWH; 15"neither will I let you hear any more the shame of the nations, neither shall you bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shall you cause your nation to stumble any more,[d]" says[e] YHWH.'"

16Moreover the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 17"Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. 18Therefore I poured out my wrath on them for the blood which they had poured out on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols; 19and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. 20When they came to the nations, where they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them, 'These are the people of YHWH, and are gone forth out of his land.' 21But I had respect for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, where they went.

22"Therefore tell the house of Israel, 'Thus says[f] YHWH: "I do not do this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the

[a]36:7 LXX* lacks "thus says Lord YHWH"
[b]36:13 Hebrew(100) Ms. MT adds "Lord."
[c]36:14 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]36:15 Hebrew Mss Tg read "no longer rob your nation of children." LXX Syr lack "neither shall you cause…more"
[e]36:15 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f]36:22 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

nations, where you went. [23]I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am YHWH[a] when I magnify myself among you before their eyes. [24]For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. [25]I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. [26]And I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. [27]I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my ordinances, and do them. [28]You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. [29]I will save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine on you. [30]I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you may receive no more the reproach of famine among the nations. [31]Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. [32]Nor for your sake do I this," says[b] YHWH, "be it known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your ways, house of Israel."'

[33]"'Thus says[c] YHWH: 'In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be built. [34]The land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all who passed by. [35]They shall say, "This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited." [36]Then the nations that are left around you shall know that I, YHWH, have built the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I, YHWH, have spoken it, and I will do it.'"

[37]"'Thus says[d] YHWH: 'For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. [38]As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am YHWH.'"

37 The hand of YHWH was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of YHWH, and set me

[a]36:23 Hebrew Mss LXX*. MT adds "says the Lord GOD." Cf. L. C. Allen, Word Biblical Commentary, Ezekiel 20-48, 176 n23a

[b]36:32 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]36:33 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]36:37 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2And he led me walk all around among them. And look, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and look, they were very dry. 3And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "YHWH,[a] you know."

4Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and tell them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH.' 5Thus says[b] YHWH to these bones: 'Look, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you will live. 6And I will put tendons on you, and make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am YHWH.'"

7So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a sound, and look, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8And I watched, and look, there were tendons on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and tell the breath, 'Thus says[c] YHWH: Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these corpses, that they may live.'" 10So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are completely cut off.' 12Therefore prophesy, and tell them, 'Thus says[d] YHWH: Look, I will open your graves and will raise you from your graves, my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13And you will know that I am YHWH, when I have opened your graves and raise you up out of your graves, my people. 14And I will put my breath in you and you will live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I am YHWH; I have spoken it and I will do it,' says YHWH."

15And the word of YHWH came again to me, saying, 16"And you, son of man, take one stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel associated with him.' 17Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. 18And when your people ask you, saying, 'Will you not tell us what these things mean?' 19tell them, 'Thus says[e] YHWH: "Look, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand

[a]37:3 LXX*. MT reads "Lord GOD."
[b]37:5 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]37:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]37:12 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]37:19 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel associated with him, and I will put them on it, that is, on the stick of Judah, and make them into one stick, and they will be one in my hand."' [20]And the sticks on which you write on will be in your hand in front of them.
[21]"'Then say to them, 'Thus says[a] YHWH: Look, I am going to take the people of Israel from among the nations where they are gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them into their own land. [22]And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one king will rule over them, and they will no longer be two nations, and no longer be divided into two kingdoms. [23]And they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all their unfaithfulness[b] in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And will they be my people, and I will be their God.

[24]"'"And my servant David will be king over them; and they will all have one shepherd. And they will walk in my ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them. [25]And they will live in the land that I gave to Jacob my servant, in which your fathers lived; and they and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. [26]And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will give to them and increase their numbers, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forever. [27]And my dwelling place will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people. [28]Then the nations will know that I am YHWH who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forever."'"

38 The word of YHWH came to me, saying, [2]"Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, [3]and say, 'Thus says[c] YHWH: "Look, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: [4]and I will turn you around, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, with all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them armed with swords; [5]Persia, Ethiopia, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; [6]Gomer, and all his troops; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with you.

[a]37:21 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]37:23 Hebrew Mss LXX Symmachus. MT reads "their dwellings" from a shin-waw metathesis
[c]38:3 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

7”’”Be ready and stay ready, you
and all your companies who are
assembled to you, and be a guard to
them. 8After many days you shall
be summoned: in the latter years
you shall come to a land that is
restored from war, a gathering from
many peoples on the mountains of
Israel, that had long been in ruins.
Its people were brought out from
the peoples, and all of them now
live securely. 9You shall advance,
coming like a storm. You will be
like a cloud covering the land, you,
all your troops, and the many other
peoples with you.”

10”’Thus says[a] YHWH: “It
shall happen on that day, that
thoughts shall come into your
mind, and you shall devise an an
evil scheme: 11and you shall say, ‘I
will go up to the land of unwalled
villages; I will go to those who who
dwell securely, all of them dwelling
without walls, and having neither
bars nor gates; 12to seize spoil and
carry off plunder; to turn my[b] hand
against the waste places that are
now inhabited, acquired livestock
and goods, who live at the center of
the earth.’ 13Sheba, and Dedan, and
the merchants of Tarshish, with all
its young warriors will say to you,
‘Have you assembled your armies
to carry off plunder, to carry away
silver and gold, to take away cattle
and goods, to to seize great
spoil?’”’

14”Therefore, son of man,
prophesy, and tell Gog, ‘Thus says[c]
YHWH: “On that day when my
people Israel are dwelling securely,
you will take notice? 15You shall
come from your place out of the
uttermost parts of the north, you
and many peoples with you, all of
them riding on horses, a great
company and a mighty army; 16and
you shall come up against my
people Israel, as a cloud covering
the land. But when this happens in
future days, I will bring you against
my land, so that the nations may
know me, Gog, when through you I
show my holiness in their sight.”

17”’Thus says[d] YHWH: “Are
you the one of whom I spoke in
former days by my servants the
prophets of Israel, who in those
days prophesied for years that I
would bring you against them?”
18But it shall happen on that day,
when Gog shall come against the
land of Israel,’ says[e] YHWH, ‘that
my hot anger will be aroused. 19For
in my zeal, in the fire of my fury, I
declare that on that day there shall
be a great shaking in the land of
Israel; 20so that the fish of the sea,
and the birds of the sky, and the
animals of the field, and all
crawling creatures who crawl on
the land, and all people who are on
the face of the earth, shall shake at
my presence. And the mountains
shall be thrown down, and the cliffs
shall fall, and every wall shall fall
to the ground. 21I will call for a

[a]38:10 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”
[b]38:12 LXX. MT reads “your”
[c]38:14 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”
[d]38:17 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”
[e]38:18 LXX*. MT adds “Lord.”

sword against him on all my mountains,' says[a] YHWH: 'every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22With pestilence and with bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, torrential rains and hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am YHWH.'

39 "You, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says[b] YHWH: "Look, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 2and I will turn you around, drag you along, and bring you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. 3Then I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will make your arrows fall from your right hand. 4You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the people who are with you. I will give you to birds of prey of every king and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5You will fall in the open field; for I have spoken," says[c] YHWH. 6And I will send a fire on Magog and on those who dwell securely in the coastlands; then they will know that I am YHWH.

7"'And I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not allow my holy name to be profaned anymore. And the nations shall know that I am YHWH, the Holy One in Israel. 8Look, it is coming and it will happen, says[d] YHWH. This is the day I have spoken about.

9"'Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel shall go out and make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and bucklers, bows and the arrows, war clubs and spears, and they shall make fires of them for seven years, 10so that they shall no need to take wood out of the field or gather firewood from the forests, because they shall make fires of the weapons; and they will take the spoil from those who despoiled them, and plunder those who plundered them, says[e] YHWH.

11"'And it shall happen on that day that I will give to Gog a place for burial in Israel, the Valley of the Travelers east of the sea; and it shall block the way of the travelers. So they shall bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The Valley of Hamon Gog. 12For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. 13Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them, and it shall be a memorial for them on the day that I show my glory, says[f] YHWH. 14And they

[a]38:21 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]39:1 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]39:5 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]39: 8 Hebrew Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]39:10 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[f]39:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

shall designate men to travel through the land regularly, burying those who remain on the face of the land, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they shall make a search. 15As they go through the land and anyone sees a human bone, he will put a marker next to it until the gravediggers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16Moreover, Hamonah will be the name of a city. Thus they shall cleanse the land.'

17"'And as for you, son of man, thus says[a] YHWH: Speak to every kind of bird and to all the wild animals, 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to my sacrifice which I am going to sacrifice for you, a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood. 18You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fattened animals of Bashan. 19And you shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, at my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and with all the soldiers,' says[b] YHWH.

21"'And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment when I have executed it and my hand when I lay it on them. 22So the house of Israel shall know that I am YHWH their God, from that day on. 23And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they were unfaithful to me, so I hid my face from them, and I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword. 24I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions, and I hid my face from them.'

25"'Therefore thus says[c] YHWH: 'Now will I restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26And they shall feel remorse[d] for their disgrace and all the unfaithfulness they committed against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid. 27When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, then I will be sanctified through them in the sight of the many nations. 28Then they will know that I am YHWH their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations, and then gathered them into their own land; and I will leave none of them there any more. 29And I will no longer hide my face from them, when I pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel,' says[e] YHWH."

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[a]39:17 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]39:20 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]39:25 Hebrew Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]39:26 MT. Hebrew Mss and versions read "they shall forget," but see L. C. Allen, Ezekiel 20-48, WBC, 202 n26a
[e]39:29 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was struck, in the same day, the hand of YHWH was on me, and he brought me there. [2]In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of a city on the south. [3]He brought me there; and, look, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. [4]The man said to me, "Son of man, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart on all that I shall show you; for, to the intent that I may show them to you, you are brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel."
[5]Look, a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand a measuring reed ten feet four inches[a] (based on a standard eighteen inches[b] plus three inches[c]). So he measured the thickness of the building ten feet four inches, and the height ten feet four inches. [6]Then came he to the gate which looks toward the east, and went up its steps: and he measured the threshold of the gate, ten feet four inches broad; and the other threshold, ten feet four inches broad.[d] [7]Every side-room was ten feet four inches long, and one reed broad; and the space between the side-rooms was eight feet seven inches;[e] and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate at the inner end was ten feet four inches. [8]He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, ten feet four inches long. [9]Then measured he the porch of the gate, thirteen feet nine inches;[f] and its posts, three feet five inches;[g] and the porch of the gate was toward the inner end. [10]The side-rooms of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the jambs had the same measurement. [11]He measured the breadth of the opening of the gate, seventeen feet three inches;[h] and the length of the gate, twenty-two feet five inches;[i] [12]and a barrier in front of the side-rooms, twenty-one inches, and a barrier on the other side, twenty-one inches; and the side-rooms were ten feet four inches[j] square. [13]He measured the gate from the ceiling of the one side-room to the ceiling of the other, a breadth of fourty-three feet one inch;[k] the openings being

[a]40:5 Lit. six cubits long
[b]40:5 Lit. one cubit. The short cubit was 45 centimeters
[c]40:5 Lit. a handbreadth, which is 2.91 inches or 74.04 millimeters
[d]40:6 LXX lacks "and the other threshold, one reed broad"
[e]40:7 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[f]40:9 Or, 4.2 meters. Lit. eight cubits
[g]40:9 Or, 1.05 Meters. Lit. two cubits
[h]40:11 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits
[i]40:11 Or, 6.83 meters. Lit. thirteen cubits
[j]40:12 Or, 3.15 meters. Lit. six cubits
[k]40:13 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits

opposite each other. 14He also measured[a] the porch, one hundred three feet four inches;[b] and to the jamb of the courtyard was the gateway all around. 15From the forefront of the gate at the entrance to the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were eighty-six feet one inch.[c] 16There were closed windows to the side-rooms, and toward their jambs within the gate all around, and likewise to the porches; and windows were around the inside; and on each jamb were palm trees.

17Then brought he me into the outer court; and look, there were rooms and a pavement, made for the court all around: thirty rooms faced the pavement. 18The pavement was by the side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates; this was the lower pavement. 19Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate to the forefront of the inner court outside, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches,[d] both on the east and on the north. 20And the gate of the outer court which faced toward the north, he measured its length and its breadth. 21And its side-rooms were three on either side, and its jambs and its porches had the same measurement as the first gate; its length was eighty-six feet one inch,[e] and the breadth fourty-three feet one inch.[f] 22And its windows, and its porches, and the palm trees of it had the same measurement as the gate that faced toward the east. And they went up to it by seven steps; and its porch was in front of them. 23And there was a gate to the inner court across the gate to the north and the east; and he measured from gate to gate one hundred seventy-two feet three inches.[g]

24He led me toward the south; and look, a gate toward the south. And he measured its jambs and its porches; they were the same size as the others. 25There were windows in it and in its porches all around, like those windows; the length was eighty-six feet one inch,[h] and the breadth fourty-three feet one inch.[i] 26There were seven steps to go up to it, and its porches were in front of them; and it had palm trees on its jambs, one on either side. 27There was a gate to the inner court toward the south. And he measured from gate to gate toward the south one hundred seventy-two feet three inches.[j] 28Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate, and it had the same dimensions as the others. 29And its side-rooms, and its jambs, and its porches were

[a]40:14 Lit. made
[b]40:14 Or, 31.5 meters. Lit. sixty cubits
[c]40:15 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[d]40:19 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[e]40:21 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[f]40:21 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits
[g]40:23 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[h]40:25 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[i]40:25 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits
[j]40:27 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits

of the same size as the others. And there were windows in it and in its porches all around; it was eighty-six feet one inch[a] long, and fourty-three feet one inch[b] broad. 30And there were porches all around, fourty-three feet one inch[c] long, and eight feet seven inches[d] broad. 31And the porches of it faced the outer court, and palm trees were on its jambs, and its stairway had eight steps.

32And he brought me to the inner court toward the east, and he measured the gate as being the same size; 33and its side-rooms, and its jambs, and its porches were the same size as the others, and there were windows in it and in its porches all around. It was eighty-six feet one inch[e] long, and fourty-three feet one inch[f] broad. 34The porches of it faced the outer court; and palm trees were on its jambs, on either side, and its stairway had eight steps.

35He brought me to the north gate, and he measured it; and it had the same dimensions as the others; 36its side-rooms, its jambs, and its porches. And there were windows in it all around; the length was eighty-six feet one inch,[g] and the breadth fourty-three feet one inch.[h] 37And its porch[i] faced the outer court; and palm trees were on its jambs, on either side, and its stairway had eight steps.
38And a chamber with its door was by the porch of the gate;[j] there they washed the burnt offering. 39And in the porch of the gate were two tables on either side, and two tables on that side, on which to slaughter the burnt offering and the sin offering and guilt offering. 40On the one side outside, as one goes up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables; and on the other side of the porch of the gate were two tables. 41Four tables were on either side of the gate, eight tables on which they slaughtered the sacrifices.

42There were four tables of carved stone for the burnt offering, two feet seven inches[k] long, and two feet seven inches broad, and twenty-one inches[l] high; on which they laid the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice. 43The

[a]40:29 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[b]40:29 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits
[c]40:30 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits
[d]40:30 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[e]40:33 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[f]40:33 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits
[g]40:36 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[h]40:36 Or, 13.13 meters. Lit. twenty-five cubits
[i]40:37 LXX Vg. MT reads “jambs”
[j]40:38 LXX Syr. MT reads “jambs of the gates”
[k]40:42 Or, 0.79 meters. Lit. a cubit and a half
[l]40:42 Lit. one cubit

hooks, three inches[a] long, were fastened all around within, and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44And from the outside of the inner gate were two chambers[b] in the inner court, one[c] which was at the side of the north gate facing toward the south; and one at the side of the south[d] gate facing toward the north. 45He said to me, "This room that faces toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the house; 46and the room that faces toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the duty of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to YHWH to minister to him."

47He measured the court, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches[e] long, and one hundred seventy-two feet three inches broad, a square; and the altar was in front of the house. 48Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured the jambs of the porch, eight feet seven inches[f] on each side. And the breadth of the gate was twenty-four feet one inch,[g] and the sides of the gate[h] were five feet two inches[i] on each side. 49The length of the porch was thirty-four feet five inches,[j] and the breadth twenty feet eight inches.[k] And they went up to it by ten[l] steps; and there were pillars by the jambs on either side.

41 And he brought me to the sanctuary, and measured the jambs, ten feet four inches[m] broad on the one side, and ten feet four inches broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the jambs.[n] 2The breadth of the entrance was seventeen feet three inches;[o] and the sides of the entrance were eight feet seven inches[p] on the one side, and eight feet seven inches on the other side. And he measured its length, sixty-eight feet eleven inches,[q] and the breadth, thirty-four feet five inches.[r]

3Then he went into the inner room, and measured each jamb of

[a]40:43 Lit. a handbreadth
[b]40:44 LXX. MT reads "singers," a taw-resh confusion
[c]40:44 LXX. MT lacks "one" from homoioarcton: aleph-aleph
[d]40:44 LXX. MT reads "east"
[e]40:47 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[f]40:48 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[g]40:48 Or, 7.35 meters. Lit. fourteen cubits
[h]40:48 LXX. MT lacks "was fourteen cubits, and the sides of the gate"
[i]40:48 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits
[j]40:49 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[k]40:49 Or, 6.3 meters. Lit. twelve cubits. LXX. MT reads "eleven cubits"
[l]40:49 LXX, reading deka = 'eser, cf. BDB 7482. MT reads 'asher "who"
[m]41:1 Or, 3.15 meters. Lit. six cubits
[n]41:1 LXX. MT reads "tent"
[o]41:2 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits
[p]41:2 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[q]41:2 Or, 21 meters. Lit. forty cubits
[r]41:2 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits

the entrance, three feet five inches;[a] and the entrance, ten feet four inches;[b] and the breadth of the entrance twelve feet one inch.[c] 4He measured its length, thirty-four feet five inches,[d] and the breadth, thirty-four feet five inches, before the sanctuary. And he said to me, "This is the most holy place."

5Then he measured the wall of the house, ten feet four inches;[e] and the breadth of every side-room, six feet eleven inches,[f] all around the house on every side. 6The side-rooms were in three stories, one over another, thirty in each story. And there were offsets all around the wall to serve as supports for the side-rooms, so that the supports were not supported by the wall of the house. 7And the side-rooms were broader as they encompassed the house at each successive story, for the structure encompassing the house went upward all around the house. Therefore the breadth of the house increased as it went up, and so one went up from the lowest story to the highest by the way of the middle room. 8I saw also that the house had a raised platform all around; the foundations of the side-rooms were a full measuring stick of ten feet four inches.[g]

9The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-rooms, on the outside, was eight feet seven inches:[h] and that which was left was the place of the side-rooms that belonged to the house. 10Between the rooms was a breadth of thirty-four feet five inches[i] around the house on every side. 11The doors of the side-rooms were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was eight feet seven inches[j] all around.

12The building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was one hundred twenty feet seven inches[k] broad; and the wall of the building was eight feet seven inches[l] thick all around, and its length one hundred fifty-five feet.[m]

13So he measured the house, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches[n] long; and the separate place, and the building, with its walls, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches long; 14also the

[a]41:3 Or, 1.05 meters. Lit. two cubits
[b]41:3 Or, 3.15 meters. Lit. six cubits
[c]41:3 Or, 3.68 meters. Lit. seven cubits
[d]41:4 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[e]41:5 Or, 3.15 meters. Lit. six cubits
[f]41:5 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits
[g]41:8 Or, 3.15 meters. Lit. six cubits
[h]41:9 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[i]41:10 Or, 10.5 meters. Lit. twenty cubits
[j]41:11 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[k]41:12 Or, 36.75 meters. Lit. seventy cubits
[l]41:12 Or, 2.63 meters. Lit. five cubits
[m]41:12 Or, 47.25 meters. Lit. ninety cubits
[n]41:13 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits

breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches.
15He measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at its back, and its galleries on the one side and on the other side, one hundred seventy-two feet three inches; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries around on their three stories, over against the threshold, with wood ceilings all around, and from the ground up to the windows, (now the windows were covered), 17to the space above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall all around inside and outside, by measure. 18It was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; 19so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. Thus was it made through all the house all around: 20from the ground to above the door were cherubim and palm trees made: thus was the wall of the temple. 21As for the temple, the door posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance of it was as the appearance of the temple. 22The altar was of wood, five feet two inches[a] high,[b] and three feet five inches[c] long, and three feet five inches[d] wide;[e] and its corners, and its base,[f] and its walls were of wood. And he said to me, "This is the table that is before YHWH." 23The temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24The doors had two leaves apiece, two turning leaves: two leaves for the one door, and two leaves for the other. 25There were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made on the walls; and there was a threshold of wood on the face of the porch outside. 26There were closed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch: thus were the side-rooms of the house, and the thresholds.

42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the room that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building toward the north. 2The length of the front at the north entrance was one hundred seventy-two feet three inches,[g] and the

[a]41:22 Or, 1.58 meters. Lit. three cubits
[b]41:22 LXX Tg Syr. MT has lost a waw from haplography
[c]41:22 Or, 1.05 meters. Lit. two cubits
[d]41:22 Or, 1.05 meters. Lit. two cubits
[e]41:22 LXX. MT lacks "and two cubits wide" from a three-word ten-letter haplography
[f]41:22 LXX. MT reads "length"
[g]42:2 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits

breadth was eighty-six feet two inches.[a]

3Facing the inner court of thirty-four feet five inches, and facing the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery facing gallery in three stories. 4Before the rooms was a walk of seventeen feet three inches[b] breadth inward, a way of one hundred seventy-two feet three inches[c]; and their doors were toward the north. 5Now the upper rooms were shorter; for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middle, in the building. 6For they were in three stories, and they didn't have pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the uppermost was straitened more than the lowest and the middle from the ground. 7The wall that was outside by the side of the rooms, toward the outer court before the rooms, its length was eighty-six feet two inches.[d] 8For the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was eighty-six feet two inches: and look, before the temple were one hundred seventy-two feet three inches.[e]

9From under these rooms was the entry on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court.

10In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the south,[f] before the separate place, and before the building, there were rooms. 11The way before them was like the appearance of the way of the rooms which were toward the north; according to their length so was their breadth: and all their exits were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. 12According to the doors of the rooms that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one enters into them.

13Then he said to me, "The north rooms and the south rooms, which are before the separate place, they are the holy rooms, where the priests who are near to YHWH shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; for the place is holy. 14When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments in which they minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which pertains to the people."

15Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the

[a]42:2 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[b]42:4 Or, 5.25 meters. Lit. ten cubits
[c]42:4 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits. LXX Syr. MT lacks "hundred (cubits)"
[d]42:7 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[e]42:8 Or, 52.5 meters. Lit. one hundred cubits
[f]42:10 LXX. MT reads "east"

gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it all around. 16He measured on the east side with the measuring reed eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches,[a] with the measuring reed all around. 17He measured on the north side eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches,[b] with the measuring reed all around. 18He measured on the south side eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches[c] with the measuring reed. 19He turned about to the west side, and measured eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches[d] with the measuring reed. 20He measured it on the four sides: it had a wall around it, the length eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches, and the breadth eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches,[e] to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looks toward the east. 2Look, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory. 3It was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4The glory of YHWH came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5The Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and look, the glory of YHWH filled the house.

6I heard one speaking to me out of the house; and a man stood by me. 7He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. The house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their prostitution, and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places; 8in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their doorpost beside my doorpost, and there was but the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: therefore I have consumed them in my anger. 9Now let them put away their prostitution, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in their midst forever.

10"You, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the

[a]42:16 Using the long cubit of 20.67 inches. Rounding to twenty-one inches for a cubit it would be eight hundred seventy-five feet. Lit. five hundred. MT Qere Hebrew Mss. MT reads "five cubits"

[b]42:17 Lit. five hundred. LXX. MT reads "reeds"

[c]42:18 LXX. MT adds "reeds"

[d]42:19 LXX.MT adds "reeds"

[e]42:20 Lit. five hundred cubits. LXX. MT lacks "cubits"

pattern. 11If they be ashamed of all
that they have done, make known
to them the form of the house, and
its fashion, and its exits, and its
entrances, and all its forms, and all
its ordinances, and all its forms, and
all its laws; and write it in their
sight; that they may keep the whole
form of it, and all its ordinances,
and do them.

12"This is the law of the
house: on the top of the mountain
the whole limit around it shall be
most holy. Look, this is the law of
the house.
13"These are the measurements of
the altar by units of length[a] (each
unit is the standard eighteen inches
plus three inches[b]): the bottom shall
be twenty-one inches, and the
breadth twenty-one inches, and its
border around its edge nine inches.[c]
And this shall be the height[d] of the
altar: 14from the bottom on the
ground to the lower ledge shall be
three feet five inches,[e] and the
breadth twenty-one inches; and
from the lesser ledge to the greater
ledge shall be six feet eleven
inches,[f] and the breadth twenty-one
inches. 15The upper altar shall be
six feet eleven inches; and four
horns project upward from the altar
hearth. 16The altar hearth shall be
twenty-four feet one inch[g] long by
twenty-four feet one inch broad,
square in the four sides of it. 17The
ledge shall be twenty-four feet one
inch long by twenty-four feet one
inch broad in the four sides of it;
and the border about it shall be ten
and a half inches;[h] and its bottom
shall be twenty-one inches around;
and its steps shall look toward the
east."

18He said to me, "Son of man, thus
says[i] YHWH: These are the
ordinances of the altar in the day
when they shall make it, to offer
burnt offerings thereon, and to
sprinkle blood thereon. 19You shall
give to the priests the Levites who
are of the offspring of Zadok, who
are near to me, to minister to me,
says[j] YHWH, a young bull for a sin
offering. 20You shall take of its
blood, and put it on the four horns
of it, and on the four corners of the
ledge, and on the border all around:
thus you shall cleanse it and make
atonement for it. 21You shall also
take the bull of the sin offering, and
it shall be burnt in the appointed
place of the house, outside of the
sanctuary.

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[a]43:13 Lit. by cubits
[b]43:13 Lit. the cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth. A handbreadth is four fingers or 2.91 inches or 74.04 mm
[c]43:13 Lit. a span, which is the length from the tip of the thumb to the tip of the little finger when the hand is stretched out
[d]43:13 LXX. MT reads "base," from the loss of a hey by haplography
[e]43:14 Or, 1.05 meters. Lit. two cubits
[f]43:14 Or, 2.1 meters. Lit. four cubits
[g]43:16 Lit. twelve cubits
[h]43:17 Lit. half a cubit
[i]43:18 Hebrew(109 116) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[j]43:19 Hebrew(18) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

22"On the second day you
shall offer a male goat without
blemish for a sin offering; and they
shall cleanse the altar, as they
cleansed it with the bull. 23When
you have finished cleansing it, you
shall offer a young bull without
blemish, and a ram out of the flock
without blemish. 24You shall bring
them near to YHWH, and the priests
shall cast salt on them, and they
shall offer them up for a burnt
offering to YHWH.

25"Seven days you shall
prepare every day a goat for a sin
offering: they shall also prepare a
young bull, and a ram out of the
flock, without blemish. 26Seven
days shall they make atonement for
the altar and purify it; so shall they
consecrate it. 27When they have
accomplished the days, it shall be
that on the eighth day, and forward,
the priests shall make your burnt
offerings on the altar, and your
peace offerings; and I will accept
you, says[a] YHWH."

44 Then he brought me
back by the way of
the outer gate of the
sanctuary, which looks toward the
east; and it was shut. 2YHWH said
to me, "This gate shall be shut; it
shall not be opened, neither shall
any man enter in by it; for YHWH,
the God of Israel, has entered in by
it; therefore it shall be shut. 3As for
the prince, he shall sit in it as prince
to eat bread before YHWH; he shall
enter by the way of the porch of the
gate, and shall go out by the way of
the same."

4Then he brought me by the
way of the north gate before the
house; and I looked, and look, the
glory of YHWH filled the house of
YHWH: and I fell on my face.
5YHWH said to me, "Son of man,
mark well, and see with your eyes,
and hear with your ears all that I tell
you concerning all the ordinances
of the house of YHWH, and all its
laws; and mark well the entrance of
the house, with every exit of the
sanctuary. 6You shall tell the
rebellious,[b] even to the house of
Israel, 'Thus says[c] YHWH: you
house of Israel, let it suffice you of
all your abominations, 7in that you
have brought in foreigners,
uncircumcised in heart and
uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my
sanctuary, to profane it, even my
house,[d] when you offer my bread,
the fat and the blood, and you[e] have
broken my covenant, to add to all
your abominations. 8You have not
performed the duty of my holy
things; but you have set performers
of my duty in my sanctuary for
yourselves.'

9"Thus says[f] YHWH, 'No
foreigner, uncircumcised in heart
and uncircumcised in flesh, shall
enter into my sanctuary, of any
foreigners who are among the

[a]43:27 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]44:6 LXX adds "house"
[c]44:6 Hebrew(116) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]44:7 LXX lacks "even my house"
[e]44:7 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "they"
[f]44:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

children of Israel. [10]But the Levites who went far from me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. [11]Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall kill the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. [12]Because they ministered to them before their idols, and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, says[a] YHWH, and they shall bear their iniquity. [13]They shall not come near to me, to execute the office of priest to me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. [14]Yet will I make them performers of the duty of the house, for all its service, and for all that shall be done in it.

[15]"'But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who performed the duty of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me; and they shall stand before me to offer to me the fat and the blood, says[b] YHWH: [16]they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister to me, and they shall keep my instruction.

[17]"'It shall be that, when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come on them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within. [18]They shall have linen turbans on their heads, and shall have linen breeches on their waists; they shall not clothe themselves with anything that causes sweat. [19]When they go forth into the outer court, even into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments in which they minister, and lay them in the holy rooms; and they shall put on other garments, that they not sanctify the people with their garments.

[20]"'Neither shall they shave their heads, nor allow their locks to grow long; they shall only cut off the hair of their heads. [21]Neither shall any of the priests drink wine, when they enter into the inner court. [22]Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her who is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest. [23]They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

[24]"'In a controversy they shall stand to judge; according to my ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed

[a]44:12 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

[b]44:15 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

feasts; and they shall make my Sabbaths holy.

25"'They shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband, they may defile themselves. 26After he is cleansed, they shall reckon to him seven days. 27In the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says[a] YHWH.

28"'They shall have an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. 29They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30The first of all the first fruits of every thing, and every offering of everything, of all your offerings, shall be for the priest: you shall also give to the priests the first of your dough, to cause a blessing to rest on your house. 31The priests shall not eat of anything that dies of itself, or is torn, whether it be bird or animal.

45 "'Moreover, when you shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to YHWH, a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of eight and one eighth miles,[b] and the breadth shall be six and a half miles.[c] It shall be holy in all its border all around. 2Of this there shall be for the holy place eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches[d] in length by eight hundred sixty-one feet three inches in breadth, square all around; and eighty-six feet two inches[e] for its suburbs all around. 3Of this measure you shall measure a length of eight and one eighth miles,[f] and a breadth of three and one quarter miles:[g] and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. 4It is a holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to YHWH; and it shall be a place for their houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5Eight and one eighth miles[h] in length, and three and one quarter miles[i] in breadth, shall be to the Levites, the ministers of the house. It will be their possession for cities to live in.[j] 6"'You shall appoint the possession of the city one and two-thirds

[a]44:27 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]45:1 Or, 13.125 kilometers. Lit. twenty-five thousand [cubits]
[c]45:1 Or, 10.5 kilometers. Lit. twenty thousand [cubits]. LXX. MT reads ten thousand [cubits]
[d]45:2 Or, 262.5 meters. Lit. five hundred [cubits]
[e]45:2 Or, 26.25 meters. Lit. fifty cubits
[f]45:3 Or, 13.125 kilometers. Lit. twenty-five thousand [cubits]
[g]45:3 Or, 5.25 kilometers. Lit. ten thousand [cubits]
[h]45:5 Lit. twenty-five thousand [cubits]
[i]45:5 Or, 5.25 kilometers. Lit. ten thousand [cubits]
[j]45:5 LXX. MT reads "possession, twenty rooms"

miles[a] broad, and eight and one eighth miles,[b] long, side by side with the offering of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7"'Whatever is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy offering and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy offering and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length answerable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border. 8In the land it shall be to him for a possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.'

9"Thus says[c] YHWH: 'Let it suffice you, princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute justice and righteousness; dispossessing my people, says[d] YHWH. 10You shall have just balances, and a just ephah,[e] and a just bath. 11The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a homer[f], and the ephah the tenth part of a homer: its measure shall be after the homer. 12The shekel shall be twenty gerahs. Twenty shekels plus twenty-five shekels plus fifteen shekels shall be your mina.

13"'This is the offering that you shall offer: the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheat; and you shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley; 14and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer; (for ten baths are a homer;) 15and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the well-watered pastures of Israel— for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says[g] YHWH. 16All the people of the land shall give to this offering for the prince in Israel. 17It shall be the prince's part to give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on the Sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

18"'Thus says[h] YHWH: In the first month, in the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish; and you shall cleanse the sanctuary. 19The priest

[a]45:6 Lit. five thousand [cubits]
[b]45:6 Lit. twenty-five thousand [cubits]
[c]45:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[d]45:9 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[e]45:10 1 ephah is about 22 litres or about 2/3 of a bushel
[f]45:11 1 homer is about 220 litres or 6 bushels
[g]45:15 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[h]45:18 Hebrew(1 244) Mss LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it on the door posts of the house, and on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court. [20]So you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who errs, and for him who is simple: so you shall make atonement for the house.

[21]"'In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. [22]On that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering. [23]The seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to YHWH, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a male goat daily for a sin offering. [24]He shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah. [25]In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.'

46 "Thus says[a] YHWH: 'The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the Sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. [2]The prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. [3]The people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before YHWH on the Sabbaths and on the new moons. [4]The burnt offering that the prince shall offer to YHWH shall be on the Sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; [5]and the meal offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. [6]On the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: [7]and he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for the bull, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah. [8]When the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by its way.

[9]"'But when the people of the land shall come before YHWH in the appointed feasts, he who enters by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north

[a]46:1 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

gate: he shall not return by the way
of the gate by which he came in, but
shall go forth straight before him.
10The prince, when they go in, shall
go in with of them; and when they
go out, he shall go out.

11"'In the feasts and in the
solemnities the meal offering shall
be an ephah[a] for a bull, and an
ephah for a ram, and for the lambs
as he is able to give, and a hin of oil
to an ephah. 12When the prince
shall prepare a freewill offering, a
burnt offering or peace offerings as
a freewill offering to YHWH, one
shall open for him the gate that
looks toward the east; and he shall
prepare his burnt offering and his
peace offerings, as he does on the
Sabbath day: then he shall go forth;
and after his going forth one shall
shut the gate.

13"'You shall prepare a lamb
a year old without blemish for a
burnt offering to YHWH daily:
morning by morning you shall
prepare it. 14You shall prepare a
meal offering with it morning by
morning, the sixth part of an ephah,
and the third part of a hin of oil, to
moisten the fine flour; a meal
offering to YHWH continually by a
perpetual ordinance. 15Thus shall
they prepare the lamb, and the meal
offering, and the oil, morning by
morning, for a continual burnt
offering.'

16"Thus says[b] YHWH: 'If the
prince give a gift to any of his sons,
it is his inheritance, it shall belong
to his sons; it is their possession by
inheritance. 17But if he give of his
inheritance a gift to one of his
servants, it shall be his to the year
of liberty; then it shall return to the
prince; but as for his inheritance, it
shall be for his sons. 18Moreover
the prince shall not take of the
people's inheritance, to thrust them
out of their possession; he shall
give inheritance to his sons out of
his own possession, that my people
not be scattered every man from his
possession.'"

19Then he brought me
through the entry, which was at the
side of the gate, into the holy rooms
for the priests, which looked
toward the north: and look, there
was a place at the far western end.
20He said to me, "This is the place
where the priests shall boil the
trespass offering and the sin
offering, and where they shall bake
the meal offering; that they not
bring them forth into the outer
court, to sanctify the people."
21Then he brought me forth into
the outer court, and caused me to
pass by the four corners of the
court; and look, in every corner of
the court there was a court. 22In the
four corners of the court there
were courts enclosed, sixty-eight
feet eleven inches[c] long and fifty-
one feet eight inches[d] broad: these

[a]46:11 1 ephah is about 22 litres or about 2/3 of a bushel
[b]46:16 Hebrew(195) Ms LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[c]46:22 Or, 21.0 meters. Lit. forty cubits
[d]46:22 Lit. thirty [cubits]

four in the corners were of one measure.

[23]There was a wall around in them, around the four, and boiling places were made under the walls all around. [24]Then he said to me, "These are the boiling houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people."

47 He brought me back to the door of the house; and look, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; (for the forefront of the house was toward the east;) and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. [2]Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way outside to the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looks toward the east; and look, there ran out waters on the right side.
[3]When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand seven hundred twenty-two feet six inches,[a] and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. [4]Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured one thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the waist. [5]Afterward he measured one thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. [6]He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river. [7]Now when I had returned, look, on the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. [8]Then he said to me, "These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea shall the waters go which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed. [9]It shall happen, that every living creature which swarms, in every place where the river goes, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters have come there, and the waters of the sea shall be healed, and everything shall live wherever the river comes. [10]It shall happen, that fishermen shall stand by it: from En Gedi even to En Eglaim shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the Great Sea, exceeding many. [11]But the miry places of it, and its marshes, shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt. [12]By the river on its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for

[a]47:3 Or, 525 meters, using the Royal cubit of 52.5 centimeters, or 20.67 inches. Lit. one thousand cubits

food, whose leaf shall not wither,
neither shall its fruit fail: it shall
bring forth new fruit every month,
because its waters issue out of the
sanctuary; and its fruit shall be for
food, and its leaf for healing."

13"Thus says[a] YHWH: 'This
shall be the border, by which you
shall divide the land for inheritance
according to the twelve tribes of
Israel: Joseph shall have two
portions. 14You shall inherit it, one
as well as another; for I swore to
give it to your fathers: and this land
shall fall to you for inheritance.
15"'This shall be the border of the
land: On the north side, from the
Great Sea, by the way of Hethlon,
to the entrance of Zedad; 16Hamath,
Berothah, Sibraim, which is
between the border of Damascus
and the border of Hamath; Hazer
Hatticon, which is by the border of
Hauran. 17The border from the sea,
shall be Hazar Enon at the border of
Damascus; and on the north
northward is the border of Hamath.
This is the north side. 18The east
side, between Hauran and
Damascus and Gilead, and the land
of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from
the north border to the eastern sea
[as far as] Tamar.[b] This is the east
side. 19The south side southward
shall be from Tamar as far as the
waters of Meriboth Kadesh, to the
Wadi, to the Great Sea. This is the
south side southward. 20The west
side shall be the Great Sea, from the
south border as far as over against
Lebo Hamath. This is the west side.

21"'So you shall divide this
land to you according to the tribes
of Israel. 22It shall happen, that you
shall divide it by lot for an
inheritance to you and to the aliens
who live among you, who shall
father children among you; and
they shall be to you as the native-
born among the children of Israel;
they shall have inheritance with
you among the tribes of Israel. 23It
shall happen, that in what tribe the
stranger lives, there you shall give
him his inheritance,' says[c] YHWH."

48 "Now these are the
names of the tribes:
From the north end,
beside the way of Hethlon to Lebo
Hamath, Hazar Enan at the border
of Damascus, northward beside
Hamath (and they shall have their
sides east and west), Dan, one
portion. 2By the border of Dan,
from the east side to the west side,
Asher, one portion. 3By the border
of Asher, from the east side even to
the west side, Naphtali, one
portion. 4By the border of Naphtali,
from the east side to the west side,
Manasseh, one portion. 5By the
border of Manasseh, from the east
side to the west side, Ephraim, one
portion. 6By the border of Ephraim,
from the east side even to the west
side, Reuben, one portion. 7By the
border of Reuben, from the east

[a]47:13 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]47:18 Cf. Syr. MT reads "measure"
[c]47:23 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."

side to the west side, Judah, one portion.

8"By the border of Judah,
from the east side to the west side,
shall be the offering which you shall offer,
twenty-five thousand reeds in breadth,
and in length as one of the portions,
from the east side to the west side:
and the sanctuary shall be in its midst.
9The offering that you shall offer to YHWH
shall be twenty-five thousand reeds in length,
and ten thousand in breadth.
10For these, even for the priests,
shall be the holy offering:
toward the north twenty-five thousand in length,
and toward the west ten thousand in breadth,
and toward the east ten thousand in breadth,
and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length:
and the sanctuary of YHWH shall be in its midst.
11It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the sons of Zadok,
who have kept my instruction,
who didn't go astray when the children of Israel went astray,
as the Levites went astray.
12It shall be to them an offering from the offering of the land,
a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites.

13"Answerable to the border of the priests,
the Levites shall have twenty-five thousand in length,
and ten thousand in breadth:
all the length shall be twenty-five thousand,
and the breadth ten[a] thousand.
14They shall sell none of it,
nor exchange it,
nor shall the first fruits of the land be alienated;
for it is holy to YHWH.

15"The five thousand that are left in the breadth,
in front of the twenty-five thousand,
shall be for common use,
for the city,
for dwelling and for suburbs;
and the city shall be in its midst.
16These shall be its measures:
the north side four thousand and five hundred,
and the south side four thousand and five[b] hundred,
and on the east side four thousand and five hundred,
and the west side four thousand and five hundred.
17The city shall have suburbs:
toward the north two hundred fifty,
and toward the south two hundred fifty,
and toward the east two hundred fifty,
and toward the west two hundred fifty.
18The remainder in the length,
answerable to the holy offering,
shall be ten thousand eastward,
and ten thousand westward;
and it shall be answerable to the holy offering;
and its increase shall be for food to those who labor in the city.
19Those who labor in the city,
out of all the tribes of Israel,
shall cultivate it.
20All the offering shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand:
you shall offer the holy offering foursquare,
with the possession of the city.

21"The residue shall be for the prince,
on the one side and on the other of the holy offering and of the possession of the city;
in front

[a]48:13 LXX reads "twenty"

[b]48:16 LXX Syr Vg. MT accidentally repeats "five" by dittography

of the twenty-five thousand of the offering toward the east border, and westward in front of the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, answerable to the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy offering and the sanctuary of the house shall be in its midst. 22Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, it shall be for the prince.

23"As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, Benjamin, one portion. 24By the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon, one portion. 25By the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Issachar, one portion. 26By the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, Zebulun, one portion. 27By the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, Gad, one portion. 28By the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar to the waters of Meribath Kadesh, to the Wadi, to the Great Sea. 29This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, says[a] YHWH.

30"These are the exits of the city: On the north side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure; 31and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. 32At the east side four thousand and five hundred reeds, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one. 33At the south side four thousand and five hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one. 34At the west side four thousand and five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. 35It shall be eighteen thousand reeds around: and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'YHWH is there.'"[b]

Daniel

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2YHWH[c] gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of

[a]48:29 LXX*. MT adds "Lord."
[b]48:35 Or, "YHWH Shammah"
[c]1:2 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord."

his god. [3]The king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in some of the people of Israel, even of the royal family and of the nobles; [4]youths in whom was no blemish, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the language of the Chaldeans. [5]The king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's royal food, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at its end they should stand before the king. [6]Now among these were, of the people of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. [7]The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. [8]But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's royal food, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. [9]Now God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. [10]The prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? So would you endanger my head with the king." [11]Then said Daniel to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: [12]"Test your servants for ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink. [13]Then let our faces be looked on before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's royal food; and as you see, deal with your servants." [14]So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them ten days. [15]At the end of ten days their faces appeared better and fatter than all the youths who ate of the king's royal food. [16]So the steward took away their royal food, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them vegetables. [17]Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. [18]At the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. [19]The king talked with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore they entered the king's service. [20]In every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm. [21]Daniel

continued even to the first year of king Koresh.[a]

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2 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. [2]Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. [3]The king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream." [4]Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in the Aramaic language, "O king, live forever: tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." [5]The king answered the Chaldeans, "The thing is gone from me: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a rubbish heap. [6]But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream and its interpretation." [7]They answered the second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." [8]The king answered, "I know of a certainty that you would gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me. [9]But if you do not make known to me the dream, there is but one law for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until such time that things might change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation." [10]The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, "There is not a man on the earth who can show the king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler, has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. [11]It is a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." [12]For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. [13]So the decree went forth, and the wise men were to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be killed. [14]Then Daniel returned an answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, who was gone forth to kill the wise men of Babylon; [15]he answered Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree so urgent from the king?" Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. [16]Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation. [17]Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

[a]1:21 Vocalized in Old Persian as Kurush. MT scribal vocalization: Koresh. Latinized as Cyrus. He reigned over Babylon ca. 539-530 BC

his companions: [18]that they would seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. [19]Then was the secret revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. [20]Daniel answered, "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. [21]He changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings, and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding; [22]he reveals the deep and secret things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. [23]I thank you, and praise you, God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and has now made known to me what we desired of you; for you have made known to us the king's matter." [24]Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and said this to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show to the king the interpretation." [25]Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said this to him, "I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation." [26]The king answered Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?" [27]Daniel answered before the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded is such that no wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor soothsayers, can show to the king; [28]but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these: [29]as for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind on your bed, what should happen hereafter; and he who reveals secrets has made known to you what shall happen. [30]But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart. [31]You, O king, saw, and look, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was extraordinary, stood before you; and its appearance was awesome. [32]As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, [33]its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. [34]You saw until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. [35]Then was the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them: and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. [36]This is the dream; and we will tell its interpretation before the king. [37]You, O king, are

king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; 38and wherever human beings dwell, the animals of the field and the birds of the sky has he given into your hand, and has made you to rule over them all: you are the head of gold. 39After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40The fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and as iron that crushes all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. 41Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. 42As the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. 43And[a] whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mix with one another but they shall not hold together, even as iron does not mix with clay. 44In the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all those kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. 45Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall happen hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure." 46Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, and worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. 47The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing you have been able to reveal this secret." 48Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon. 49Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was in the gate of the king.

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was eighty-eight feet seven inches,[b] and its breadth eight feet ten inches:[c] he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the

[a]2:43 MT Qere Hebrew Mss LXX Vg. MT Kethib lacks "And"

[b]3:1 Or, 27.0 meters, using the short cubit of 45 centimeters or 17.72 inches. Lit. sixty cubits

[c]3:1 Or, 2.7 meters. Lit. six cubits

counselors, the magistrates, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 3Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the magistrates, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it is commanded, peoples, nations, and languages, 5that whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up; 6and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." 7Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipe,[a] and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 8Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. 9They answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O king, live for ever. 10You, O king, have made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; 11and whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, have not regarded you: they do not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up." 13Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. 14Nebuchadnezzar answered them, "Is it on purpose, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my god, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? 15Now if you are ready whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if you do not worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?" 16Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor

[a]3:7 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Vg cf. vv. 5, 10, 15 and BHS. MT lacks "pipe"

worship the golden image which you have set up." [19]Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. [20]He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. [21]Then these men were bound in their cloaks, trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. [22]Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. [23]These three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. [24]Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up quickly. He spoke and said to his ministers, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." [25]He answered, "Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are unharmed; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods." [26]Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace. He spoke and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came forth out of the midst of the fire. [27]The satraps, the prefects, and the governors, and the king's ministers, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power on their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their trousers changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them. [28]Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel, and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. [29]Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything evil against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be reduced to rubble; because there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way." [30]Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

4 "Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. [2]It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked toward me. [3]How great are his signs and how mighty are his wonders. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. [4]I, Nebuchadnezzar,

was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7Then came in the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known to me its interpretation. 8But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the dream before him, saying, 9"Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation. 10Thus were the visions of my head on my bed: I saw, and look, a tree in the midst of the earth; and its height was great. 11The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to the sky, and it could be seen anywhere on earth. 12The leaves of it were beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it was food for all. The animals of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it. 13I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and look, a watcher and a holy one came down from the sky. 14He cried aloud, and said this, "Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches. 15Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of the sky: and let his portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth. 16Let his mind be changed from man's, and let an animal's mind be given to him; and let seven times pass over him. 17The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the decision is a command of the holy ones; so that[a] the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to anyone he wants, and sets up over it the lowliest of men. 18This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation. But you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you." 19Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, Belteshazzar, "Do not let the dream, or the interpretation, trouble you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, the dream concerns those who hate you, and its interpretation to your adversaries. 20The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to the

[a]4:17 Hebrew Mss Tg. MT reads "until"

sky, and its sight to all the earth;
21 whose leaves were beautiful, and
its fruit much, and in it was food for
all; under which the animals of the
field lived, and on whose branches
the birds of the sky had their
habitation. 22 It is you, O king, that
are grown and become strong; for
your greatness is grown, and
reaches to the sky, and your
dominion to the most distant part of
the earth. 23 Whereas the king saw a
watcher and a holy one coming
down from the sky, and saying,
'Cut down the tree, and destroy it;
nevertheless leave the stump of its
roots in the earth, even with a band
of iron and bronze, in the tender
grass of the field, and let it be wet
with the dew of the sky: and let his
portion be with the animals of the
field, until seven times pass over
him. 24 This is the interpretation, O
king, and it is the decree of the
Most High, which is come on my
lord the king: 25 that you shall be
driven from men, and your
dwelling shall be with the animals
of the field, and you shall be made
to eat grass as oxen, and shall be
wet with the dew of the sky, and
seven times shall pass over you;
until you know that the Most High
rules in the kingdom of men, and
gives it to whomever he will.
26 Whereas they commanded to
leave the stump of the roots of the
tree; your kingdom shall be
restored to you. After that you shall
have known that the heavens do
rule. 27 Therefore, O king, let my
counsel be acceptable to you, and
break off your sins by
righteousness, and your iniquities
by showing mercy to the poor; if
there may be a lengthening of your
prosperity." 28 All this came on the
king Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end
of twelve months he was walking[a]
in the royal palace of Babylon.
30 The king spoke and said, "Is not
this great Babylon, which I have
built for the royal dwelling place,
by the might of my power and for
the glory of my majesty?" 31 While
the word was in the king's mouth,
there fell a voice from the sky,
saying, "O king Nebuchadnezzar,
to you it is spoken. The kingdom
has departed from you, 32 and you
shall be driven from men; and your
dwelling shall be with the animals
of the field; you shall be made to
eat grass as oxen; and seven times
shall pass over you; until you know
that the Most High rules in the
kingdom of men, and gives it to
whomever he wants." 33 The same
hour was the thing fulfilled on
Nebuchadnezzar: and he was
driven from men, and ate grass as
oxen, and his body was wet with
the dew of the sky, until his hair
was grown like eagles' feathers,
and his nails like birds' claws.
34 "At the end of the days I,
Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes
to heaven, and my understanding
returned to me, and I blessed the
Most High, and I praised and
honored him who lives forever. For
his dominion is an everlasting
dominion, and his kingdom from
generation to generation. 35 All the
inhabitants of the earth are
regarded as nothing; and he does

[a] 4:29 LXX reads "on the walls"

according to his will in the host of
heaven, and among the inhabitants
of the earth; and none can stay his
hand, or tell him, “What have you
done?” 36At the same time my
understanding returned to me; and
for the glory of my kingdom, my
majesty and splendor returned to
me; and my counselors and my
lords sought me out; and I was
reinstated[a] over my kingdom, and
even more greatness was added to
me. 37Now I, Nebuchadnezzar,
praise and extol and honor the King
of heaven; for all his works are
truth, and his ways justice; and
those who walk in pride he is able
to humble.”

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his secondary wives, might drink from them. 3Then they brought the gold and silver[b] vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his secondary wives, drank from them. 4They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone. 5In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man’s hand, and wrote over against the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6Then the king’s face was turned pale, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his thighs gave way, and his knees began knocking together. 7The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever shall read this writing, and show me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.” 8Then came in all the king’s wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation. 9Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed. 10Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house. The queen spoke and said, “O king, live forever; do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face be changed. 11There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and king Nebuchadnezzar

[a]4:36(33) Revocalization cf. BHS. MT reads “and it was established”

[b]5:3 Vg Theodotion. MT lacks “and silver” from haplography by homoioteleuton: aleph-aleph

your father, your father the king,[a] made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners; [12]because an extraordinary spirit, and knowledge, and understanding to interpret[b] dreams, explain riddles, and solve knotty problems[c] were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation." [13]Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel, who are of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? [14]I have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and extraordinary wisdom are found in you. [15]Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known to me its interpretation; but they could not show the interpretation of the thing. [16]But I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations, and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing, and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." [17]Then Daniel answered before the king, "Keep your gifts for yourself, and give your rewards to another;. Nevertheless I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. [18]You king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty. [19]And because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would he killed, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he put down. [20]But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was removed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. [21]And he was driven from the sons of men, and his mind was made like the animals', and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the sky; until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he wants. [22]You his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, [23]but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your secondary wives, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know. And the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, you have

[a]5:11 Syr Theodotion lack "your father the king,"
[b]5:12 Vg as infinitive. MT as participle
[c]5:12 Vg Aramaic Lect as infinitive. MT as participle

not glorified. [24]Then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed. [25]This is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. [26]This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God has numbered your kingdom, and brought it to an end; [27]TEKEL; you are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting. [28]PERES; your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." [29]Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. [30]In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean King was slain. [31]Darayavush[a] the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

6 It pleased Darayavush to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; [2]and over them three administrators, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account to them, and that the king might not suffer loss. [3]Then this Daniel was distinguished above the administrators and the satraps, because an extraordinary spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. [4]Then the administrators and the satraps sought to find a charge against Daniel regarding the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful. Neither was there any error or fault found in him. [5]Then these men said, "We will not find any charge against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." [6]Then these administrators and satraps assembled together to the king, and said this to him, "King Darayavush, live forever. [7]All the administrators of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. [8]Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed." [9]Therefore king Darayavush signed the writing and the decree. [10]When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did before. [11]Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and petition before his God. [12]Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning

[a]5:31 MT consonantal text, vocalized to reflect the Old Persian pronunciation. MT scribal vocalization: Daryavesh. Latinized as Darius. He ruled Persia ca. 521-486 BC

the king's decree.[a] "Haven't you signed a decree, that every man who shall make petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed." 13Then they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, doesn't regard you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." 14Then the king, when he heard these words, was very displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him. And he labored until the going down of the sun to rescue him. 15Then these men assembled together to the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed." 16Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you." 17A stone was brought, and placed on the opening of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were instruments of music brought before him. And his sleep fled from him. 19Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions. 20When he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God. Is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?" 21Then said Daniel to the king, "O king, live forever. 22My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me; because before him innocence was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no wrong." 23Then was the king exceedingly glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. 24The king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces, before they came to the bottom of the den. 25Then king Darayavush wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages, who dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. 26I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast forever. His kingdom shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be to the end. 27He

[a]6:12 LXX Syr lack "concerning the king's decree"

delivers and rescues, and he works
signs and wonders in heaven and in
earth, who has delivered Daniel
from the power of the lions." [28]So
this Daniel prospered in the reign of
Darayavush, and in the reign of
Koresh the Persian.

7 In the first year of
Belshazzar king of
Babylon Daniel had a
dream and visions in his mind on
his bed. Then he wrote the dream
and told the summary of it. [2]Daniel
spoke and said, "I saw in my vision
by night, and, look, the four winds
of the sky broke forth on the great
sea. [3]Four great animals came up
from the sea, different from one
another. [4]The first was like a lion,
and had eagle's wings. I saw until
its wings were plucked, and it was
lifted up from the earth, and made
to stand on two feet as a man; and a
man's mind was given to it. [5]And
look, another animal, a second one,
like a bear; and it was raised up on
one side, and three ribs were in its
mouth between its teeth. And they
said this to it, 'Arise, devour much
flesh.' [6]After this I saw, and look,
another one, like a leopard, which
had on its back four wings of a bird.
The animal also had four heads;
and dominion was given to it.
[7]After this I saw in the night
visions, and look, a fourth animal,
awesome and powerful, and
extremely strong. And it had great
iron teeth. It devoured and broke in
pieces, and stamped what was left
with its feet. And it was diverse
from all the animals that were
before it; and it had ten horns. [8]I
considered the horns, and look,
there came up among them another
horn, a little one, before which
three of the first horns were
plucked up by the roots. And look,
in this horn were eyes like the eyes
of a man, and a mouth speaking
arrogant things. [9]I saw until thrones
were placed, and the Ancient of
Days took his seat. His clothing
was white as snow, and the hair of
his head like pure wool. His throne
was fiery flames, and its wheels
burning fire. [10]A fiery stream
issued and came forth from before
him. Thousands of thousands
ministered to him, and ten thousand
times ten thousand stood before
him. The court sat in judgment, and
the books were opened. [11]I saw at
that time because of the voice of the
arrogant words which the horn
spoke. I was watching until the
animal was killed and its body
destroyed and was given to be
burned with fire. [12]As for the rest of
the animals, their dominion was
taken away, yet their lives were
prolonged for a season and a time.
[13]I saw in the night visions, and
look, there came with the clouds of
the sky one like a son of man,[a] and
he came even to the Ancient of
Days, and they brought him near
before him. [14]There was given him
dominion, and glory, and a
kingdom, that all the peoples,
nations, and languages should
serve him. His dominion is an
everlasting dominion, which shall
not pass away, and his kingdom

[a]7:13 Matthew 8:20; Revelation 1:13

that which shall not be destroyed.
15As for me, Daniel, my spirit was
grieved in the midst of my body,
and the visions of my mind
troubled me. 16I came near to one of
those who stood by, and asked him
the true meaning concerning all
this. So he told me, and revealed to
me the interpretation of these
things. 17These great animals,
which are four, are four kings, who
shall arise out of the earth. 18But the
holy ones of the Most High shall
receive the kingdom, and possess
the kingdom forever, forever and
ever. 19Then I desired to know the
true meaning concerning the fourth
animal, which was different from
all of them, exceedingly terrible,
whose teeth were of iron, and its
claws of bronze; which devoured,
broke in pieces, and stamped what
was left with its feet. 20And
concerning the ten horns that were
on its head, and the other horn
which came up, and before which
three fell, even that horn that had
eyes, and a mouth that spoke
arrogant things, whose look was
larger than the others. 21I saw, and
the same horn made war with the
holy ones, and prevailed against
them, 22until the Ancient of Days
came, and judgment was given to
the holy ones of the Most High, and
the time came that the holy ones
possessed the kingdom. 23This he
said, 'The fourth animal shall be a
fourth kingdom on earth, which
shall be different from all the
kingdoms, and shall devour the
whole earth, and shall tread it
down, and break it in pieces. 24As
for the ten horns, out of this
kingdom shall ten kings arise, and
another shall arise after them; and
he shall be diverse from the former,
and he shall put down three kings.
25He shall speak words against the
Most High, and shall oppress the
holy ones of the Most High; and he
shall think to change the times and
the law; and they shall be given
over to him until a time and times
and half a time. 26And the court
shall sit in judgment, and they shall
take away his dominion, consumed
and completely destroyed forever.
27The kingdom and the dominion,
and the greatness of the kingdoms
under the whole heaven, shall be
given to the people of the holy ones
of the Most High. His kingdom is
an everlasting kingdom, and all
dominions shall serve and obey
him.' 28Here is the end of the
matter. As for me, Daniel, my
thoughts troubled me greatly, and
my face turned pale. I kept the
matter to myself."

8 In the third year of the
reign of king
Belshazzar a vision
appeared to me, Daniel, after that
which appeared to me previously.
2And I saw in the vision, and when
I looked, I was in the citadel of
Shushan, which is in the province
of Elam. And I saw in the vision,
and I was by the river Ulai. 3Then I
lifted up my eyes, and saw, and
look, there stood before the river a
ram which had two horns. And the
two horns were long, but one was
longer than the other, and the
longer one came up last. 4I saw the
ram pushing westward, and
northward, and southward; and no
animals could stand before him,
neither was there any who could

deliver out of his hand. But he did according to his will, and became great. 5As I was considering, look, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and did not touch the ground. And the goat had a prominent horn between his eyes. 6He came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and rushed at him in the fury of his power. 7I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he threw him down to the ground and trampled on him, and there was no one who could deliver the ram from his power. 8The male goat became very strong. But when he was strong, the large horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four prominent horns toward the four winds of heaven. 9Out of one of them came forth a little horn, which grew exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the beautiful land. 10It grew so great that it reached to the host of heaven, and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled on them. 11And it magnified itself, even against the Prince of the host; and it took away from him the daily sacrifice, and the place of his sanctuary was thrown down. 12The host was given over to it together with the daily sacrifice because of transgression. And it cast down truth to the ground, and kept prospering. 13Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, "How long shall be the vision concerning the[a] daily sacrifice, and the transgression that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled?" 14He said to me,[b] "To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be restored to its rightful state." 15It came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it. And look, there stood before me someone who appeared to be a man. 16I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and called out and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." 17So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was frightened, and fell prostrate. But he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision belongs to the time of the end." 18Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. 19He said, "Look, I will make you know what shall be in the latter time of wrath, for it[c] belongs to the appointed time of the end. 20The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21The male goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms shall arise

[a]8:13 LXX adds "removal"
[b]8:14 LXX Vg reads "him"
[c]8:19 LXX(BA) add "the vision"

out of his[a] nation, but not with his power. 23In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their full measure, a rash and deceitful king shall arise. 24His power shall be great, but not by his own strength; and he shall cause terrible destruction, and shall succeed in whatever he does. And he shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. 25Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper by his influence, and he shall be great in his own mind, and without warning he shall destroy many. He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be shattered, but not by human hands. 26The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true; but seal up the vision because it refers to many days from now." 27I, Daniel, was overcome, and was ill for days. Then I rose up, and carried out the king's business. And I was astonished by the vision, but there was no one to explain it.

9 In the first year of Darayavush the son of Achashyerosh, of Median descent, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans-- 2in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood from the books the number of the years about which the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the completion of the desolation of Jerusalem, seventy years. 3And I turned to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. 4I prayed to YHWH my God, and made this confession, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments. 5We have sinned, and have done what is wrong and wicked, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your commandments and from your ordinances. 6Neither have we listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds that they have committed against you. 8YHWH, to us belongs open shame, to our kings, to our leaders, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. 9To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him. 10And have not obeyed the voice of YHWH our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11Yes, all Israel has transgressed your law, and turned away, refusing to obey your voice. Therefore has the curse been poured out on us, and the oath that is written in the Law of Moses the

[a]8:22 LXX Vg Theodotion. MT reads "(the) nation"

servant of God, for we have sinned against you. 12He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing on us a great calamity; for under the whole heaven such has not been done as has been done on Jerusalem. 13As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us. Yet have we not tried to gain the favor of YHWH our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and have discernment in your truth. 14Therefore has YHWH watched over the calamity, and brought it on us, for YHWH our God is just in all he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. 15"And now, Lord our God, who has brought your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, even to this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16Lord, according to all your righteousness, let your anger and please let your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us. 17Now therefore, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant, and to his petitions, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. 18My God, turn your ear, and hear; open your eyes, and see our desolation, and the city which is called by your name. For we do not present our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercy. 19Lord, hear. Lord, forgive. Lord, listen and take action. Do not delay, for your own sake, my God, because your city and your people are called by your name." 20While I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my petition before YHWH my God for the holy mountain of my God, 21while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, came to me in my weariness about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22He instructed me, and talked with me, and said, "Daniel, I have now come forth to give you wisdom and understanding. 23At the beginning of your petitions the commandment went forth, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision. 24Seventy weeks are decreed on your people and on your holy city, to put an end to the transgression, and to make an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. 25Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem until the time of the Messiah, the Prince, there shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. It shall be built again, with open spaces and a moat, but in times of distress. 26After the sixty-two weeks the Messiah shall be cut off, and shall have nothing. And the people of a ruler who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and his end shall come with a flood, and until the end there shall be war; desolations are decreed. 27He shall make a firm

covenant with many for one week:
and in the midst of the week he
shall cause the sacrifice and the
offering to cease. And on the wing
of abominations shall come one
who destroys, and even until a
complete destruction, until the
decreed end is poured out on the
one who destroys."

10 In the third year of Koresh king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true: a great war. And he understood the word, and had understanding of the vision. [2]In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks. [3]I had no pleasing food, neither meat nor wine came into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled. [4]In the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is the Tigris,[a] [5]I lifted up my eyes and looked, and look, a man clothed in linen, around his waist a belt made of pure gold from Uphaz. [6]His body was like beryl, and his face like the appearance of lightning, and his eyes like flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude. [7]I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great trembling fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. [8]So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my natural appearance grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. [9]Yet I heard the sound of his words, and when I heard the sound of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. [10]Look, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands. [11]He said to me, "Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. [12]Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel; for from the first day that you did set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard. And I have come because of your words. [13]But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but, look, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was left there with the kings of Persia. [14]Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days; for the vision refers to future days." [15]And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground, and could not speak. [16]And look, something like a man's hand[b] touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me, "My lord, it is because of the vision anguish has

[a]10:4 Hebrew: "Hiddekel"

[b]10:16 DSS Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "in the likeness of a human"

come upon me, and I have no strength. 17For how can this servant of my lord talk with my lord? As for me, no strength remains, and I am breathless." 18Then one like the appearance of a man touched me again and strengthened me. 19And he said, "Greatly loved man, do not be afraid, peace be to you; be strong, be strong."

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

20Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. When I go forth, look, the prince of Greece shall come. 21But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the Book of Truth. And there is no one who contends with me against them except Michael, your prince."

11 "And as for me, in the first year of Darayavush the Mede, I stood up to support and strengthen him. 2And now what I show you is true. Look, there shall arise three more kings in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than all of them; and when he has grown strong through his riches, he shall stir up all the kingdom of Greece. 3And a powerful king shall arise, who shall rule an extensive empire, and do as he pleases. 4When he shall arise, his kingdom shall be broken up, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to his authority with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, and will go to others besides these. 5The king of the south shall grow strong, and one of his officers shall grow more powerful, and shall have a greater kingdom than his. 6At the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain her power; neither shall his strength endure; but she shall be surrendered, and her attendants, and he who became the father of her, and he who supported her in those times. 7But out of a shoot from her roots shall arise in his place, who shall come against the army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail. 8Also their gods, with their molten images, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall withdraw for some years from the king of the north. 9And he shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land. 10And his sons shall wage war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall advance and overflow and pass through, and they shall return and wage war, as far as his fortress. 11The king of the south shall be moved with rage and shall come forth and fight against him, even with the king of the north; and he shall raise a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into his hand. 12The multitude shall be taken away, and

his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. 13The king of the north shall return, and shall raise a multitude greater than the former; and he shall advance after some years with a great army and with abundant supplies. 14And in those times many shall rise up against the king of the south: also the violent ones among your people shall rise up in confirmation of the vision; but they shall fail. 15So the king of the north shall come, and build up a siege mound and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not prevail, neither his best troops, neither shall there be any strength to resist. 16But he who comes against him shall do as he pleases, and no one shall be able to withstand him. And he shall stand in the beautiful land, and destruction will be within his power. 17He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and will reach an agreement with him which he shall put into effect. And he shall give him a daughter of women to send destruction on him; but it will not last or be to his advantage. 18After this shall he turn his face to the coastal regions, and shall capture many. But a commander shall bring his insolence to an end. In addition, he shall repay him for his insolence. 19Then he shall turn his attention toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found again. 20Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory; but within few days he shall be destroyed, though not in anger nor in battle. 21In his place shall arise a despicable person, to whom the honor of kingship had not been given, but he shall come in a time of prosperity, and shall obtain the kingdom through deceit. 22And large armies shall be swept away and shattered before him, as well as the prince of the covenant. 23And after an alliance is made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall become strong with a small force. 24In a time of prosperity he shall come even on the richest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor their fathers; he shall distribute among them plunder, and spoil, and property. He shall devise plans against their strongholds, but only for a time. 25And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall wage war in battle with an extremely large and powerful army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise plans against him. 26Yes, those who eat of his royal food shall seek to destroy him, and his army shall be swept away; and many shall fall slain. 27As for both these kings, their minds shall be fixed on evil, and they shall speak lies at the table; but it shall not succeed; for still the end shall be at the appointed time. 28Then shall he return into his land with great property; and his mind shall be against the holy covenant. And he shall take action, and then return to his own land. 29At the appointed time he shall return, and come into the south; but this time the outcome shall not be as it was before. 30For

ships from Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be intimidated, and shall turn back, and be enraged against the holy covenant, and shall take action. He shall turn back, and show regard to those who forsake the holy covenant. 31Forces shall come at his order, and they shall profane the sanctuary and the fortress, and shall take away the daily burnt offering, and they shall set up the abomination that causes desolation.[a] 32And those who act wickedly toward the covenant he shall corrupt by smooth words; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and take action. 33And those who are wise among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for some time. 34Now when they shall fall, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join with them insincerely. 35Some of those who are wise shall fall, to be refined, purified and cleansed until the time of the end; for the appointed time is still to come. 36And the king shall do as he pleases. And he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak outrageous things against the God of gods. And he shall prosper until the indignation is accomplished; for that which is decreed shall be done. 37Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the one desired by women, nor show regard to any other god, because he shall magnify himself above all. 38But instead he shall honor the god of fortresses; a god whom his fathers did not know shall he honor with gold and silver, and with valuable stones, and costly gifts. 39And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Whoever acknowledges him he shall grant considerable honor; and he shall make them rulers over many, and shall divide the land for a price. 40And at the time of the end shall the king of the south attack him. And the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall invade countries, and pass through like a flood. 41He shall enter also into the beautiful land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the foremost of the sons of Ammon. 42He shall reach out his hand also on other countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43But he shall have control over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the riches of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his feet. 44But news out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go out with tremendous rage to destroy and utterly sweep away many. 45And he shall pitch his royal tents between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with no one to help him.

[a]11:31 Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14

12 "At that time shall Michael arise, the great prince who watches over the children of your people. And there shall be a time of distress unparalleled since the beginning of the nation until that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who shall be found written in the book. 2Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. 4But you, Daniel, close up these words, and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall roam here and there, and knowledge[a] shall increase."

5Then I, Daniel, looked, and look, two others stood, one on this bank of the river, and one on the other bank of the river. 6And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall it be till these wonders take place?" 7I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. 8And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" 9And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. 10Many shall be purified, cleansed and refined; but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. 11From the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination that causes desolation[b] is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days. 12Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred thirty-five days. 13But go your way until the end. For you shall rest, and shall rise to receive your reward at the end of the days.

Hosea

1 The word of YHWH that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. 2When YHWH

[a]12:4 Hebrew hd't "knowledge." LXX reads adikia = hr't "wickedness." A dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b]12:11 Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14

spoke at the first by Hosea, YHWH said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and children of unfaithfulness; for the land commits great adultery, forsaking YHWH."

3So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him a son.

4YHWH said to him, "Call his name 'Jezreel,'[a] for yet a little while and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. 5It will happen in that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

6She conceived again, and bore a daughter. Then he said to him, "Call her name 'No Compassion,'[b] for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I should in any way pardon them. 7But I will have compassion on the house of Judah, and will save them by YHWH their God, and will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by battle, or by chariots,[c] or[d] by horses, or by horsemen."

8Now when she had weaned No Compassion, she conceived, and bore a son.

9He said, "Call his name 'Not My People,'[e] for you are 'Not my People' and I am 'Not your I AM.'[f]
10Yet the number of the children of Israel will be as the sand of the sea, which can't be measured nor numbered; and it will come to pass that, in the place where it was said to them, "You are 'Not My People,'" they will be called "Children of the Living God."[g]
11The people of Judah and the children of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint themselves one head, and will go up from the land; for great will be the day of Jezreel.

2 "Say to your brothers, 'My People.'[h]
and to your sisters, 'Compassion.'[i]
2Contend with your mother.
Contend, for she is not my wife,
neither am I her husband;
and let her put away her prostitution from her face,
and her adulteries from between her breasts;
3Lest I strip her naked,
and make her bare as in the day that she was born,
and make her like a wilderness,
and set her like a dry land,
and kill her with thirst.

[a]1:4 Jezreel means "God will sow"
[b]1:6 Heb. Lo-Ruhamah
[c]1:7 LXX, reading oude en harmasin. MT lacks "or by chariots," from haplography
[d]1:7 LXX. MT lacks the waw prefix
[e]1:9 Heb. Lo-Ammi
[f]1:9 Heb. Ehyeh
[g]1:10 Romans 9:26
[h]2:1 Heb. Ammi
[i]2:1 Heb. Ruhamah

[4]Indeed, on her children I will
have no mercy;
for they are children of
unfaithfulness;
[5]For their mother has played the
prostitute.
She who conceived them has
done shamefully;
for she said, ‘I will go after my
lovers,
who give me my bread and
my water,
my wool and my flax,
my oil and my drink.’
[6]Therefore, look, I will hedge up
her[a] way with thorns,
and I will build a wall
against her,
that she can’t find her way.
[7]She will follow after her lovers,
but she won’t overtake them;
and she will seek them,
but won’t find them.
Then she will say, ‘I will go and
return to my first
husband;
for then was it better with
me than now.’
[8]For she did not know that I gave
her the grain, the new
wine, and the oil,
and multiplied to her silver[b]
and gold, which they
used for Baal.
[9]Therefore I will take back my
grain in its time,
and my new wine in its
season,
and will pluck away my
wool and my flax
which should have
covered her
nakedness.
[10]Now I will uncover her lewdness
in the sight of her
lovers,
and no one will deliver her
out of my hand.
[11]I will also cause all her
celebrations to cease:
her feasts, her new moons,
her Sabbaths, and all
her solemn assemblies.
[12]I will lay waste her vines and her
fig trees,
about which she has said,
‘These are my wages
that my lovers have
given me;
and I will make them a
forest,’
and the animals of the field[c]
shall eat them.
[13]I will visit on her the days of the
Baals,
to which she burned incense,
when she decked herself with her
earrings and her
jewels,
and went after her lovers,
and forgot me,” says YHWH.
[14]“Therefore, look, I will allure
her,
and bring her into the
wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.

[a]2:6 LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT reads “your”
[b]2:8 LXX adds “but she silver,” i.e., “but she made silver,” possibly lost from homoioarcton: w-w
[c]2:12 LXX adds “and the birds of the sky and the things that crawl on the earth”

15 I will give her vineyards from there,
and the Valley of Achor for a door of hope;
and she will respond there,
as in the days of her youth,
and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.
16 It will be in that day," says YHWH,
"that you will call me 'my husband,'
and no longer call me 'my master.'
17 For I will take away the names of the Baals out of her mouth,
and they will no longer be mentioned by name.
18 In that day I will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field,
and with the birds of the sky,
and with the crawling creatures of the ground.
I will break the bow, the sword,
and the battle out of the land,
and will make them lie down safely.
19 I will betroth you to me forever.
Yes, I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in loving kindness, and in compassion.
20 I will even betroth you to me in faithfulness;
and you shall know YHWH.
21 It will happen in that day, I will respond," says YHWH,
"I will respond to the heavens,
and they will respond to the earth;
22 and the earth will respond to the grain, and the new wine, and the oil;
and they will respond to Jezreel.
23 And I will sow her for myself in the land;
and I will have compassion on No Compassion;
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people;'
and they will say,[a] 'My God.'"[b]

3 YHWH said to me, "Go again, love a woman who loves[c] another, and is an adulteress, even as YHWH loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods, and love cakes of raisins."

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a half of barley.[d] 3 I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days. You shall not play the prostitute, and you shall not be with any other man. I will also be so toward you."

[a] 2:23 LXX adds "You are" and "Lord/YHWH," possibly lost from homoioarcton: y-y.
[b] 2:23 Romans 9:25
[c] 3:1 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "loved by"
[d] 3:2 LXX reads "a measure of wine"

[4]For the children of Israel
shall abide many days without
king, and without prince, and
without sacrifice, and without
sacred stone, and without ephod or
idols. [5]Afterward the children of
Israel shall return, and seek YHWH
their God, and David their king,
and shall come with trembling to
YHWH and to his blessings in the
last days.

4 Hear the word of
YHWH, you children of
Israel;
for YHWH has a charge
against the inhabitants
of the land:
"Indeed there is no truth,
nor goodness,
nor knowledge of God in the
land.
[2]There is cursing, lying, murder,
stealing, and
committing adultery;[a]
they break boundaries, and
bloodshed causes
bloodshed.
[3]Therefore the land mourns,
and all those who dwell[b] in it
will waste away,
along with the animals of the
field
and the crawling creatures of
the earth [c]
and the birds of the sky,
and even the fish of the sea
will be taken away.
[4]"Yet let no man bring a charge,
neither let any man
accuse; for your
people are like those
who bring charges
against a priest.
[5]You will stumble in the day,
and the prophet will also
stumble with you in
the night;
and I will destroy your
mother.
[6]My people are destroyed for lack
of knowledge.
Because you have rejected
knowledge, I will also
reject you,
that you may be no priest to
me.
Because you have forgotten your
God's law,
I will also forget your
children.
[7]As they were multiplied, so they
sinned against me.
They have exchanged[d]
their glory into shame.
[8]They feed on the sin of my
people,
and set their heart on their
iniquity.
[9]It will be, like people, like priest;
and I will punish them for
their ways,
and will repay them for their
deeds.
[10]They will eat, and not have
enough.

[a]4:2 LXX adds "in the land"
[b]4:3 DSS LXX. MT reads "everyone who dwells"
[c]4:3 LXX cf. BHS. MT lacks "and the crawling…earth" from haplography: wb_h-wb_h
[d]4:7 Tg Syr. MT reads "IWill exchange"

They will play the prostitute,
and will not increase;
because they have
abandoned giving to
YHWH.
11 Prostitution, wine, and new wine
take away
understanding.
12 My people consult with
their wooden idol,
and answer to a stick of
wood.
Indeed the spirit of prostitution has
led them astray,
and they have been
unfaithful to their God.
13 They sacrifice on the tops of the
mountains,
and burn incense on the hills,
under oaks and poplars and shady[a]
terebinths, because its shade is
good.
Therefore your daughters play the
prostitute,
and your brides commit
adultery.
14 I will not punish your daughters
when they play the
prostitute,
nor your brides when they
commit adultery;
because the men consort with
prostitutes,
and they sacrifice with the
shrine prostitutes;
so the people without
understanding will
come to ruin.
15 "Though you, Israel, play the
prostitute,
yet do not let Judah offend;
and do not come to Gilgal,
neither go up to Beth Aven,
nor swear, 'As YHWH lives.'
16 For Israel has behaved extremely
stubbornly, like a
stubborn heifer.
Then how will YHWH feed
them like a lamb in a
meadow.
17 17 Ephraim, joined to idols,
has placed[b] stumbling blocks[c]
against himself.
18 Their drink has become sour.
They play the prostitute
continually.
Her rulers dearly love their
shameful way.
19 The wind has wrapped her up in
its wings;
and they shall be
disappointed because
of their sacrifices.[d]

5 "Listen to this, you
priests.
Listen, house of Israel,
and give ear, house of the
king.
For the judgment is against you;
for you have been a snare at
Mizpah,
and a net spread on Tabor.
2 The rebels are deep in slaughter;
but I discipline all of them.
3 I know Ephraim,

[a] 4:13 LXX, reading suskiazontos = מצלה. MT lacks "shady" from homoioteleuton: lh-lh
[b] 4:17 Vocalization according to LXX cf. 1 Kings 8:9
[c] 4:17 LXX, reading etheken = מכשלי. MT lacks "stumbling block"
[d] 4:19 LXX Tg Syr cf. BHS read "altars"

and Israel is not hidden from me;
for now, Ephraim, you have played the prostitute.
Israel is defiled.
4 Their deeds won't allow them to turn to their God;
for the spirit of prostitution is within them,
and they do not know YHWH.
5 The pride of Israel testifies to his face.
Therefore Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their iniquity.
Judah also will stumble with them.
6 They will go with their flocks and with their herds to seek YHWH;
but they won't find him.
He has withdrawn himself from them.
7 They are unfaithful to YHWH;
for they have borne illegitimate children.
Now the new moon will devour them with their fields.

8 "Blow the cornet in Gibeah,
and the trumpet in Ramah.
Sound a battle cry at Beth Aven, behind you, Benjamin.
9 Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke.
Among the tribes of Israel, I have made known that which will surely be.
10 The princes of Judah are like those who remove a landmark.
I will pour out my wrath on them like water.
11 Ephraim is oppressed,
he is crushed in judgment;
Because he is intent in his pursuit of idols.
12 Therefore I am to Ephraim like a moth,
and to the house of Judah like rottenness.

13 "When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
Then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to king Jareb:
but he is not able to heal you,
neither will he cure you of your wound.
14 For I will be to Ephraim like a lion,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I myself will tear in pieces and go away.
I will carry off, and there will be no one to deliver.
15 I will go and return to my place,
until they acknowledge their offense,
and seek my face.
In their affliction they will seek me earnestly."

6 "Come, and let us return to YHWH;
for he has torn us to pieces,
and he will heal us;
he has injured us,
and he will bind up our wounds.
2 After two days he will revive us.
On the third day he will raise us up,

and we will live before him.
3 Let us acknowledge YHWH.
Let us press on to know
YHWH.
As surely as the sun rises,
YHWH will appear.
He will come to us like the rain,
like the spring rain that
waters the earth."

4 "Ephraim, what shall I do to you?
Judah, what shall I do to
you?
For your love is like a
morning cloud,
and like the dew that
disappears early.
5 Therefore I have cut them to
pieces with the
prophets;
I killed them with the words
of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth
as the light.[a]
6 For I desire mercy, and not
sacrifice;
and the knowledge of God
more than burnt
offerings.
7 But they, like Adam,[b] have
broken the covenant.
They were unfaithful to me,
there.
8 Gilead is a city of evildoers;
it is stained with blood.
9 As gangs of robbers wait to
ambush a man,
so the company of priests
murder in the way
toward Shechem,
committing shameful
crimes.
10 In the house of Israel I have seen
a horrible thing.
There is prostitution in
Ephraim.
Israel is defiled.

11 "For you also, Judah, there is a
harvest appointed for
you,
when I restore the fortunes
of my people.

7 When I would heal
Israel,
then the iniquity of
Ephraim is uncovered,
also the wickedness of
Samaria;
for they commit falsehood,
and the thief enters in,
and the gang of robbers
ravages outside.
2 They do not consider in their
hearts that I remember
all their wickedness.
Now their own deeds have
engulfed them.
They are before my face.
3 They make the king glad with
their wickedness,
and the princes with their
lies.
4 They are all adulterers.
They are burning like an
oven that the baker
stops stirring,
from the kneading of the
dough, until it is
leavened.

[a] 6:5 LXX Tg Syr, reading wmspty k'wr ys'. MT reads wmsptyk 'wr ys' "and your judgments a light goes forth," a different division by one letter of the consonants
[b] 6:7 Or, "But they, at Adam."

5On the day of our king, the
princes made
themselves sick with
the heat of wine.
He joined his hand with
mockers.
6For they have made ready[a] their
heart like an oven,
while they lie in wait.
Their baker sleeps all the
night.
In the morning it burns as a
flaming fire.
7They are all hot as an oven,
and devour their judges.
All their kings have fallen.
There is no one among them
who calls to me.
8Ephraim, he mixes himself
among the nations.
Ephraim is a pancake not
turned over.
9Strangers have devoured his
strength,
and he doesn't realize it.
Indeed, gray hairs are here and
there on him,
and he doesn't realize it.
10The pride of Israel testifies to his
face;
yet they haven't returned to
YHWH their God,
nor sought him, for all this.

11"Ephraim is like an easily
deceived dove,
without understanding.
They call to Egypt.
They go to Assyria.
12When they go, I will spread my
net on them.
I will bring them down like
the birds of the sky.
I will chastise them, as their
congregation has
heard.
13Woe to them.
For they have wandered
from me.
Destruction to them.
For they have trespassed
against me.
Though I would redeem them,
yet they have spoken lies
against me.
14They haven't cried to me with
their heart,
but they wail on their beds.
They cut[b] themselves for grain and
new wine.
They turn away from me.
15Though I have taught and
strengthened their
arms,
yet they plot evil against me.
16They return, but not to the Most
High.
They are like a faulty bow.
Their leaders will fall by the
sword for the rage of
their tongue.
This will be their derision in
the land of Egypt.

8 "Put the trumpet to your
lips.
Something like an
eagle is over YHWH's
house,
because they have broken
my covenant,
and rebelled against my law.

[a]7:6 LXX Syr read "they are kindled"

[b]7:14 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT reads "assemble," a dalet-resh confusion

[2]They cry to me, ‘My God, we
Israel acknowledge
you.’
[3]Israel has cast off that
which is good.
The enemy will pursue him.
[4]They have set up kings, but not
by me.
They have made princes,
and I did not approve.
Of their silver and their gold
they have made
themselves idols,
that they may be cut off.
[5]Let Samaria throw out his calf
idol.
My anger burns against
them.
How long will it be until
they are capable of
purity?
[6]For this is even from Israel.
The workman made it, and it
is no God;
indeed, the calf of Samaria
shall be broken in
pieces.
[7]For they sow the wind,
and they will reap the
whirlwind.
He has no standing grain.
The stalk will yield no head.
If it does yield, strangers
will swallow it up.
[8]Israel is swallowed up.
Now they are among the
nations like a
worthless thing.
[9]For they have gone up to Assyria,
like a wild donkey
wandering alone.
Ephraim has hired lovers for
himself.
[10]But although they sold
themselves among the
nations,
I will now gather them;
and they begin to waste
away because of the
oppression of the king
of mighty ones.
[11]Because Ephraim has multiplied
altars for sinning,
they became for him altars
for sinning.
[12]I wrote for him the many things
of my law;
but they were regarded as a
strange thing.
[13]As for the sacrifices of my
offerings,
they sacrifice flesh and eat
it;
But YHWH doesn’t accept
them.
Now he will remember their
iniquity,
and punish their sins.
They will return to Egypt,
and will eat unclean things
in Assyria.[a]
[14]For Israel has forgotten his
Maker and built
palaces;
and Judah has multiplied
fortified cities;
but I will send a fire on his
cities,
and it will devour its
fortresses.”

[a]8:13 LXX. MT lacks “and they will…Assyria” from haplography: l_l-l_l

9 Do not rejoice, Israel, to jubilation like the nations;
for you were unfaithful to your God.
You love the wages of a prostitute at every grain threshing floor.
2 The threshing floor and the winepress won't feed them,[a]
and the new wine will fail her.
3 They won't dwell in YHWH's land;
but Ephraim will return to Egypt,
and they will eat unclean food in Assyria.
4 They won't pour out wine offerings to YHWH,
neither will they be pleasing to him.
Their sacrifices will be to them like the bread of mourners;
all who eat of it will be polluted;
for their bread will be for their appetite.
It will not come into the house of YHWH.
5 What will you do in the day of solemn assembly,
and in the day of the feast of YHWH?
6 For, look, they have gone away from destruction.
Egypt will gather them up.
Memphis will bury them.
Nettles will possess their pleasant things of silver.
Thorns will be in their tents.
7 The days of visitation have come.
The days of reckoning have come.
Let Israel know.[b] The prophet is a fool,
and the man of the spirit is mad,
because of the abundance of your sins,
and because your hostility is great.
8 A prophet watches over Ephraim with my God.
A fowler's snare is on all of his paths,
and hostility in the house of his God.
9 They have deeply corrupted themselves,
as in the days of Gibeah.
He will remember their iniquity.
He will punish them for their sins.
10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness.
I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig tree at its first season;
but they came to Baal Peor, and consecrated themselves to the shameful thing,
and became abominable like that which they loved.

[a] 9:2 LXX reads "winepress don't know them." A dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

[b] 9:7 MT reads yd'w "know." LXX reads kakothesetai = yr'w "cries," an apparent dalet-resh (ד-ר) confusion

11As for Ephraim, their glory will
fly away like a bird.
There will be no birth, none
with child, and no
conception.
12Though they bring up their
children,
yet I will bereave them, so
that not a man shall be
left.
Indeed, woe also to them
when I depart from
them.
13I have seen Ephraim, like Tyre,
planted in a pleasant
place;
but Ephraim will bring out
his children to the
murderer.
14Give them—YHWH what will
you give?
Give them a miscarrying
womb and dry breasts.

15"All their wickedness is in
Gilgal;
for there I hated them.
Because of the wickedness
of their deeds I will
drive them out of my
house.
I will love them no more.
All their rulers are rebels.
16Ephraim is struck.
Their root has dried up.
They will bear no fruit.
Even though they bring
forth, yet I will kill the
beloved ones of their
womb."

17My God will cast them away,
because they did not
listen to him;
and they will be wanderers
among the nations.

10 Israel is a luxuriant
vine that puts forth
his fruit.
According to the abundance
of his fruit he has
multiplied his altars.
As their land has prospered,
they have adorned
their sacred stones.
2Their heart is divided.
Now they will be found
guilty.
He will demolish their altars.
He will destroy their sacred
stones.
3Surely now they will say, "We
have no king; for we
do not fear YHWH;
and the king, what can he do
for us?"
4They make promises, swearing
falsely in making
covenants.
Therefore judgment springs
up like poisonous
weeds in the furrows
of the field.
5The inhabitants[a] of Samaria will
be in terror for the
calve[b] of Beth Aven;
for its people will mourn
over it,
Along with its priests who
rejoiced over it,

[a]10:5 MT sg. LXX Syr pl

[b]10:5 LXX Theodotion Syr sg. MT reads pl

for its glory, because it has
departed from it.
6It also will be carried bound[a] to
Assyria as tribute for a great king.
Ephraim will receive shame,
and Israel will be ashamed
of his own counsel.
7Samaria and her king float away,
like a twig on the water.
8The high places also of Beth[b]
Aven,[c] the sin of
Israel, will be
destroyed.
The thorn and the thistle will
grow on their altars.
Then they will say to the
mountains, "Fall on us,[d]" and to the
hills, "Cover us."[e"][f]

9"Israel, you have sinned from the
days of Gibeah.
There they remained.
The battle against the
children of iniquity
doesn't overtake them
in Gibeah.
10I am coming[g] to discipline[h]
them;
and the nations will be
gathered against them,
when they are disciplined[i]
for their two transgressions.[j]
11Ephraim is a trained heifer that
loves to thresh;
so I will put a yoke on her
beautiful neck.
I will set a rider on Ephraim.
Judah will plow.
Jacob will break his clods.
12Sow to yourselves in
righteousness,
reap according to kindness.
Break up your fallow ground;[k]
for it is time to seek YHWH,
until he comes and rains
righteousness on you.
13You[l] have plowed wickedness.
You have reaped iniquity.

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[a]10:6 LXX, reading desantes = אסור. MT lacks "bound" from homoioteleuton: wr-wr

[b]10:8 Hebrew Ms. MT lacks "Beth" from homoioteleuton: t-t, with graphic confusion: במות בית

[c]10:8 Or, "of the House of Wickedness"

[d]10:8 LXX(A) Thret. MT reads…..… כסונו "Cover us"

[e]10:8 LXX Ms. MT reads נפלו עלינו "Fall on us." It is possible that a copyist skipped from נפלו "fall" to כסונו "Cover us" by homoioarcton in a nun-kaph confusion in square script, with the skipped words restored after "Cover us." For examples of nun-kaph confusions cf. McCarter, TC, 45, 48; Brug, TCOT, 32,33

[f]10:8 Luke 23:30

[g]10:10 LXX, reading elthon = …….. באתי "I am coming," cf. Judges 20:4. MT reads באותי "When I desire"

[h]10:10 LXX cf. BHS, reading paideusai = איסרם "I will discipline them." MT reads ואסרם "and/then I will bind them," an apparent orthographic metathesis

[i]10:10 LXX Syr Vg cf. BHS, reading paieuesthai = ביסרם. MT reads באסרם "when they bind themselves"

[j]10:10 MT Qere LXX Syr Vg. MT Kethib reads "two eyes"

[k]10:12 LXX reads "Enlighten for yourselves the light of knowledge"

[l]10:13 LXX reads "Why have you"

You have eaten the fruit of
lies,
for you trusted in your way,
in the multitude of
your mighty men.
14 Therefore a battle roar will arise
among your people,
and all your fortresses will
be destroyed,
as Shalman destroyed Beth
Arbel in the day of
battle.
The mother was dashed in
pieces with her
children.
15 So Bethel will do to you because
of your great
wickedness.
At daybreak the king of
Israel will be
destroyed.

11 "When Israel was a
child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I
called my son.[a]
2 As I[b] called them, the farther they
went from me.[c]
They sacrificed to the Baals,
and burned incense to
engraved images.
3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk.
I took them in my[d] arms;
but they did not know that I
healed them.
4 I drew them with cords of a man,
with ties of love;
and I was to them like those
who lift up the yoke
on their necks;
and I bent down to him and I
fed him.
5 "They won't return into the land
of Egypt;[e]
but the Assyrian will be their
king,
because they refused to
repent.
6 The sword will fall on their cities,
and will destroy the bars of
their gates,
and will put an end to their
plans.
7 My people are determined to turn
from me.
Though they call to the Most
High,
he certainly won't exalt
them.

8 "How can I give you up,
Ephraim?
How can I hand you over,
Israel?
How can I make you like
Admah?
How can I make you like
Zeboiim?
My heart is turned within me,
my compassion is aroused.
9 I will not execute the fierceness
of my anger.
I will not return to destroy
Ephraim:
for I am God, and not man;
the Holy One in the
midst of you;

[a] 11:1 Matthew 2:15
[b] 11:2 LXX Syr. MT reads "they"
[c] 11:2 LXX Syr. MT reads "from them," a different word division
[d] 11:3 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "their"
[e] 11:5 LXX reads "Ephraim dwelt in Egypt"

and I will not come in wrath.
10 They will walk after YHWH,
who will roar like a lion;
for he will roar, and the
children will come
trembling from the
west.
11 They will come trembling like a
bird out of Egypt,
and like a dove out of the
land of Assyria;
and I will settle them in their
houses," says YHWH.

12 Ephraim surrounds me with
falsehood,
and the house of Israel with
deceit.
Judah still strays from God,
and is unfaithful to the Holy
One.

12 Ephraim feeds on
wind,
and chases the east
wind.
He continually multiplies
lies and desolation.
They make a covenant with
Assyria,
and oil is carried into Egypt.
2 YHWH also has a controversy
with Judah,
and will punish Jacob
according to his ways
and[a] according to his deeds
he will repay him.
3 In the womb he took his brother
by the heel;
and in his manhood he
contended with God.
4 Indeed, he struggled with the
angel, and prevailed;
he wept, and made petition
to him.
He found him at Bethel, and
there he spoke with
him,[b]
5 even YHWH, the God of
hosts;
YHWH is his name of
renown.
6 Therefore turn to your God.
Keep kindness and justice,
and wait continually for your
God.

7 A merchant has dishonest scales
in his hand.
He loves to defraud.
8 Ephraim said, "Surely I have
become rich,
I have found myself wealth.
In all my wealth they won't
find in me any iniquity
that is sin."

9 "But I YHWH your God brought
you up[c] from the land
of Egypt.
I will yet again make you
dwell in tents,
as in the days of the solemn
feast.
10 I have also spoken to the
prophets,
and I have multiplied
visions;

[a] 12:2 DSS LXX Tg Mss. MT lacks "and"
[b] 12:4 LXX(L) Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "us"
[c] 12:9 LXX, reading anegagou se = העלתיך. MT lacks "brought you up" from homoioteleuton: yk-yk

and by the ministry of the
prophets I have used
parables.
[11]If Gilead is wicked,
surely they are worthless.
In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls.
Indeed, their altars are like
heaps in the furrows of
the field.
[12]Jacob fled into the country of
Aram,
and Israel served to get a
wife,
and for a wife he tended
flocks and herds.
[13]By a prophet YHWH brought
Israel up out of Egypt,
and by a prophet he was
preserved.
[14]Ephraim has bitterly provoked
anger.
Therefore his blood will be
left on him,
and his Lord will repay his
contempt.

13 When Ephraim
spoke, there was
trembling.
He exalted himself in Israel,
but when he became guilty
in Baal, he died.
[2]Now they sin more and more,
and have made themselves
molten images of their
silver,
even idols according to their
own understanding,
all of them the work of the
craftsmen.
They say of them, 'They
offer human sacrifice
and kiss the calves.'
[3]Therefore they will be like the
morning mist,
and like the dew that passes
away early,
like the chaff that is driven
with the whirlwind out
of the threshing floor,
and like the smoke out of the
chimney.

[4]"Yet I am YHWH your God[a] from
the land of Egypt;
and you shall acknowledge
no god but me,
and besides me there is no
savior.
[5]I fed[b] you in the wilderness,
in the land of great drought.
[6]According to their pasture, so
were they filled;
they were filled, and their
heart was exalted.
Therefore they have
forgotten me.
[7]Therefore I am like a lion to
them.
Like a leopard, I will lurk by
the path.
[8]I will meet them like a bear that is
bereaved of her cubs,
and will tear the covering of
their heart.

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[a]13:4 DSS LXX add "that establishes the heaven, and creates the earth, whose hands have framed the whole host of heaven. But I did not show them to you that you should go after them, but I brought you up," possibly lost in MT from haplography: 'lwhykh-h'lwtykh (Gk.: theos sou-anegagon)

[b]13:5 LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "knew"

There I will devour them
like a lioness.[a]
The wild animal will tear
them.
9You are destroyed, Israel, because
you are against me,
against your help.[b]
10Where is your king now, that he
may save you in all
your cities?
And your judges, of whom
you said, 'Give me a
king and princes?'
11I have given you a king in my
anger,
and have taken him away in
my wrath.
12The guilt of Ephraim is stored
up.
His sin is stored up.
13The sorrows of a travailing
woman will come on
him.
He is an unwise son;
for when it is time, he
doesn't come to the
opening of the womb.
14I will ransom them from the
power of Sheol.
I will redeem them from
death.
Death, where is your
victory?[c]
Sheol, where is your sting?[d]
"Compassion will be hidden from
my eyes.
15Though he is fruitful
among his brothers, an
east wind will come,
the breath of YHWH coming
up from the
wilderness;
and his spring will become
dry,
and his fountain will be
dried up.
He will plunder the
storehouse of treasure.
16Samaria will bear her guilt;
for she has rebelled against
her God.
They will fall by the sword.
Their infants will be dashed
in pieces,
and their pregnant women
will be ripped open."

14 Israel, return to
YHWH your God;
for you have fallen
because of your sin.
2Take words with you, and return
to YHWH.
Tell him, "Forgive all our
sins,
and accept that which is
good,
and we will offer the fruit[e] of our
lips.[f]
3Assyria can't save us.

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[a]13:8 LXX adds "(of) the thicket"
[b]13:9 LXX Syr cf. BHS read "Israel, who can help you?"
[c]13:14 LXX(130-311-534) Syr, reading "your victory." MT reads "plagues"
[d]13:14 1Co 15:55
[e]14:2 LXX Syr, reading karpon "fruit" = Heb. piryam (e.g., 2Kings 19:29; Isaiah 37:30). MT has vocalized the same consonantal text as parim "bulls" (e.g., 1Kings 18:23; Psalm 51:19).
[f]14:2 Hebrews 13:15, which also reads as LXX: karpon cheileon "the fruit of lips"

We won't ride on horses;
neither will we say any more
to the work of our
hands, 'Our gods.'
for in you the fatherless
finds mercy."

4"I will heal their waywardness.
I will love them freely;
for my anger is turned away
from him.
5I will be like the dew to Israel.
He will blossom like the lily,
and send down his roots like
Lebanon.
6His branches will spread,
and his beauty will be like
the olive tree,
and his fragrance like
Lebanon.
7They will return and dwell in his
shade.
They will live and be abundantly
satisfied[a] with grain, and
blossom like the vine.
Their fragrance will be like
the wine of Lebanon.
8Ephraim, what have I to do any
more with idols?
I answer, and will take care
of him.
I am like a green fir tree;
from me your fruit is found."

9Who is wise, that he may
understand these
things?
Who is prudent, that he may
know them?
For the ways of YHWH are
right,
and the righteous walk in
them;
But the rebellious stumble in
them.

Joel

1 The word of YHWH that
came to Joel, the son of
Pethuel.
2Hear this, you elders,
And listen, all you
inhabitants of the land.
Has this ever happened in your
days,
or in the days of your
fathers?
3Tell your children about it,
and have your children tell
their children,
and their children, another
generation.
4What the swarming locust has
left, the great locust
has eaten.
What the great locust has
left, the grasshopper
has eaten.
What the grasshopper has
left, the caterpillar has
eaten.
5Wake up, you drunkards, and
weep.
Wail, all you drinkers of
wine, because of the
sweet wine;

[a]14:7 LXX, reading kai methusthesontai = וישבו. MT lacks "and be abundantly satisfied" from homoioteleuton: yw-yw

for it is cut off from your
mouth.
[6]For a nation has come up on my
land, strong, and
without number.
His teeth are the teeth of a
lion,
and he has the fangs of a
lioness.
[7]He has laid my vine waste,
and stripped my fig tree.
He has stripped its bark, and
thrown it away.
Its branches are made white.
[8]Mourn like a virgin dressed in
sackcloth for the
husband of her youth.
[9]The meal offering and
the drink offering are
cut off from YHWH's
house.
The priests, YHWH's
ministers, mourn.
[10]The field is laid waste.
The land mourns, for the
grain is destroyed,
The new wine has dried up,
and the oil languishes.
[11]Be confounded, you farmers.
Wail, you vineyard keepers;
for the wheat and for the
barley;
for the harvest of the field
has perished.
[12]The vine has dried up, and the
fig tree withered;
the pomegranate tree, the
palm tree also, and the
apple tree,
even all of the trees of the
field are withered;
for joy has withered away
from the sons of men.
[13]Put on sackcloth and mourn, you
priests.
Wail, you ministers of the
altar.
Come, lie all night in sackcloth,
you ministers of my
God,
for the meal offering and the
drink offering are
withheld from your
God's house.
[14]Sanctify a fast.[a]
Call a solemn assembly.
Gather the elders,
and all the inhabitants of the
land, to the house of
YHWH, your God,
and cry to YHWH.
[15]Alas for the day.
For the day of YHWH is at
hand,
and it will come as
destruction from
Shaddai.
[16]Isn't the food cut off before our
eyes;
joy and gladness from the
house of our God?
[17]The seeds[b] shrivel[c] under their
shovels.[d]

[a]1:14 DSS Ms adds "and"

[b]1:17 MT, reading perudot פרדות "seeds." DSS cf. LXX Syr Vg read parot פרות "heifers" The reading of "seeds" is more likely since the subject in next two lines is grain, followed by animals

[c]1:17 MT, reading עבשו "shrivel." DSS reads עפשו "decay," a misreading possibly involving a beth-pey confusion

[d]1:17 MT, reading מגרפֹתיהם "their shovels." LXX Syr read מרפתיהם

The storehouses are laid
desolate.
The granaries[a] are broken
down, for the grain has
withered.
18How the animals groan.
The herds of livestock are
perplexed, because
they have no pasture.
Even the flocks of sheep
suffer.
19YHWH, I cry to you,
for the fire has devoured the
pastures of the
wilderness,
and the flame has burned all
the trees of the field.
20Yes, the animals of the field pant
to you,
for the water brooks have
dried up,
And the fire has devoured
the pastures of the
wilderness.

2 Blow the trumpet in
Zion,
and sound an alarm on
my holy mountain.
Let all the inhabitants of the land
tremble,
for the day of YHWH comes,
for it is near.
2A day of darkness and
gloominess,
a day of clouds and thick
darkness.
As blackness[b] spreading on the
mountains
a great and powerful people;
there has never been the like,
neither will there be any
more after them,
even after the years of many
generations.
3A fire devours before them,
and behind them, a flame
burns.
The land is as the garden of Eden
before them,
and behind them, a desolate
wilderness.
Yes, and no one has escaped them.
4The appearance of them is as the
appearance of horses,
and as horsemen, so do they
run.
5Like the noise of chariots on the
tops of the mountains
do they leap,
like the noise of a flame of
fire that devours the
stubble,
as a mighty people drawn up
for[c] battle.
6At their presence the peoples are
in anguish.
All faces have grown pale.
7They run like mighty men.
They climb the wall like
warriors.
They each march in his line,
and they do not swerve
off course.
8Neither does one jostle another;
they march everyone in his
path,

"their stalls." MT is the more difficult reading and therefore more likely the original

[a]1:17 BHS suggests that a mem in mammegurah is a dittography

[b]2:2 With revocalization. MT reads "morning"

[c]2:5 DSS LXX. MT lacks "for'

and they burst through the defenses,
and do not break ranks.
9They rush on the city.
They run on the wall.
They climb up into the houses.
They enter in at the windows like thieves.
10The earth quakes before them.
The heavens tremble.
The sun and the moon are darkened,
and the stars withdraw their shining.
11YHWH thunders his voice before his army;
for his forces are very great;
for he is strong who obeys his command;
for the day of YHWH is great and very awesome,
and who can endure it?
12"Yet even now," says YHWH,
"turn to me with all your heart,
and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning."
13Tear your heart, and not your garments,
and turn to YHWH, your God;
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness,
and relents from sending calamity.
14Who knows? He may turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
even a meal offering and a drink offering to YHWH, your God.
15Blow the trumpet in Zion.
Sanctify a fast.
Call a solemn assembly.
16Gather the people.
Sanctify the assembly.
Assemble the elders.
Gather the children, and those who suck the breasts.
Let the bridegroom go forth from his room,
and the bride out of her chamber.
17Let the priests, the ministers of YHWH, weep between the porch and the altar,
and let them say, "Spare your people, YHWH,
and do not give your heritage to mockery,
a byword[a] among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"
18Then YHWH was jealous for his land,
And had pity on his people.
19YHWH answered his people,
"Look, I will send you grain, new wine, and oil, and you will eat[b]
and you will be satisfied with them;

[a]2:17 With revocalization. MT reads "to rule"

[b]2:19 DSS. MT lacks "and you will eat" from haplography: w'kltmh-wsb'tmh

and I will no more make you
a reproach among the
nations.
20 But I will remove the northern
army far away from
you,
and will drive it into a barren
and desolate land,
its front into the eastern sea,
and its back into the western
sea;
and its stench will come up,
and its bad smell will rise."
Surely he has done great things.
21 Land, do not be afraid.
Be glad and rejoice, for
YHWH has done great
things.
22 Do not be afraid, you animals of
the field;
for the pastures of the
wilderness spring up,
for the tree bears its fruit.
The fig tree and the vine
yield their strength.

23 "Be glad then, you people of
Zion,
and rejoice in YHWH, your
God;
for he gives you the former
rain in just measure,
and he causes the rain to
come down for you,
the former rain and the latter
rain,
as before.[a]

24 The threshing floors will be full
of wheat,
and the vats will overflow
with new wine and oil.
25 I will restore to you the years
that the swarming
locust has eaten,
the great locust, the
grasshopper, and the
caterpillar,
my great army, which I sent
among you.
26 You will have plenty to eat, and
be satisfied,
and will praise the name of
YHWH, your God,
who has dealt wondrously
with you;
and my people will never be
put to shame.
27 You will know that I am in the
midst of Israel,
and that I am YHWH, your
God, and there is no
one else;[b]
and my people will never[c] be
put to shame.

28 "And it shall come to pass
afterward, that I will
pour out my Spirit on
all flesh;
and your sons and your
daughters will
prophesy,
and[d] your old men will
dream dreams,

[a] 2:23 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr Vg, reading כראשון. MT reads בראשון , a kaph-beth confusion
[b] 2:27 LXX adds "besides me," possibly lost from homoioarcton by sight confusion: zayin-waw
[c] 2:27 LXX adds "again," possibly lost from homoioarcton: ayin-ayin
[d] 2:28 LXX. MT lacks "and"

and[a] your young men will
see visions.
29And also on my[b] servants, both
men and women, I will
pour out my Spirit in
those days.
30And I will show wonders in the
heavens and in the
earth:
blood, fire, and pillars of
smoke.
31The sun will be turned into
darkness,
and the moon into blood,
before the great and
awesome day of
YHWH comes.
32And it will happen that whoever
will call on the name
of YHWH shall be
saved;[c]
for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there will be
those who escape,
as YHWH has said,
and among the remnant,
those whom YHWH
calls.

3 "For, look, in those
days,
and in that time,
when I restore the fortunes
of Judah and
Jerusalem,
2I will gather all nations,
and will bring them down
into the Valley of
Jehoshaphat;
and I will execute judgment
on them there for my
people,
and for my heritage, Israel,
whom they have
scattered among the
nations.
They have divided my land,
3and have cast lots for my
people,
and have given a boy for a
prostitute,
and sold a girl for wine, that
they may drink.

4"Yes, and what are you to me,
Tyre, and Sidon,
and all the regions of
Philistia?
Will you repay me?
And if you repay me,
I will swiftly and speedily
return your repayment
on your own head.
5Because you have taken my silver
and my gold,
and have carried my finest
treasures into your
temples,
6and have sold the people of
Judah and the people
of Jerusalem to the
people of the Greeks,
that you may remove them
far from their border.
7Look, I will stir them up out of
the place where you
have sold them,
and will return your
repayment on your
own head;

[a]2:28 LXX. MT lacks "and"
[b]2:29 LXX(B), reading doulous mou. MT lacks "my"
[c]2:28-32 Acts 2:17-21; Romans 10:13

[8]and I will sell your sons and your
daughters into the
hands of the people of
Judah,
and they will sell them to the
men of Sheba,
to a faraway nation,
for YHWH[a] has spoken it."

[9]Proclaim this among the nations:
"Prepare for war.
Stir up the mighty men.
Let all the warriors draw near.
Let them come up. [10]Beat
your plowshares into
swords,
and your pruning hooks into
spears.
Let the weak say, 'I am
strong.'
[11]Hurry and come, all you
surrounding nations,
and gather yourselves
together."
Cause your mighty ones to come
down there, YHWH.
[12]"Let the nations arouse
themselves,
and come up to the Valley of
Jehoshaphat;
for there will I sit to judge
all the surrounding
nations.
[13]Put in the sickle;
for the harvest is ripe.
Come, tread, for the
winepress is full,
the vats overflow, for their
wickedness is great."
[14]Multitudes, multitudes in the
valley of decision.
For the day of YHWH is
near, in the valley of
decision.
[15]The sun and the moon are
darkened,
and the stars withdraw their
shining.
[16]YHWH will roar from Zion,
and thunder from Jerusalem;
and the heavens and the
earth will shake;
but YHWH will be a refuge
to his people,
and a stronghold to the
children of Israel.
[17]"So you will know that I am
YHWH your God,
who dwells[b] in Zion, my
holy mountain.
Then Jerusalem will be holy,
and no strangers will pass
through her any more.
[18]It will happen in that day,
that the mountains will drop
down sweet wine,
the hills will flow with milk,
all the brooks of Judah will
flow with waters,
and a fountain will come
forth from the house of
YHWH,
and will water the Valley of
Shittim.
[19]Egypt will be a desolation,
and Edom will be a desolate
wilderness,
for the violence done to the
people of Judah,
because they have shed
innocent blood in their
land.

[a]

[b]3:17 DSS LXX. MT reads "God, dwelling"

20 But Judah will be inhabited
forever,
and Jerusalem from
generation to
generation.
21 And I will pardon[a] their
bloodguilt,
which I have not pardoned,
for YHWH dwells in Zion."

Amos

1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. 2 He said:
"YHWH will roar from Zion,
and utter his voice from
Jerusalem;
and the pastures of the shepherds
will mourn,
and the top of Carmel will
wither."

3 Thus says YHWH:
"For three transgressions of
Damascus, yes, for
four,
I will not turn away its
punishment;
because they have threshed
the pregnant women
of[b] Gilead with
threshing instruments
of iron;
4 but I will send a fire into the
house of Hazael,
and it will devour the
palaces of Ben Hadad.
5 I will break the bar of Damascus,
and cut off the inhabitant
from the Valley of
Wickedness,
and him who holds the
scepter from Beth
Eden;
and the people of Aram shall
go into captivity to
Kir,"
says YHWH.

6 Thus says YHWH:
"For three transgressions of Gaza,
yes, for four,
I will not turn away its
punishment;
because they carried away
captive the whole
community,
to deliver them up to Edom;
7 but I will send a fire on the wall
of Gaza,
and it will devour its
palaces.
8 I will cut off the inhabitant from
Ashdod,
and him who holds the
scepter from
Ashkelon;
and I will turn my hand against
Ekron;
and the remnant of the
Philistines will

[a] 3:21 LXX Syr read "avenge"

[b] 1:3 DSS LXX. MT lacks "the pregnant women of" from haplography: t_h-t_h

perish,"
says YHWH.[a]

9Thus says YHWH:
"For three transgressions of Tyre,
yes, for four,
I will not turn away its
punishment;
because they delivered up
the whole community
to Edom,
and did not remember the
brotherly covenant;
10but I will send a fire on the wall
of Tyre,
and it will devour its
palaces."

11Thus says YHWH:
"For three transgressions of Edom,
yes, for four,
I will not turn away its
punishment;
because he pursued his
brother with the
sword,
and cast off all pity,
and his anger raged
continually,
and he kept his wrath
forever;
12but I will send a fire on Teman,
and it will devour the
palaces of Bozrah."

13Thus says YHWH:
"For three transgressions of the
people of Ammon,
yes, for four,
I will not turn away its
punishment;
because they have ripped
open the pregnant
women of Gilead,
that they may enlarge their
border.
14But I will kindle a fire in the wall
of Rabbah,
and it will devour its
palaces,
with shouting in the day of
battle,
with a storm in the day of
the whirlwind;
15and their king will go into
captivity,
he and his officials
together,"
says YHWH.

2 Thus says YHWH:
"For three
transgressions of
Moab, yes, for four,
I will not turn away its
punishment;
because he burned the bones
of the king of Edom
into lime;
2but I will send a fire on Moab,
and it will devour the
palaces of Kerioth;
and Moab will die with
tumult, with shouting,
and with the sound of
the trumpet;
3and I will cut off the judge from
their midst,
and will kill all its officials
with him,"
says YHWH.
4Thus says YHWH:

[a]1:8 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"

"For three transgressions of Judah,
yes, for four,
I will not turn away its punishment;
because they have rejected YHWH's law,
and have not kept his statutes.
Their false idols[a] which they made,[b] after which their fathers walked, have led them astray.
5But I will send a fire on Judah,
and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem."

6Thus says YHWH:
"For three transgressions of Israel,
yes, for four,
I will not turn away its punishment;
because they have sold the righteous for silver,
and the needy for a pair of shoes;
7They trample on the dust of the earth on the head of the poor,
and deny justice to the oppressed;
and a man and his father use the same maiden, to profane my holy name;
8and they lay themselves down beside every altar on clothes taken in pledge;
and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined.
9Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them,
whose height was like the height of the cedars,
and he was strong as the oaks;
yet I destroyed his fruit from above,
and his roots from beneath.
10Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,
and led you forty years in the wilderness,
to possess the land of the Amorite.
11I raised up some of your sons for prophets,
and some of your young men for Nazirites.
Isn't this true,
you children of Israel?" says YHWH.
12"But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink,
and commanded the prophets, saying, 'Do not prophesy.'
13Look, I will crush you in your place,
as a cart crushes that is full of grain.
14Flight will perish from the swift;
and the strong won't strengthen his force;
neither shall the mighty deliver himself;
15neither shall he stand who handles the bow;

[a]2:4 Heb. "lies," possibly a derogatory term for idols. Cf. Psalm 40:4. The word "vanity" is also used for idols, e.g. Deuternomy 32:21

[b]2:4 LXX, reading ha epoiesan =….. אשר עשו. MT lacks "which they made" from haplography: asher-asher

and he who is swift of foot
won't escape;
neither shall he who rides
the horse deliver
himself;
16and he who is courageous among
the mighty will flee
away naked on that
day,"
says YHWH.

3 Hear this word that YHWH has spoken against you, children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying:
2"You only have I chosen of all
the families of the
earth.
Therefore I will punish you
for all of your sins."
3Do two walk together,
unless they have agreed?
4Will a lion roar in the thicket,
when he has no prey?
Does a young lion cry out of his
den,
if he has caught nothing?
5Can a bird fall in a trap on the
earth,
where no snare is set for
him?
Does a snare spring up from the
ground,
when there is nothing to
catch?
6Does the trumpet alarm sound in
a city,
without the people being
afraid?
Does disaster happen to a city,
unless YHWH has done it?
7Surely YHWH[a] will do nothing,
unless he reveals his secret
to his servants the
prophets.
8The lion has roared.
Who will not fear?
YHWH[b] has spoken.
Who can but prophesy?
9Proclaim in the palaces at
Ashdod,
and in the palaces in the land
of Egypt,
and say, "Assemble yourselves on
the mountain[c] of
Samaria,
and see what unrest is in her,
and what oppression is
among them."
10"Indeed they do not know to do
right," says YHWH,
"Who hoard plunder and
loot in their palaces."

11Therefore thus says[d]
YHWH:
"An adversary will surround[e] the
land;
and he will pull down your
strongholds,
and your fortresses will be
plundered."

12Thus says YHWH:
"As the shepherd rescues out of
the mouth of the lion
two legs,

[a]3:7 Hebrew Mss LXX Ms OL Ms Sa Eth. MT adds "Lord"
[b]3:8 Hebrew(170) Ms. MT adds "Lord"
[c]3:9 LXX Syr. MT reads "mountains"
[d]3:11 Syr Sa. MT adds "Lord"
[e]3:11 Syr cf. BHS. MT reads "an adversary and around the land"

or a piece of an ear,
so shall the children of Israel
be rescued who sit in
Samaria on the corner
of a couch,
and on the silken cushions of
a bed."

13"Listen, and testify against
the house of Jacob," says[a] YHWH,
the God of hosts.
14"For in the day that I visit the
transgressions of Israel
on him,
I will also visit the altars of
Bethel;
and the horns of the altar
will be cut off,
and fall to the ground.
15I will strike the winter house
with the summer
house;
and the houses of ivory will
perish,
and the great houses will
have an end,"
says YHWH.

4 Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who tell their husbands, "Bring[b] us something to drink."
2YHWH[c] has sworn by his
holiness: "Look,
the days shall come on you
that they will take you
away with hooks,
and the last of you with fish
hooks.
3You will go out at the breaks in
the wall,
everyone straight before her;
and you will cast yourselves
into Harmon," says
YHWH.
4"Go to Bethel, and sin;
to Gilgal, and sin more.
Bring your sacrifices every
morning,
your tithes every three days,
5offer a sacrifice of
thanksgiving of that
which is leavened,
and proclaim free will
offerings and brag
about them:
for this pleases you, you
children of Israel,"
says[d] YHWH.
6"I also have given you cleanness
of teeth in all your
cities,
and lack of bread in every
town;
yet you haven't returned to
me," says YHWH.
7"I also have withheld the rain
from you,
when there were yet three
months to the harvest;
and I caused it to rain on one
city,
and caused it not to rain on
another city.
One place was rained on,

[a]3:13 Hebrew(245) Ms LXX(130) Ms Bo Eth(P) Arm; Cyr(cit). MT adds "Lord"
[b]4:1 DSS LXX Syr Vg, reading pl. MT reads sg
[c]4:2 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[d]4:5 Hebrew(1 30 176) Mss Sa Eth(p) Arm. MT adds "Lord"

and the piece where it did
not rain withered.
[8]So two or three cities staggered to
one city to drink
water,
and were not satisfied:
yet you haven't returned to
me," says YHWH.
[9]"I struck you with blight and
mildew many times in
your gardens and your
vineyards;
and your fig trees and your
olive trees have the
swarming locust
devoured:
yet you haven't returned to
me," says YHWH.
[10]"I sent plagues among you like I
did Egypt.
I have slain your young men
with the sword,
and have carried away your
horses;
and I filled your nostrils
with the stench of your
camp,
yet you haven't returned to
me," says YHWH.
[11]"I have overthrown some of you,
as when God overthrew
Sodom and Gomorrah,
and you were like a burning
stick plucked out of
the fire;
yet you haven't returned to
me," says YHWH.
[12]"Therefore thus will I do to you,
Israel;
because I will do this to you,
prepare to meet your God,
Israel.
[13]For, look, he who forms the
mountains,
and creates the wind,
and declares to man what is
his thought;
who makes the morning and[a]
darkness,
and treads on the high places
of the earth:
YHWH, the God of hosts, is
his name."

5 Listen to this word
which I take up for a
lamentation over you, O
house of Israel.
[2]"The virgin of Israel has fallen;
She shall rise no more.
She is cast down on her land;
there is no one to raise her
up."

[3]For thus YHWH[b]:
"The city that went forth a
thousand shall have a
hundred left,
and that which went forth
one hundred shall have
ten left to the house of
Israel."

[4]For thus says YHWH to the
house of Israel:
"Seek me, and you will live;
[5]but do not seek Bethel,
nor enter into Gilgal,
and do not pass to
Beersheba:
for Gilgal shall surely go into
captivity,

[a]4:13 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks "and"

[b]5:3 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"

and Bethel shall come to
nothing.
6 Seek YHWH, and you will live;
lest he break out like fire in
the house of Joseph,
and it devour, and there be
no one to quench it in
Bethel.
7 You who turn justice to
wormwood,
and cast down righteousness
to the earth:
8 seek him who made Kimah and
Kesil,[a]
and turns the shadow of
death into the
morning,
and makes the day dark with
night;
who calls for the waters of
the sea,
and pours them out on the
surface of the earth,
YHWH is his name,
9 who brings sudden destruction on
the strong,
so that destruction comes on
the fortress.
10 They hate him who reproves in
the gate,
and they abhor him who
speaks blamelessly.
11 Forasmuch therefore as you
trample on the poor,
and take taxes from him of
wheat:
You have built houses of cut
stone,
but you will not dwell in
them.
You have planted pleasant
vineyards,
but you shall not drink their
wine.
12 For I know how many your
offenses,
and how great are your
sins—
you who afflict the just,
who take a bribe,
and who turn aside the
needy in the courts.
13 Therefore a prudent person keeps
silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.
14 Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so YHWH, the God of
hosts, will be with
you,
as you say.
15 Hate evil, love good,
and establish[b] justice in the
courts.
It may be that YHWH, the
God of hosts, will be
gracious to the
remnant of Joseph."
16 Therefore thus says YHWH, the
God of hosts:[c]
"Wailing will be in all the broad
ways;
and they will say in all the
streets, 'Alas. Alas.'
and they will call the farmer
to mourning,
and those who are skillful in
lamentation to wailing.
17 In all vineyards there will be
wailing;

[a] 5:8 Or, "the Pleiades and Orion"
[b] 5:15 DSS LXX read "We hated evil and loved good, and established"
[c] 5:16 LXX Syr. MT adds "Lord"

for I will pass through the
midst of you," says
YHWH.
18"Woe to you who desire the day
of YHWH.
Why do you long for the day
of YHWH?
It is darkness,
and not light.
19As if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him;
Or he went into the house and
leaned his hand on the
wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20Won't the day of YHWH be
darkness, and not
light?
Even very dark, and no
brightness in it?
21I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I can't stand your
solemn assemblies.
22Yes, though you offer me your
burnt offerings and
meal offerings,
I will not accept them;
neither will I regard the
peace offerings of
your fat animals.
23Take away from me the noise of
your songs.
I will not listen to the music
of your harps.
24But let justice roll on like rivers,
and righteousness like a
mighty stream.
25"Did you bring to me sacrifices
and offerings in the wilderness
forty years, house of Israel? 26You
took up the tabernacle[a] of Moloch,[b]
and the star of your god Rephan,[c]
the[d] images that you made to
worship[e] them.[f] 27Therefore I will
exile you beyond Babylon,[g]"[h]
says YHWH, whose name is the
God of hosts.

6 Woe to those who are at
ease in Zion,
and to those who are
secure on the
mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the
foremost of nations,

[a]5:26 LXX, reading skene = סכת sukkat "tabernacle." Cf. 9:11. MT reads סכות sikkut "Sikkuth"

[b]5:26 LXX, reading moloch = מלך "Moloch." MT reads מלככם "your king," an adjustment to the misreading of סכת (sukkat) as סכות (sikkut).

[c]5:26 LXX, reading raiphan = ריפן "Rephan," possibly related to Repa, an Egyptian name for Saturn. MT reads כיון "Kiyyun," a misreading in a damaged scroll and or an Akkadian-Babylonian word substitution

[d]5:26 LXX(A-Q(txt) L *C*-68). MT adds "your"

[e]5:26 Acts 7:43. MT lacks "to worship" from a two-letter homoioarcton: lh-lh

[f]5:26 LXX(490 autous) and Acts 7:43 (autois), reading להם "them." MT reads לכם "yourselves," an adjustment following the loss of "to worship"

[g]5:27 So LXX(26) and Acts 7:43. MT reads "Damascus" in reminiscence of 1:3, 5. Since minuscule 26 lacks proskunein "to worship," the reading of "Babylon" is unlikely to be a harmonization to Acts 7:43

[h]5:27 Acts 7:42-43

to whom the house of Israel
come.
2Go to Calneh, and see;
and from there go to Hamath
the great;
then go down to Gath of the
Philistines.
Are they better than these
kingdoms?
Or is their border greater
than your border?
3Those who put far away the evil
day,
and cause the seat of
violence to come near;
4Who lie on beds of ivory,
and stretch themselves on
their couches,
and eat the lambs out of the
flock,
and the calves out of the
midst of the stall;
5who strum on the strings of
a harp;
who invent for themselves
instruments of music,
like David;
6who drink wine in bowls,
and anoint themselves with
the best oils;
but they are not grieved for
the affliction of
Joseph.
7Therefore they will now go
captive with the first
who go captive;
and the feasting and
lounging will end.

8"YHWH[a] has sworn by himself,"
says YHWH, the God
of hosts:
"I abhor the pride of Jacob,
and detest his fortresses.
Therefore I will deliver up
the city with all that is
in it.
9And it will be, if there remain ten
men in one house,
they will die, and the remaining
ones will be left.[b]

10"When a man's relative carries
him, even he who burns him, to
bring bodies out of the house, and
asks him who is in the innermost
parts of the house, 'Is there yet any
with you?' And he says, 'No;'
then he will say, 'Hush. Indeed we
must not mention the name of
YHWH.'

11"For, look, YHWH commands,
and the great house
will be smashed to
pieces,
and the little house into bits.
12Do horses run on the rocky
crags?
Does one plow there with
oxen?
But you have turned justice into
poison,
and the fruit of righteousness
into bitterness;
13you who rejoice in Lo Debar,
who say,

[a]6:8 Hebrew(29) Ms LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[b]6:9 LXX, reading kai hupoleiphthesontai oi kataloipoi =……. ונשארו שארית. MT lacks "and the remaining…left" from homoioarcton: wns'-wns'

'Haven't we taken for
ourselves Karnaim by
our own strength?'
14For, look, I will raise up against
you a nation, house of
Israel,"
says YHWH, the God of
hosts;
"and they will afflict you
from Lebo Hamath to
the Wadi Arabah."

7 This is what[a] YHWH showed me: And look, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and look, it was the latter growth after the king's harvest. 2It happened that, when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said,[b] "YHWH, forgive, I beg you. How could Jacob stand? For he is small."

3YHWH relented concerning this. "It shall not be," says YHWH.

4This is what[c] YHWH showed me: And look,[d] YHWH called for judgment by fire; and it dried up the great deep, and would have devoured the land. 5Then I said,[e] "YHWH, stop, I beg you. How could Jacob stand? For he is small."

6YHWH relented concerning this. "This also shall not be," says[f] YHWH.

7This is what YHWH[g] showed me: And look, he was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line,[h] with a plumb line in his hand. 8And YHWH said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then YHWH[i] said, "Look, I have[j] set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more. 9The high places of Isaac will be desolate, the sanctuaries of Israel will be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

10Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. 11For Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.'"

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[a]7:1 Hebrew(96 180 270) Mss LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[b]7:2 Eth(P); Thrt(P). MT adds "Lord"
[c]7:4 LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[d]7:4 LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[e]7:5 LXX(B-V 86*) Bo. MT adds "Lord"
[f]7:6 Hebrew(161) Ms LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[g]7:7 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[h]7:7 Heb. 'anak "lead" (Akkakian anaku; Aramaic a'nukun, meaning either "lead" or "tin"), thought to be a synecdoche for "plumbline." There may be a wordplay here with Heb. anaq "grief, moaning," cf. Jeremiah 51:52. The Hebrew word for plummet is mishqolet, cf. 2Kings 21:13
[i]7:8 DSS MT Mss Tg cf. BHS. MT reads "Lord"
[j]7:8 DSS Ms LXX. MT reads "I will"

12 Amaziah also said to Amos,
"You seer, go, flee away into the
land of Judah, and there eat bread,
and prophesy there: 13 but do not
prophesy again any more at Bethel;
for it is the king's sanctuary, and it
is a royal house."

14 Then Amos answered
Amaziah, "I was no prophet,
neither was I a prophet's son; but I
was a herdsman, and a farmer of
sycamore figs; 15 and YHWH took
me from following the flock, and
YHWH said to me, 'Go, prophesy to
my people Israel.' 16 Now therefore
listen to the word of YHWH: 'You
say, Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not proclaim against the
house of Isaac.' 17 Therefore thus
says YHWH: 'Your wife shall be a
prostitute in the city, and your sons
and your daughters shall fall by the
sword, and your land shall be
divided by line; and you yourself
shall die in a land that is unclean,
and Israel shall surely be led away
captive out of his land.'"

8 This is what[a] YHWH
showed me: And look, a
basket of summer fruit.
2 He said, "Amos, what do you
see?" I said, "A basket of summer
fruit." Then YHWH said to me,
"The end has come on my people
Israel.
I will not again pass by them
any more.
3 The songs of the temple will be
wailings in that day,"
says YHWH.[b]
"The dead bodies will be
many. In every place
they will throw them
out with silence.
4 Hear this, you who trample the
needy,
and destroy the poor of the
land,
5 saying, 'When will the new
moon be gone, that we
may sell grain?
And the Sabbath, that we
may market wheat,
making the ephah small, and
the shekel large,
and dealing falsely with
balances of deceit;
6 that we may buy the poor for
silver,
and the needy for a pair of
shoes,
and sell the sweepings with
the wheat?'"
7 YHWH has sworn by the pride of
Jacob,
"Surely I will never forget
any of their works.
8 Won't the land tremble for this,
and everyone mourn who
dwells in it?
Yes, it will rise up wholly like the
River;
and it will be stirred up and
sink again, like the
River of Egypt.
9 It will happen in that day," says
YHWH,[c]
"that I will cause the sun to
go down at noon,

[a] 8:1 DSS(F.Amos1) LXX. MT adds "Lord"
[b] 8:3 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[c] 8:9 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"

and I will darken the earth in
the clear day.
10I will turn your feasts into
mourning,
and all your songs into
lamentation;
and I will make you wear
sackcloth on all your
bodies,
and baldness on every head.
I will make it like the mourning
for an only son,
and its end like a bitter day.
11Look, the days come," says
YHWH,[a]
"that I will send a famine in
the land,
not a famine of bread,
nor a thirst for water,
but of hearing the word[b] of
YHWH.
12They will wander from sea to
sea,
and from the north even to
the east;
they will run back and forth
to seek the word of
YHWH,
and will not find it.
13In that day the beautiful virgins
and the young men will faint
for thirst.
14Those who swear by the sin of
Samaria,
and say, 'As your god, Dan,
lives;'
and, 'As the way of
Beersheba lives;'
they will fall, and never rise
up again."

9 I saw YHWH[c] standing beside the altar, and he said, "Strike the tops of the pillars, that the thresholds may shake; and break them in pieces on the head of all of them; and I will kill the last of them with the sword: there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them escape. 2Though they dig into Sheol, there my hand will take them; and though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down. 3Though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out there; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and it will bite them. 4Though they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it will kill them. I will set my eyes on them for disaster, and not for good. 5For[d] YHWH of hosts is he who touches the land and it melts, and all who dwell in it will mourn; and it will rise up wholly like the River, and will sink again, like the River of Egypt. 6It is he who builds his upper chamber[e] in the heavens, and has founded his vault on the earth; he who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth; YHWH is his name. 7Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to me, children of Israel?" says YHWH. "Haven't I brought up Israel out of the land of

[a]8:11 LXX. MT adds pr "Lord"
[b]8:11 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "words" from dittography of a yod
[c]9:1 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"
[d]9:5 Hebrew(130) Ms. MT adds "Lord"
[e]9:6 LXX. MT reads "chambers"

Egypt, and the Philistines from
Caphtor, and the Arameans from
Kir? 8Look, the eyes of[a] YHWH are
on the sinful kingdom, and I will
destroy it from off the surface of
the earth; except that I will not
utterly destroy the house of Jacob,"
says YHWH. 9"For, look, I will
command, and I will sift the house
of Israel among all the nations, as
one sifts with a sieve, but not even
a pebble will fall to the ground.
10All the sinners of my people will
die by the sword, who say, 'Evil
won't overtake nor meet us.' 11On
that day I will rebuild the
tabernacle of David that has fallen,
and repair its broken places, and I
will rebuild its ruins, and I will
restore it as in the days of old; 12that
the rest of humanity[b] may seek[c]
after YHWH,[d] and all the nations
who are called by my name," says
YHWH who does this.[e]
13"Look, the days come," says
YHWH,
"that the plowman shall
overtake the reaper,
and the one treading grapes
him who sows seed;
and sweet wine will drip
from the mountains,
and flow from the hills.
14I will bring my people Israel
back from captivity,
and they will rebuild the
ruined cities, and
inhabit them;
and they will plant
vineyards, and drink
wine from them.
They shall also make gardens,
and eat the fruit of them.
15I will plant them on their land,
and they will no more be
plucked up out of their
land which I have
given them,"
says YHWH your God.

Obadiah

1 The vision of Obadiah.
This is what[f] YHWH
says about Edom. We
have heard news from YHWH, and
an ambassador is sent among the
nations, saying, "Arise, and let's
rise up against her in battle. 2Look,
I have made you small among the
nations. You are greatly despised.
3The pride of your heart has
deceived you, you who dwell in the
clefts of the rock, whose habitation

[a]9:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Mss Eth Arm. MT adds "Lord"
[b]9:12 LXX, reading anthrwpos = 'dm "man, humankind, humanity." MT reads 'dwm "Edom"
[c]9:12 LXX, reading ekzetew = ydrsw "seek." MT reads yyrsw "possess," a copyist misreading that may have involved a dalet-yod confusion in a Paleo-Hebrew script
[d]9:12 LXX(A'-49-198-407-456-534) Mss Syr(hex), reading ton kurion. MT lacks "YHWH"
[e]9:12 Acts 15:17-18 adds to the Amos quote "things known from long ago," which may have dropped out from haplography: h-h. Acts 15:16-17
[f]1:1 Hebrew Mss Eth Arm; Eus. MT adds "Lord"

is high, who says in his heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' 4Though you mount on high as the eagle, and though you make[a] your nest among the stars, I will bring you down from there," says YHWH. 5"If thieves came to you, if robbers by night—oh, what disaster awaits you—wouldn't they only steal until they had enough? If grape pickers came to you, wouldn't they leave some gleaning grapes? 6How Esau will be ransacked. How his hidden treasures are sought out. 7All the men of your alliance have brought you on your way, even to the border. The men who were at peace with you have deceived you, and prevailed against you. Those who eat bread with you[b] lay a snare under you. There is no understanding in him."

8"Won't I in that day," says YHWH, "destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mountain of Esau? 9Your mighty men, Teman, will be dismayed, to the end that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter. 10For the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be cut off forever. 11In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots for Jerusalem, even you were like one of them. 12But do not look down on your brother in the day of his disaster, and do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction. Do not speak proudly in the day of distress. 13Do not enter into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. Do not look down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither seize their wealth on the day of their calamity. 14Do not stand in the crossroads to cut off those of his who escape. Do not deliver up those of his who remain in the day of distress. 15For the day of YHWH is near all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your deeds will return upon your own head. 16For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, so will all the nations drink continually. Yes, they will drink, swallow down, and will be as though they had not been. 17But in Mount Zion, there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. The house of Jacob will possess those who dispossessed[c] them. 18The house of Jacob will be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble. They will burn among them, and devour them. There will not be any remaining to the house of Esau." Indeed, YHWH has spoken.

19Those of the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau, and those of the lowland, the Philistines. They will possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of

[a] 1:4 Versions cf. BHS
[b] 1:7 Revocalized according to LXX Mss Symmachus Tg Vg. MT reads "your bread"
[c] 1:17 LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "possess their possessions"

Samaria. Benjamin will possess Gilead. 20The captives of this army of the children of Israel, who are among the Canaanites, will possess even to Zarephath; and the captives of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, will possess the cities of the Negev. 21Those who have been saved[a] will go up on Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom will be YHWH's.

Jonah

1 Now the word of YHWH came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it, for their wickedness has come up before me."

3But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of YHWH. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of YHWH. 4But YHWH sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty storm on the sea, so that the ship was likely to break up. 5Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and he was laying down, and was fast asleep. 6So the shipmaster came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God[b]. Maybe your God[c] will notice us, so that we won't perish."

7They all said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is on us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8Then they asked him, "Tell us, please, for whose cause this evil is on us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what people are you?"

9He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear YHWH, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land."

10Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of YHWH, because he had told them. 11Then said they to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us?" For the sea grew more and more stormy. 12He said to them, "Take me up, and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm for you; for I know that because of me this great storm is on you."

[a]1:21 LXX Aquila Theodotion Syr. MT reads "Saviors"

[b]1:6 Or, gods

[c]1:6 Or, gods

13 Nevertheless the men
rowed hard to get them back to the
land; but they could not, for the sea
grew more and more stormy
against them. 14 Therefore they
cried to YHWH, and said, "We beg
you, YHWH, we beg you, let us not
perish for this man's life, and do
not lay on us innocent blood; for
you, YHWH, have done as it
pleased you." 15 So they took up
Jonah, and threw him into the sea;
and the sea ceased its raging.
16 Then the men feared YHWH
exceedingly; and they offered a
sacrifice to YHWH, and made
vows.

17 YHWH prepared a great fish
to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah
was in the belly of the fish three
days and three nights.

2 Then Jonah prayed to
YHWH, his God, out of
the fish's belly. 2 He
said,
"I called because of my affliction
to YHWH.
He answered me.
Out of the belly of Sheol I cried.
You heard my voice.
3 For you threw me into the depths,
in the heart of the seas.
The flood was all around me.
All your breakers and waves
passed over me.
4 I said, 'I have been banished from
your sight;
yet I will look again toward
your holy temple.'
5 The waters surrounded me,
threatening my life.
The deep was around me.
The end is upon my head.
6 I went down to the bottoms of the
mountains.
The earth barred me in
forever:
yet have you brought up my
life from the pit,
YHWH my God.

7 "When my soul fainted within
me, I remembered
YHWH.
My prayer came in to you,
into your holy temple.
8 Those who regard worthless
things forsake their
faithfulness.
9 But I will sacrifice to you
with the voice of
thanksgiving.
I will pay that which I have
vowed.
Salvation belongs to YHWH."

10 YHWH spoke to the fish,
and it vomited out Jonah on the dry
land.

3 The word of YHWH
came to Jonah the
second time, saying,
2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great
city, and proclaim to it the message
that I give you."

3 So Jonah arose, and went to
Nineveh, according to the word of
YHWH. Now Nineveh was an
exceedingly great city, three days'
journey across. 4 Jonah began to
enter into the city a day's journey,
and he cried out, and said, "Yet
forty days, and Nineveh shall be
overthrown."

5The people of Nineveh
believed God; and they proclaimed
a fast, and put on sackcloth, from
the greatest of them even to the
least of them. 6The news reached
the king of Nineveh, and he arose
from his throne, and took off his
royal robe, covered himself with
sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7He
made a proclamation and published
through Nineveh by the decree of
the king and his nobles, saying,
"Let neither man nor animal, herd
nor flock, taste anything; let them
not feed, nor drink water; 8but let
them be covered with sackcloth,
both man and animal, and let them
cry mightily to God. Yes, let them
turn everyone from his evil way,
and from the violence that is in his
hands. 9Who knows whether God
will not turn and relent, and turn
away from his fierce anger, so that
we might not perish?"

10God saw their works, that
they turned from their evil way.
God relented of the disaster which
he said he would do to them, and he
did not do it.

4 But it displeased Jonah
exceedingly, and he
was angry. 2He prayed
to YHWH, and said, "Please,
YHWH, wasn't this what I said
when I was still in my own
country? Therefore I hurried to flee
to Tarshish, for I knew that you are
a gracious God, and merciful, slow
to anger, and abundant in loving
kindness, and you relent of doing
harm. 3Therefore now, YHWH,
take, I beg you, my life from me;
for it is better for me to die than to
live."

4YHWH said, "Is it right for
you to be angry?"

5Then Jonah went out of the
city, and sat on the east side of the
city, and there made himself a
booth, and sat under it in the shade,
until he might see what would
become of the city. 6YHWH God
prepared a vine, and made it to
come up over Jonah, that it might
be a shade over his head, to deliver
him from his discomfort. So Jonah
was exceedingly glad because of
the vine. 7But God prepared a
worm at dawn the next day, and it
chewed on the vine, so that it
withered. 8It happened, when the
sun arose, that God prepared a
sultry east wind; and the sun beat
on Jonah's head, so that he fainted,
and requested for himself that he
might die, and said, "It is better for
me to die than to live."

9God said to Jonah, "Is it
right for you to be angry about the
vine?"

He said, "I am right to be
angry, even to death."

10YHWH said, "You have
been concerned for the vine, for
which you have not labored, neither
made it grow; which came up in a
night, and perished in a night.
11Shouldn't I be concerned for
Nineveh, that great city, in which
are more than one hundred twenty
thousand persons who can't discern
between their right hand and their

left hand; and also much livestock?”

Micah

1 The word of YHWH that
came to Micah the
Morashtite in the days
of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah[a],
kings of Judah, which he saw
concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.
2Hear, you peoples, all of you.
Listen, O earth, and all that
is in it:
and let[b] YHWH be witness against
you,
YHWH [c] from his holy temple.
3For, look, YHWH comes forth out
of his place,
and will come down and
tread on the high
places of the earth.
4The mountains melt under him,
and the valleys split apart,
like wax before the fire,
like waters that are poured
down a steep place.

5“All this is for the disobedience
of Jacob,
and for the sins of the house
of Israel.
What is the disobedience of
Jacob?
Isn’t it Samaria?
And what are the high places of
Judah?
Aren’t they Jerusalem?
6Therefore I will make Samaria
like a rubble heap of
the field,
like places for planting
vineyards;
and I will pour down its stones
into the valley,
and I will uncover its
foundations.
7All her idols will be beaten to
pieces,
and all her temple gifts will
be burned with fire,
and all her images I will
destroy;
for of the hire of a prostitute has
she gathered them,
and to the hire of a prostitute
shall they return.”

8For this I will lament and wail;
I will go stripped and naked;
I will howl like the jackals,
and moan like the daughters
of owls.
9For her wounds are incurable;
for it has come even to
Judah.
It reaches to the gate of my people,
even to Jerusalem.
10Do not tell it in Gath.
Do not weep at all.
At Beth Leaphrah I have
rolled myself in the
dust.
11Pass on, inhabitant of Shaphir, in
nakedness and shame.
The inhabitant of Zaanan
won’t come out.

[a]1:1 LXX. MT reads “Jehezekiah”
[b]1:2 Hebrew Mss. MT adds “Lord”
[c]1:2 Hebrew Mss. MT reads “Lord”

The wailing of Beth Ezel
will take from you his
protection.
12For the inhabitant of Maroth
waits anxiously for
good,
because evil has come down
from YHWH to the
gate of Jerusalem.
13Harness the chariot to the swift
steed, inhabitant of
Lachish.
She was the beginning of sin
to the daughter of
Zion;
For the transgressions of
Israel were found in
you.
14Therefore you will give a parting
gift to Moresheth
Gath.
The houses of Achzib will
be a deceitful thing to
the kings of Israel.
15I will yet bring to you, inhabitant
of Mareshah.
He who is the glory of Israel
will come to Adullam.
16Shave your heads,
and cut off your hair for the
children of your
delight.
Enlarge your baldness like the
vulture;
for they have gone into
captivity from you.

2 Woe to those who
devise iniquity
and work evil on their
beds.
When the morning is light, they
practice it,
because it is in the power of
their hand.
2They covet fields, and seize them;
and houses, and take them
away:
and they oppress a man and
his house,
even a man and his heritage.
3Therefore thus says YHWH:
"Look, I am planning against these
people a disaster,
from which you will not
remove your necks,
neither will you walk
haughtily;
for it is an evil time.
4In that day they will take up a
parable against you,
and lament with a doleful
lamentation, saying,
'We are utterly ruined.
My people's possession is
divided up.
Indeed he takes it from me
and assigns our fields
to traitors.'"
5Therefore you will have no one
who divides the land
by lot in the assembly
of YHWH.
6"Do not prophesy."
They prophesy.
"Do not prophesy about these
things.
Disgrace won't overtake us."
7Shall it be said, O house of Jacob:
"Is the Spirit of YHWH
angry?
Are these his doings?
Do not my words do good to
him who walks
blamelessly?"
8But lately my people have risen
up as an enemy.
You strip the robe and
clothing from those
who pass by without a

care, returning from
battle.
9You drive the women of my
people out from their
pleasant houses;
from their young children
you take away my
blessing forever.
10Arise, and depart.
For this is not your resting
place,
because of uncleanness that
destroys,
even with a grievous
destruction.
11If a man walking in a spirit of
falsehood lies:
"I will prophesy to you of
wine and of strong
drink;"
he would be the prophet of
this people.
12I will surely assemble, Jacob, all
of you;
I will surely gather the
remnant of Israel;
I will put them together as the
sheep of Bozrah,
as a flock in the midst of
their pasture;
they will swarm with people.
13The breaker goes up before
them.
They break through the gate,
and go out.
And their king passes on
before them,
with YHWH at their head.

3 I said,
"Please listen, you
heads of Jacob,
and rulers of the house of
Israel:
Isn't it for you to know
justice?
2You who hate the good,
and love the evil;
who tear off their skin,
and their flesh from off their
bones;
3who also eat the flesh of my
people,
and flay their skin from off
them,
and break their bones,
and chop them in pieces, as
for the pot,
and as flesh within the
caldron.
4Then they will cry to YHWH,
but he will not answer them.
Yes, he will hide his face from
them at that time,
because they made their
deeds evil."

5Thus says YHWH
concerning the prophets who lead
my people astray; for those who
feed their teeth, they proclaim,
"Peace." and whoever doesn't
provide for their mouths, they
prepare war against him:
6"Therefore night is over you, with
no vision,
and it is dark to you, that
you may not divine;
and the sun will go down on
the prophets,
and the day will be black
over them.
7The seers shall be disappointed,
and the diviners confounded.
Yes, they shall all cover their lips;
for there is no answer from
God."

[8]But as for me, I am full of power
by the Spirit of
YHWH,
and of judgment, and of
might,
to declare to Jacob his
disobedience,
and to Israel his sin.
[9]Please listen to this, you heads of
the house of Jacob,
and rulers of the house of
Israel,
who abhor justice,
and pervert all equity.
[10]They build up Zion with blood,
and Jerusalem with iniquity.
[11]Her leaders judge for bribes,
and her priests teach for a
price,
and her prophets of it tell
fortunes for money:
yet they lean on YHWH, and say,
"Isn't YHWH in the midst of
us?
No disaster will come on
us."
[12]Therefore Zion for your sake
will be plowed like a
field,
and Jerusalem will become
heaps of rubble,
and the mountain of the
temple like the high
places of a forest.

4 But in the latter days,
it will happen that the
mountain of YHWH's
temple will be
established on the top
of the mountains,
and it will be exalted above
the hills;
and peoples will stream to it.
[2]Many nations will go and say,
"Come, and let us go up to
the mountain of
YHWH,
and to the house of the God
of Jacob;
and he will teach us of his
ways,
and we will walk in his
paths."
For out of Zion will go forth the
law,
and the word of YHWH from
Jerusalem;
[3]and he will judge between many
peoples,
and will decide concerning
strong nations afar off.
They will beat their swords
into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning
hooks.
Nation will not lift up sword
against nation,
neither will they learn war
any more.
[4]But they will sit every man under
his vine and under his
fig tree;
and no one will make them
afraid:
For the mouth of YHWH of
hosts has spoken.
[5]Indeed all the nations
may walk in the name
of their gods;
but we will walk in the name
of YHWH our God
forever and ever.
[6]"In that day," says YHWH,
"I will assemble that which
is lame,
and I will gather that which
is driven away,
and that which I have
afflicted;

7 and I will make that which
was lame a remnant,
and that which was cast far
off a strong nation:
and YHWH will reign over
them on Mount Zion
from then on, even
forever."
8 And you, tower of the flock,[a] hill[b]
of the daughter of
Zion,
to you it will come,
the former dominion will
come,
the kingdom of the daughter
of Jerusalem.
9 Now why do you cry out aloud?
Is there no king in you?
Has your counselor perished,
that pain has gripped you
like a woman in labor?
10 Be in pain, and labor to bring
forth, daughter of
Zion,
like a woman in travail;
for now you will go forth out
of the city,
and will dwell in the field,
and will come even to
Babylon.
There you will be rescued.
There YHWH will redeem
you from the hand of
your enemies.
11 Now many nations have
assembled against you,
that say,
"Let her be defiled,
and let our eye gloat over
Zion."
12 But they do not know the
thoughts of YHWH,
neither do they understand
his counsel;
for he has gathered them like
the sheaves to the
threshing floor.
13 Arise and thresh, daughter of
Zion;
for I will make your horn
iron,
and I will make your hoofs
bronze;
and you will beat in pieces many
peoples:
and I will devote their gain to
YHWH,
and their substance to the
Lord of the whole
earth.

5 Now you shall gather
yourself in troops,
daughter of troops.
He has laid siege against us.
They will strike the judge of
Israel with a rod on the
cheek.
2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
being small among the clans
of Judah,
out of you one will come
forth to me that is to
be ruler in Israel;
whose goings forth are from
of old, from
everlasting.[c]
3 Therefore he will abandon them
until the time that she
who is in labor gives
birth.

[a] 4:8 Or, Migdal Eder
[b] 4:8 Or, Ophel
[c] Matthew 2:6

Then the rest of his brothers
will return to the
children of Israel.
4He shall stand, and shall shepherd
in the strength of
YHWH,
in the majesty of the name of
YHWH his God:
and they will live, for then
he will be great to the
farthest parts of the
earth.
5He will be our peace when
Assyria invades our
land,
and when he marches
through our fortresses,
then we will raise against
him seven shepherds,
and eight leaders of men.
6They will rule the land of Assyria
with the sword,
and the land of Nimrod with
the drawn sword.[a]
He will deliver us from the
Assyrian,
when he invades our land,
and when he marches within
our border.
7The remnant of Jacob will be in
the midst of many
peoples,
like dew from YHWH,
like showers on the grass,
that do not wait for man,
nor wait for the sons of men.
8The remnant of Jacob will be
among the nations,
in the midst of many
peoples,
like a lion among the
animals of the forest,
like a young lion among the
flocks of sheep;
who, if he goes through,
treads down and tears
in pieces,
and there is no one to
deliver.
9Let your hand be lifted up above
your adversaries,
and let all of your enemies
be cut off.
10"It will happen in that day," says
YHWH,
"That I will cut off your
horses out of the midst
of you,
and will destroy your
chariots.
11I will cut off the cities of your
land,
and will tear down all your
strongholds.
12I will destroy witchcraft from
your hand;
and you shall have no
soothsayers.
13I will cut off your engraved
images and your
pillars out of your
midst;
and you shall no more
worship the work of
your hands.
14I will uproot your Asherim out of
your midst;
and I will destroy your
cities.
15I will execute vengeance in
anger,

[a]5:6 Vg Aquila. MT reads "in its gates," an apparent metathesis of chet and yod

and wrath on the nations that
did not listen."

6 Listen now to what YHWH says:
"Arise, plead your case
before the mountains,
and let the hills hear what
you have to say.
2Hear, you mountains, YHWH's
controversy,
and you enduring
foundations of the
earth;
for YHWH has a controversy
with his people,
and he will contend with
Israel.
3My people, what have I done to
you?
How have I burdened you?
Answer me.
4For I brought you up out of the
land of Egypt,
and redeemed you out of the
house of bondage.
I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
5My people, remember now what
Balak king of Moab
devised,
and what Balaam the son of
Beor answered him
from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the
righteous acts of
YHWH."

6How shall I come before YHWH,
and bow myself before the exalted
God[a]?
Shall I come before him with burnt
offerings,
with calves a year old?
7Will YHWH be pleased with
thousands of rams?
With tens of thousands of
rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my
disobedience?
The fruit of my body for the
sin of my soul?
8He has shown you, O man, what
is good.
What does YHWH require of
you, but to act justly,
to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with your
God?

9YHWH's voice calls to the city,
and wisdom sees your name:
"Listen to the rod,
and he who appointed it.
10Are there yet treasures of
wickedness in the
house of the wicked,
and a short ephah[b] that is
accursed?
11Shall I be pure with dishonest
scales,
and with a bag of deceitful
weights?
12Her rich men are full of violence,
her inhabitants speak lies,
and their tongue is deceitful
in their speech.
13Therefore I also have struck you
with a grievous
wound.
I have made you desolate
because of your sins.

[a]6:6 Elohe Marom
[b]6:10 An ephah is a measure of volume, and a short ephah is made smaller than a full ephah for the purpose of cheating customers

14 You shall eat, but not be
satisfied.
Your humiliation will be in
your midst.
You will store up, but not
save;
and that which you save I
will give up to the
sword.
15 You will sow, but won't reap.
You will tread the olives, but
won't anoint yourself
with oil;
and crush grapes, but won't
drink the wine.
16 For the statutes of Omri are kept,
and all the works of the
house of Ahab;
and you walk in their
counsels.
Therefore I will make you a
desolation,
and her her inhabitants an
object of contempt;
and you will bear the scorn of the
nations.[a]"

7 Misery is mine.
Indeed, I am like one
who gathers the
summer fruits, as
gleanings of the
vineyard:
There is no cluster of grapes
to eat.
My soul desires to eat the
early fig.
2 The faithful have vanished from
the earth,
and there is no one upright
among men.
They all lie in wait for
blood;
every man hunts his brother
with a net.
3 Their hands are on that which is
evil to do it diligently.
The ruler and judge ask for a
bribe;
and the powerful man
dictates the evil desire
of his soul.
Thus they conspire together.
4 The best of them is like a brier.
The most upright is worse
than a thorn hedge.
The day of your watchmen,
even your visitation, has
come;
now is the time of their
confusion.
5 Do not trust in a neighbor.
Do not put confidence in a
friend.
With the woman lying in
your embrace,
be careful of the words of
your mouth.
6 For the son dishonors the father,
the daughter rises up against
her mother,
the daughter-in-law against
her mother-in-law;
a man's enemies are the men
of his own house.
7 But as for me, I will look to
YHWH.
I will wait for the God of my
salvation.
My God will hear me.
8 Do not rejoice against me, my
enemy.

[a] 6:16 LXX. MT reads "of my people"

When I fall, I will arise.
When I sit in darkness,
YHWH will be a light to me.
9I will bear the indignation of YHWH,
because I have sinned against him,
until he pleads my case, and executes judgment for me.
He will bring me forth to the light.
I will see his righteousness.
10Then my enemy will see it,
and shame will cover her who said to me,
where is YHWH your God?
Then my enemy will see me and will cover her shame.
Now she will be trodden down like the mire of the streets.
11A day to build your walls—
In that day, he will extend your boundary.
12In that day they will come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt,
and from Egypt even to the River,
and from sea to sea,
and mountain to mountain.
13Yet the land will be desolate because of those who dwell in it,
for the fruit of their doings.
14Shepherd your people with your staff,
the flock of your heritage,
who dwell by themselves in a forest,
in the midst of fertile pasture land, let them feed;
in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
15"As in the days of your coming forth out of the land of Egypt,
I will show them marvelous things."
16The nations will see and be ashamed of all their might.
They will lay their hand on their mouth.
Their ears will be deaf.
17They will lick the dust like a serpent.
Like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their dens.
They will come with fear to YHWH our God,
and will be afraid because of you.
18Who is a God like you, who pardons iniquity,
and passes over the disobedience of the remnant of his heritage?
He doesn't retain his anger forever,
because he delights in loving kindness.
19He will again have compassion on us.
He will tread our iniquities under foot;
and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
20You will give truth to Jacob,
and mercy to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Nahum

1 An oracle about Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. 2YHWH is a jealous God and avenges. YHWH avenges and is full of wrath. YHWH takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he maintains wrath against his enemies. 3YHWH is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. YHWH has his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4He rebukes the sea, and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. Bashan languishes, and Carmel; and the flower of Lebanon languishes. 5The mountains quake before him, and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, yes, the world, and all who dwell in it. 6Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the fierceness of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken apart by him.

7YHWH is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who take refuge in him. 8But with an overflowing flood, he will make a full end of her place, and will pursue his enemies into darkness. 9What do you plot against YHWH? He will make a full end. Affliction won't rise up the second time. 10For entangled like thorns, and drunk as with their drink, they are consumed utterly like dry stubble. 11There is one gone forth out of you, who devises evil against YHWH, who counsels wickedness. 12Thus says YHWH: "Though they be in full strength, and likewise many, even so they will be cut down, and he shall pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more. 13Now will I break his yoke from off you, and will burst your bonds apart." 14YHWH has commanded concerning you: "No more descendants will bear your name. Out of the house of your gods, will I cut off the engraved image and the molten image. I will make your grave, for you are vile."

15Look, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace. Keep your feasts, Judah. Perform your vows, for the wicked one will no more pass through you. He is utterly cut off.

2 He who dashes in pieces has come up against you. Keep the fortress. Watch the way. Strengthen your waist. Fortify your power mightily. 2For YHWH restores the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the destroyers have destroyed them, and ruined their vine branches. 3The shield of his mighty men is made red. The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the pine spears are brandished. 4The chariots rage in the streets. They rush back and forth in the broad ways. Their appearance is like torches. They run like the

lightnings. [5]He summons his picked troops.[a] They stumble on their way. They dash to its wall, and the protective shield is put in place. [6]The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved. [7]It is decreed: she is uncovered, she is carried away; and her handmaids moan as with the voice of doves, beating on their breasts. [8]But Nineveh has been from of old like a pool of water, yet they flee away. "Stop. Stop." they cry, but no one looks back. [9]Take the spoil of silver. Take the spoil of gold, for there is no end of the store, the glory of all goodly furniture. [10]She is empty, void, and waste. The heart melts, the knees knock together, their bodies and faces have grown pale. [11]Where is the den of the lions, and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion and the lioness walked, the lion's cubs, and no one made them afraid? [12]The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his caves with the kill, and his dens with prey. [13]"Look, I am against you," says YHWH of hosts, "and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions; and I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers will no longer be heard."

3 Woe to the bloody city. It is all full of lies and robbery. The prey doesn't depart. [2]The noise of the whip, the noise of the rattling of wheels, prancing horses, and bounding chariots, [3]the horseman mounting, and the flashing sword, the glittering spear, and a multitude of slain, and a great heap of corpses, and there is no end of the bodies. They stumble on their bodies, [4]because of the multitude of the prostitution of the alluring prostitute, the mistress of witchcraft, who sells nations through her prostitution, and families through her witchcraft. [5]"Look, I am against you," says YHWH of hosts, "and I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. [6]I will throw abominable filth on you, and make you vile, and will set you a spectacle. [7]It will happen that all those who look at you will flee from you, and say, 'Nineveh is laid waste. Who will mourn for her?' Where will I seek comforters for you?"

[8]Are you better than No-Amon,[b] who was situated among the rivers, who had the waters around her; whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was of the sea? [9]Cush and Egypt were her boundless strength. Put and Libya were her helpers. [10]Yet was she carried away. She went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets, and they cast lots for

[a]2:5 LXX adds "and flee by day." Possibly lost from homoioarcton: y-y

[b]3:8 Or, Thebes

her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. [11]You also will be drunk. You will be hidden. You also will seek a stronghold because of the enemy. [12]All your fortresses will be like fig trees with the first-ripe figs: if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater. [13]Look, your troops in your midst are women. The gates of your land are set wide open to your enemies. The fire has devoured your bars. [14]Draw water for the siege. Strengthen your fortresses. Go into the clay, and tread the mortar. Make the brick kiln strong. [15]There the fire will devour you. The sword will cut you off. It will devour you like the grasshopper. Multiply like grasshoppers. Multiply like the locust. [16]You have increased your merchants more than the stars of the skies. The grasshopper strips, and flees away. [17]Your guards are like the locusts, and your officials like the swarms of locusts, which settle on the walls on a cold day, but when the sun appears, they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. [18]Your shepherds slumber, king of Assyria. Your nobles lie down. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one to gather them. [19]There is no healing your wound, for your injury is fatal. All who hear the report of you clap their hands over you; for who hasn't felt your endless cruelty?

Habakkuk

1 The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw. [2]YHWH, how long will I cry, and you will not hear? I cry out to you "Violence." and will you not save? [3]Why do you show me iniquity, and look at perversity? For destruction and violence are before me. There is strife, and contention rises up. [4]Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth; for the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice goes forth perverted.

[5]"Look, you scoffers,[a] and watch, and be utterly amazed, and perish;[b] for I am[c] working a work in your days which you will not believe, though it is told you.[d] [6]For, look, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, that march through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places not his own. [7]He is feared and dreaded. His

[a]1:5 LXX, reading kataphrontes = בוגדים "scoffers." MT reads בגוים "among the nations," a misreading of the consonantal text, possibly involving a metathesis of waw and gimel (גו-וג)

[b]1:5 LXX, reading = ושמו "and perish." MT lacks the word, from homoioteleuton: ו-ו , or homoioarcton by sight confusion in an early square script: כ-ג

[c]1:5 LXX cf. BHS, reading ego = אנכי. MT lacks "I am" from homoioteleuton: כי-כי

[d]1:5 Acts 13:41

judgment will be from himself, and his authority will come from himself.[a] 8His horses are also swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. And their horsemen press proudly on, and their horsemen come from afar.[b] They fly as an eagle that hurries to devour. 9All of them come for violence. Their hordes face the desert. He gathers prisoners like sand. 10And he will scoff at kings and deride rulers. He laughs at every stronghold, for he builds up an earthen ramp, and takes it.

11Then he sweeps by like the wind, and goes on. He is indeed guilty, whose strength is his god."

12Aren't you from everlasting, YHWH my God, my Holy One? We will not die. YHWH, you have appointed him for judgment. You, Rock,[c] have established him to punish. 13You who have purer eyes than to see evil, and who cannot look on perversity, why do you tolerate those who deal treacherously, and keep silent when the wicked swallows up the man who is more righteous than he, 14and make men like the fish of the sea, like the crawling creatures, that have no ruler over them? 15He takes up all of them with the hook, and[d] he catches them in his net and gathers them in his dragnet. Therefore he rejoices and is glad. 16Therefore he sacrifices to his net, and burns incense to his dragnet, because by them his life is luxurious, and his food is good. 17Will he therefore continually empty his net,[e] and kill the nations without mercy?

2 I will stand at my watch, and set myself on the ramparts,[f] and will look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
2YHWH answered me, "Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he who runs may read it. 3For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hurries toward the end, and won't prove false. Though it takes time, wait for it; because it will surely come, and[g] it won't delay. 4Look, if he holds back,[h] my

[a]1:7 LXX. MT lacks "from himself" from homoioteleuton: אתו-אתו
[b]1:8 LXX reads "And his horseman will ride forth and charge from afar"
[c]1:12 LXX reads "and formed" w'yatsar for MT w'tsur "rock"
[d]1:15 DSS cf. LXX Syr. MT lacks "and"
[e]1:17 MT reading hrmw. DSS pesher reads hrbw "draw his sword," a possible beth-mem confusion
[f]2:1 LXX reads "rock," lacking the mem
[g]2:3 DSS Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg. MT lacks "and"
[h]2:4 LXX, reading huposteiletai "holds back" = כלאה (cf. Haggai 1:10 LXX). MT reads עפלה "puffed up," a misreading involving a kaph-pey confusion

soul[a] has no pleasure[b] in him, but the righteous will live by[c] faith.[d] 5And moreover, wealth is treacherous[e]; a proud man will not endure. He enlarges his desire as Sheol, and he is like death, and can't be satisfied. He gathers all nations to himself, and collects to himself all peoples. 6Won't all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, 'Woe to him who increases that which is not his, and who enriches himself by extortion. How long?' 7Won't your debtors rise up suddenly, and wake up those who make you tremble, and you will be their victim? 8Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples will plunder you, because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all who dwell in it. 9Woe to him who gets an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil. 10You have devised shame to your house, by cutting off many peoples, and have sinned against your soul. 11For the stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the woodwork will answer it. 12Woe to him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by iniquity. 13Look, isn't it of YHWH of hosts that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity? 14For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of YHWH, as the waters cover the sea.

15"Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, pouring your inflaming wine until they are drunk, so that you may gaze at their naked bodies. 16You are filled with shame, and not glory. You will also drink, and be exposed. The cup of YHWH's right hand will come around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory. 17For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, and the destruction of the animals, which made them afraid; because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land, to every city and to those who dwell in them.

18"What value does the engraved image have, that its maker has engraved it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that he who fashions its form trusts in it, to make mute idols? 19Woe to him who says to the wood, 'Awake.' or to the mute stone, 'Arise.' Shall this teach? Look, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in its midst. 20But YHWH is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before him."

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[a]2:4 Hebrew Ms LXX, reading "my soul." MT reads "his soul," a yod-waw confusion

[b]2:4 MT, reading yashar "pleasure, upright." Cf. BDB 4259: "2. fig. be pleasing"; Numbers 23:27; Judges 14:3; 1Kings 9:12; Jeremiah 27:6

[c]2:4 LXX Mss. MT adds "his."; LXX adds "my"

[d]2:4 Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38

[e]2:5 DSS(1QpHab), reading הוֹן יִבְגֹּוד. MT reads הַיַּיִן בּוֹגֵד "wine betrays."

3 A prayer of Habakkuk, the prophet, set to victorious music.
2 YHWH, I have heard of your fame.
I stand in awe of your deeds, YHWH.
Renew your work in the midst of the years.
In the midst of the years make it known.
In wrath, you remember mercy.
3 God came from Teman,
the Holy One from Mount Paran.
Selah.

His glory covered the heavens,
and his praise filled the earth.
4 His splendor is like the sunrise.
Rays shine from his hand,
where his power is hidden.
5 Plague went before him,
and pestilence followed his feet.
6 He stood, and shook the earth.
He looked, and made the nations tremble.
The ancient mountains were crumbled.
The age-old hills collapsed.
His ways are eternal.
7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction.
The dwellings of the land of Midian trembled.
8 Was YHWH displeased with the rivers?
Was your anger against the rivers,
or your wrath against the sea,
that you rode on your horses,
on your chariots of salvation?
9 You uncovered your bow.
You called for your sworn arrows.
Selah.
You split the earth with rivers.
10 The mountains saw you, and were afraid.
The storm of waters passed by.
The deep roared and lifted up its hands on high.
11 The sun and moon stood still in the sky,
at the light of your arrows as they went,
at the shining of your glittering spear.
12 You marched through the land in wrath.
You threshed the nations in anger.
13 You went forth for the salvation of your people,
for the salvation of your anointed.
You crushed the head of the land of wickedness.
You stripped them head to foot.
Selah.

14 You pierced the heads of his warriors with their own spears.
They came as a whirlwind to scatter me,
gloating as if to devour the wretched in secret.
15 You trampled the sea with your horses,
churning mighty waters.
16 I heard, and my body trembled.
My lips quivered at the voice.

Rottenness enters into my bones,
and I tremble in my
place,
because I must wait quietly
for the day of trouble,
for the coming up of the
people who invade us.
17For though the fig tree doesn't
flourish,
nor fruit be in the vines;
the labor of the olive fails,
the fields yield no food;
the flocks are cut off from
the fold,
and there is no herd in the
stalls:
18yet I will rejoice in YHWH.
I will be joyful in the God of
my salvation.
19YHWH[a] is my strength.
He makes my feet like
deer's feet,
and enables me to go in high
places.

For the music director, on my stringed instruments.

Zephaniah

1 The word of YHWH which came to Zephaniah, the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah, the son of Amon, king of Judah. 2I will utterly sweep away everything off of the surface of the earth, says YHWH. 3I will sweep away man and animal. I will sweep away the birds of the sky, the fish of the sea, and the heaps of rubble with the wicked. I will cut off man from the surface of the earth, says YHWH. 4I will stretch out my hand against Judah, and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place: the name of the idolatrous and pagan priests, 5those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops, those who worship and swear by YHWH and also swear by Milcom, 6those who have turned back from following YHWH, and those who haven't sought YHWH nor inquired after him. 7Be silent at the presence of[b] YHWH, for the day of YHWH is at hand. For YHWH has prepared a sacrifice. He has consecrated his guests. 8It will happen in the day of YHWH's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, the king's sons, and all those who are clothed with foreign clothing. 9In that day, I will punish all those who leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house with violence and deceit. 10In that day, says YHWH, there will be the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, a wailing from the second quarter, and a great crashing from the hills. 11Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh, for all the people of Canaan are undone. All those who were loaded with silver are cut off. 12It will happen at that time, that I

[a]3:19 Hebrew(201) Ms. MT adds "Lord"

[b]1:7 Hebrew(29 82 126) Mss. MT adds "Lord"

will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men who are
settled on their dregs, who say in
their heart, "YHWH will not do
good, neither will he do evil."
13Their wealth will become a spoil,
and their houses a desolation. Yes,
they will build houses, but won't
inhabit them. They will plant
vineyards, but won't drink their
wine. 14The great day of YHWH is
near. It is near, and hurries greatly,
the voice of the day of YHWH. The
mighty man cries there bitterly.
15That day is a day of wrath, a day
of distress and anguish, a day of
trouble and ruin, a day of darkness
and gloom, a day of clouds and
blackness, 16a day of the trumpet
and alarm, against the fortified
cities, and against the high
battlements. 17I will bring distress
on men, that they will walk like
blind men, because they have
sinned against YHWH, and their
blood will be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung. 18Neither
their silver nor their gold will be
able to deliver them in the day of
YHWH's wrath, but the whole land
will be devoured by the fire of his
jealousy; for he will make an end,
yes, a terrible end, of all those who
dwell in the land.

2 Gather yourselves
together, yes, gather
together, you nation
that has no shame, 2before the
appointed time when the day passes
as the chaff, before the fierce anger
of YHWH comes on you, before the
day of YHWH's anger comes on
you. 3Seek YHWH, all you humble
of the land, who have kept his
ordinances. Seek righteousness.
Seek humility. It may be that you
will be hidden in the day of
YHWH's anger. 4For Gaza will be
forsaken, and Ashkelon a
desolation. They will drive out
Ashdod at noonday, and Ekron will
be rooted up. 5Woe to the
inhabitants of the sea coast, the
nation of the Cherethites. The word
of YHWH is against you, Canaan,
the land of the Philistines. I will
destroy you, that there will be no
inhabitant. 6The sea coast will be
pastures, with cottages for
shepherds and folds for flocks.
7The coast will be for the remnant
of the house of Judah. They will
find pasture. In the houses of
Ashkelon, they will lie down in the
evening, for YHWH, their God, will
visit them, and restore them. 8I have
heard the reproach of Moab, and
the insults of the people of Ammon,
with which they have reproached
my people, and magnified
themselves against their border.
9Therefore as I live, says YHWH of
hosts, the God of Israel, surely
Moab will be as Sodom, and the
people of Ammon as Gomorrah, a
possession of nettles, and salt pits,
and a perpetual desolation. The
remnant of my people will plunder
them, and the survivors of my
nation will inherit them. 10This they
will have for their pride, because
they have reproached and
magnified themselves against the
people of YHWH of hosts. 11YHWH
will be awesome to them, for he
will famish all the gods of the land.
Men will worship him, everyone
from his place, even all the shores
of the nations. 12You Cushites also,
you will be killed by my sword.

13He will stretch out his hand
against the north, destroy Assyria,
and will make Nineveh a
desolation, as dry as the wilderness.
14Herds will lie down in the midst
of her, all the animals of the
nations. Both the pelican and the
porcupine will lodge in its capitals.
Their calls will echo through the
windows. Desolation will be in the
thresholds, for he has laid bare the
cedar beams. 15This is the joyous
city that lived carelessly, that said
in her heart, "I am, and there is
none besides me." How she has
become a desolation, a place for
animals to lie down in. Everyone
who passes by her will hiss, and
shake their fists.

3 Woe to her who is
rebellious and polluted,
the oppressing city.
2She did not obey the
voice. She did not receive
correction. She did not trust in
YHWH. She did not draw near to
her God. 3Her princes in the midst
of her are roaring lions. Her judges
are evening wolves. They leave
nothing until the next day. 4Her
prophets are arrogant and
treacherous people. Her priests
have profaned the sanctuary. They
have done violence to the law.
5YHWH, in the midst of her, is
righteous. He will do no wrong.
Every morning he brings his justice
to light. He doesn't fail, but the
unjust know no shame. 6I have cut
off nations. Their battlements are
desolate. I have made their streets
waste, so that no one passes by.
Their cities are destroyed, so that
there is no man, so that there is no
inhabitant. 7I said, "Just fear me.
Receive correction, so that her
dwelling won't be cut off,
according to all that I have
appointed concerning her." But
they rose early and corrupted all
their doings. 8"Therefore wait for
me," says YHWH, "until the day
that I rise up as a witness.[a] For my
determination is to gather the
nations, that I may assemble the
kingdoms, to pour on them my
indignation, even all my fierce
anger. For all the earth will be
devoured with the fire of my
jealousy. 9For then I will purify the
lips of the peoples, that they may all
call on the name of YHWH, to serve
him shoulder to shoulder. 10From
beyond the rivers of Cush, my
worshipers, even the daughter of
my dispersed people, will bring my
offering. 11In that day you will not
be disappointed for all your doings,
in which you have transgressed
against me; for then I will take
away out of the midst of you your
proudly exulting ones, and you will
no more be haughty in my holy
mountain. 12But I will leave in the
midst of you an afflicted and poor
people, and they will take refuge in
the name of YHWH. 13The remnant
of Israel will not do iniquity, nor
speak lies, neither will a deceitful
tongue be found in their mouth, for
they will feed and lie down, and no
one will make them afraid."

[a]3:8 Vocalization according to LXX
Syr. MT vocalizes as "prey"

14 Sing, daughter of Zion.
Shout, Israel. Be glad and rejoice
with all your heart, daughter of
Jerusalem. 15 YHWH has taken away
your judgments. He has thrown out
your enemy. The King of Israel,
YHWH, is in the midst of you. You
will not be afraid of evil any more.
16 In that day, it will be said to
Jerusalem, "Do not be afraid, Zion.
Do not let your hands be weak."
17 YHWH your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save. He will
rejoice over you with joy. He will
calm you in his love. He will
rejoice over you with singing. 18 I
will remove those who grieve about
the appointed feasts from you.
They are a burden and a reproach to
you. 19 Look, at that time I will deal
with all those who afflict you, and I
will save those who are lame, and
gather those who were driven
away. I will give them praise and
honor, whose shame has been in all
the earth. 20 At that time will I bring
you in, and at that time will I gather
you; for I will give you honor and
praise among all the peoples of the
earth, when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says YHWH.

Haggai

1 In the second year of Darayavush[a] the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of YHWH came by Haggai, the prophet, to Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2 "This is what YHWH of hosts says: These people say, 'The time hasn't yet come, the time for YHWH's house to be built.'"

3 Then the word of YHWH
came by Haggai, the prophet,
saying, 4 "Is it a time for you
yourselves to dwell in your paneled
houses, while this house lies waste?
5 Now therefore this is what YHWH
of hosts says: Consider your ways.
6 You have sown much, and bring in
little. You eat, but you do not have
enough. You drink, but you aren't
filled with drink. You clothe
yourselves, but no one is warm, and
he who earns wages earns wages to
put them into a bag with holes in
it."

7 This is what YHWH of hosts
says: "Consider your ways. 8 Go up
to the mountain, bring wood, and
build the house. I will take pleasure
in it, and I will be glorified," says
YHWH. 9 "You looked for much,
and, look, it came to little; and
when you brought it home, I blew

[a] 1:1 MT consonantal text, vocalized to reflect the Old Persian pronunciation. MT scribal vocalization: Daryavesh. Latinized as Darius. He ruled Persia ca. 521-486 BC

it away. Why?" says YHWH of
hosts, "Because of my house that
lies waste, while each of you is
busy with his own house.
10Therefore for your sake the
heavens withhold the dew, and the
earth withholds its fruit. 11I called
for a drought on the land, and on
the mountains, and on the grain,
and on the new wine, on the oil, and
on all[a] what the ground produces,
and on men, and on livestock, and
on all the labor of the hands."

12Then Zerubbabel, the son
of Shealtiel, and Joshua, the son of
Jehozadak, the high priest, with all
the remnant of the people, obeyed
the voice of YHWH, their God, and
the words of Haggai, the prophet,
as YHWH, their God, had sent him;
and the people feared YHWH.

13Then Haggai, YHWH's
messenger, spoke YHWH's
message to the people, saying, "I
am with you," says YHWH.

14YHWH stirred up the spirit
of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, and the spirit of
Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the
high priest, and the spirit of all the
remnant of the people; and they
came and worked on the house of
YHWH of hosts, their God, 15in the
twenty-fourth day of the month, in
the sixth month, in the second year
of Darayavush the king.

2 In the seventh month, in
the twenty-first day of
the month, the word of
YHWH came by Haggai
the prophet, saying, 2"Speak now to
Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, and to Joshua,
the son of Jehozadak, the high
priest, and to the remnant of the
people, saying, 3'Who is left among
you who saw this house in its
former glory? How do you see it
now? Isn't it in your eyes as
nothing? 4Yet now be strong,
Zerubbabel,' says YHWH. 'Be
strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak,
the high priest. Be strong, all you
people of the land,' says YHWH,
'and work, for I am with you,' says
YHWH of hosts. 5This is the word
that I covenanted with you when
you came out of Egypt, and my
Spirit lived among you. 'Do not be
afraid.' 6For this is what YHWH of
hosts says: 'Yet once more, it is a
little while, and I will shake the
heavens and the earth[b] and the sea
and the dry land; 7and I will shake
all nations, and they will come with
the treasures of all nations, and I
will fill this house with glory, says
YHWH of hosts. 8The silver is mine,
and the gold is mine,' says YHWH
of hosts. 9'The latter glory of this
house will be greater than the
former,' says YHWH of hosts; 'and
in this place will I give peace,' says
YHWH of hosts.[c]"

[a]1:11 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr Vg cf. BHS. MT lacks "all"
[b]2:6 Hebrews 12:26
[c]2:9 LXX adds "even peace of mind for a possession to every one that builds, to raise up this temple," perhaps lost in MT from homoioteleuton: m-m

[10]In the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darayavush, the word of YHWH came by Haggai the prophet, saying, [11]"Thus says YHWH of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, [12]'If someone carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with his fold touches bread, stew, wine, oil, or any food, will it become holy?'"

The priests answered, "No."

[13]Then Haggai said, "If one who is unclean by reason of a dead body touch any of these, will it be unclean?"

The priests answered, "It will be unclean."

[14]Then Haggai answered, "'So is this people, and so is this nation before me,' says YHWH; 'and so is every work of their hands. That which they offer there is unclean.[a] [15]Now, please consider from this day and backward, before a stone was laid on a stone in the temple of YHWH. [16]Through all that time, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were only ten. When one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty, there were only twenty. [17]I struck you with blight, mildew, and hail in all the work of your hands; yet you did not turn to me,' says YHWH. [18]'Consider, please, from this day and backward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, since the day that the foundation of YHWH's temple was laid, consider it. [19]Is the seed yet in the barn? Yes, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree haven't brought forth. From this day will I bless you.'"

[20]The word of YHWH came the second time to Haggai in the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, [21]"Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, 'I will shake the heavens and the earth. [22]I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms. I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. I will overthrow the chariots, and those who ride in them. The horses and their riders will come down, everyone by the sword of his brother. [23]In that day, says YHWH of hosts, will I take you, Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says YHWH, 'and will make you as a signet, for I have chosen you,' says YHWH of hosts."

Zechariah

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of

[a]2:14 LXX adds "shall be defiled because of their earlier income; they shall suffer because of their toils. And you have hated those who reprove in the gates," perhaps lost in MT from homoioarcton: hw-hw. Cf. Amos 5:10

Darayavush[a] the word of YHWH
came to Zechariah the son of
Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the
prophet, saying, 2"YHWH was very
displeased with your fathers.
3Therefore tell them: Thus says
YHWH of hosts: 'Return to me,'
says YHWH of hosts, 'and I will
return to you,' says YHWH of hosts.
4Do not be like your fathers, to
whom the former prophets
proclaimed, saying: Thus says
YHWH of hosts, 'Return now from
your evil ways, and from your evil
doings;' but they did not hear, nor
listen to me, says YHWH. 5Your
fathers, where are they? And the
prophets, do they live forever? 6But
my words and my statutes, which I
commanded by my Spirit[b] to my
servants the prophets, did they not
overtake your fathers? Then they
repented and said, 'Just as YHWH
of hosts determined to do to us,
according to our ways, and
according to our practices, so he
has dealt with us.'"

7On the twenty-fourth day of the
eleventh month, which is the month
Shebat, in the second year of
Darayavush, the word of YHWH
came to Zechariah the son of
Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the
prophet, saying, 8"I had a vision in
the night, and look, a man riding on
a red horse, and he stood among the
myrtle trees that were in a ravine;
and behind him there were red,
brown, and white horses. 9Then I
asked, 'My lord, what are these?'"

The angel who talked with
me said to me, "I will show you
what these are."
10The man who stood among the
myrtle trees answered and said to
me,[c] "They are the ones YHWH has
sent to go back and forth through
the earth."

11They reported to the angel
of YHWH who stood among the
myrtle trees, and said, "We have
walked back and forth through the
earth, and look, all the earth is at
rest and in peace."
12Then the angel of YHWH replied,
"YHWH of hosts, how long will you
not have mercy on Jerusalem and
on the cities of Judah, against
which you have had indignation
these seventy years?"

13YHWH answered the angel
who talked with me with kind and
comforting words. 14So the angel
who talked with me said to me,
"Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says
YHWH of hosts: "I am jealous for
Jerusalem and for Zion with a great
jealousy. 15I am very angry with the
nations that are at ease; for I was
but only a little angry, but they

[a]1:1 MT consonantal text, vocalized to reflect the Old Persian pronunciation. MT scribal vocalization: Daryavesh. Latinized as Darius. He ruled Persia ca. 521-486 BC

[b]1:6 LXX. MT lacks "by my Spirit" from homoioteleuton: y-y, or by sight confusion in a square script: חי-תי

[c]1:10 LXX, reading pros me = אלי. MT lacks "to me" from homoioarcton: אלי-אלה

added to the calamity." 16Therefore thus says YHWH: "I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy. My house will be built in it," says YHWH of hosts, "and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem."'

17"Proclaim further, saying, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts: "My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and YHWH will again comfort Zion, and will again choose Jerusalem."'"

18I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look, four horns. 19I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these?"

He answered me, "These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20YHWH showed me four craftsmen. 21Then I asked, "What are these coming to do?"

He said, "These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head; but these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

2 I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look, a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2Then I asked, "Where are you going?"

He said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its breadth and what is its length."

3Look, the angel who talked with me went forth,[a] and another angel went out to meet him, 4and said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. 5For I,' says YHWH, 'will be to her a wall of fire around it, and I will be the glory in the midst of her. 6Come. Come. Flee from the land of the north,' says YHWH; 'for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the sky,' says YHWH. 7'Come, Zion. Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.' 8For thus says YHWH of hosts: 'For honor he has sent me to the nations which plundered you; for he who touches you touches the apple of my[b] eye. 9For, look, I will shake my hand over them, and they will be a spoil to those who served them; and you will know that YHWH of hosts has sent me. 10Sing and rejoice, daughter of Zion; for, look, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of you,' says YHWH. 11Many nations shall join themselves to YHWH in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of you, and you shall know that YHWH of hosts has sent me to you. 12YHWH will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. 13Be silent, all flesh,

[a]2:3 LXX cf. BHS reads "stood (by)"

[b]2:8 LXX(W) Vg. MT reads "his"

before YHWH; for he has roused himself from his holy habitation."

3 He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of YHWH, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. [2]YHWH said to Satan, "YHWH rebuke you, Satan. Yes, YHWH who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you. Isn't this a burning stick plucked out of the fire?"

[3]Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. [4]He answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, "Take the filthy garments off of him." To him he said, "Look, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with rich clothing."

[5]I said, "Let them set a clean turban on his head."

So they set a clean turban on his head, and clothed him; and the angel of YHWH was standing by. [6]The angel of YHWH protested to Joshua, saying, [7]"Thus says YHWH of hosts: 'If you will walk in my ways, and if you will follow my instructions, then you also shall judge my house, and shall also keep my courts, and I will give you a place of access among these who stand by. [8]Hear now, Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you; for they are men who are a sign: for, look, I will bring forth my servant, the Branch. [9]For, look, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes: look, I will engrave its engraving,' says YHWH of hosts, 'and I will remove[a] the iniquity of that land in one day. [10]In that day,' says YHWH of hosts, 'you will invite every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.'"

4 The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. [2]He said to me, "What do you see?"

I said, "I have seen, and look, a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are on the top of it; [3]and two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl, and the other on the left side of it."

[4]I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?"

[5]Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?"

I said, "No, my lord."

[6]Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, "This is the word of YHWH to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not

[a]3:9 DSS LXX add "all"

by might, nor by power, but by my
Spirit,' says YHWH of hosts. 7Who
are you, great mountain? Before
Zerubbabel you are a plain; and he
will bring out the capstone with
shouts of 'Grace, grace, to it.'"

8Moreover the word of
YHWH came to me, saying, 9"The
hands of Zerubbabel have laid the
foundation of this house. His hands
shall also finish it; and you will
know that YHWH of hosts has sent
me to you. 10Indeed, who despises
the day of small things? For these
seven shall rejoice, and shall see
the plumb line in the hand of
Zerubbabel. These are the eyes of
YHWH, which run back and forth
through the whole earth."

11Then I asked him, "What
are these two olive trees on the
right side of the lampstand and on
the left side of it?"

12I asked him the second
time, "What are these two olive
branches, which are beside the two
golden spouts, that pour the golden
oil out of themselves?"

13He answered me, "Do you
not know what these are?"

I said, "No, my lord."

14Then he said, "These are
the two anointed ones who stand by
the Lord of the whole earth."

5 Then again I lifted up
my eyes, and saw, and
look, a flying scroll.
2He said to me, "What do you see?"

I answered, "I see a flying
scroll; its length is twenty-nine feet
six inches, and its breadth fourteen
feet nine inches."

3Then he said to me, "This is
the curse that goes out over the
surface of the whole land; for
everyone who steals shall be cut off
according to it on the one side; and
everyone who swears falsely shall
be cut off according to it on the
other side. 4I will cause it to go
out," says YHWH of hosts, "and it
will enter into the house of the
thief, and into the house of him who
swears falsely by my name; and it
will remain in the midst of his
house, and will destroy it with its
timber and its stones."

5Then the angel who talked
with me came forward, and said to
me, "Lift up now your eyes, and see
what is this that is appearing."
6And I said, "What is it?" And he
said, "This is the ephah[a] basket that
is appearing." And he said
moreover, "This is their iniquity[b]
throughout the land. 7And look, a

[a]5:6 An ephah is a measure of volume of about 22 litres, 5.8 U. S. gallons, 4.8 imperial gallons, or a bit more than half a bushel

[b]5:6 Hebrew Ms LXX Syr. MT reads "appearance," a waw-yod confusion

lead cover was raised up, and there was a woman sitting in the basket.
8And he said, "This is Wickedness;" and he threw her down into the midst of the ephah basket; and he placed the lead cover over its mouth.

9Then lifted I up my eyes, and saw, and look, there were two women, and the wind was in their wings. Now they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah basket between earth and the sky. 10Then said I to the angel who talked with me, "Where are these carrying the ephah basket?"

11He said to me, "To build her a house in the land of Shinar. When it is prepared, she will be set there in her own place."

6 Again I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and look, four chariots came out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of bronze. 2In the first chariot were red horses; in the second chariot black horses; 3in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot dappled horses, all of them powerful. 4Then I asked the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"

5The angel answered me, "These are the four winds of the sky, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. 6The one with the black horses goes out toward the north country; and the white went out after them; and the dappled went forth toward the south country." 7The strong went out, and sought to go that they might walk back and forth through the earth: and he said, "Go around and through the earth." So they walked back and forth through the earth.

8Then he called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "Look, those who go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country."
9The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 10"Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have come from Babylon. 11Yes, take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; 12and speak to him, saying, 'Thus says YHWH of hosts, "Look, the man whose name is the Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of YHWH; 13even he shall build the temple of YHWH; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on his throne; and he shall be a priest on his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. 14And the crown shall be to Heldai,[a] and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Josiah[b] the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of YHWH.

[a]6:14 Syr cf. v.10. MT reads "Helem"

[b]6:14 Syr cf. v.10. MT reads "Hen"

15Those who are far off shall come
and build in the temple of YHWH;
and you shall know that YHWH of
hosts has sent me to you. This will
happen, if you will diligently obey
the voice of YHWH your God.”””

7 It happened in the
fourth year of king
Darayavush that the
word of YHWH came to Zechariah
in the fourth day of the ninth
month, the month of Chislev. 2The
people of Bethel sent Sharezer and
Regem Melech, and their men, to
entreat YHWH’s favor, 3and to
speak to the priests of the house of
YHWH of hosts, and to the
prophets, saying, “Should I weep in
the fifth month, separating myself,
as I have done these so many
years?”

4Then the word of YHWH of
hosts came to me, saying, 5“Speak
to all the people of the land, and to
the priests, saying, ‘When you
fasted and mourned in the fifth and
in the seventh month for these
seventy years, did you at all fast to
me, really to me? 6When you eat,
and when you drink, do you not eat
for yourselves, and drink for
yourselves? 7Aren’t these the
words which YHWH proclaimed by
the former prophets, when
Jerusalem was inhabited and in
prosperity, and its cities around her,
and the Negev and the lowland
were inhabited?’”

8The word of YHWH came to
Zechariah, saying, 9“Thus has
YHWH of hosts spoken, saying,
‘Execute true judgment, and show
kindness and compassion every
man to his brother. 10Do not
oppress the widow, nor the
fatherless, the foreigner, nor the
poor; and let none of you devise
evil against his brother in your
heart.’ 11But they refused to listen,
and turned their backs, and stopped
their ears, that they might not hear.
12Yes, they made their hearts as
hard as flint, lest they might hear
the law, and the words which
YHWH of hosts had sent by his
Spirit by the former prophets.
Therefore great wrath came from
YHWH of hosts. 13It has come to
pass that, as he called, and they
refused to listen, so they will call,
and I will not listen,” said YHWH of
hosts; 14“but I will scatter them
with a whirlwind among all the
nations which they have not
known. Thus the land was desolate
after them, so that no man passed
through nor returned: for they made
the pleasant land desolate.”

8 The word of YHWH of
hosts came to me. 2Thus
says YHWH of hosts: “I
am jealous for Zion with great
jealousy, and I am jealous for her
with great wrath.”

3Thus says YHWH: “I have
returned to Zion, and will dwell in
the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem
shall be called ‘The City of Truth;’
and the mountain of YHWH of
hosts, ‘The Holy Mountain.’”

4Thus says YHWH of hosts:
“Old men and old women will
again dwell in the streets of
Jerusalem, every man with his staff

in his hand for very age. [5]The streets of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in its streets."

[6]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes?" says YHWH of hosts.

[7]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "Look, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; [8]and I will bring them, and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they will be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness."

[9]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets who were in the day that the foundation of the house of YHWH of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built. [10]For before those days there was no wages for man, nor any wages for an animal; neither was there any peace to him who went out or came in, because of the adversary. For I set all men everyone against his neighbor. [11]But now I will not be to the remnant of this people as in the former days," says YHWH of hosts. [12]"For the seed of peace and the vine will yield its fruit, and the ground will give its increase, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. [13]It shall come to pass that, as you were a curse among the nations, house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid. Let your hands be strong."

[14]For thus says YHWH of hosts: "As I thought to do evil to you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath," says YHWH of hosts, "and I did not repent; [15]so again have I thought in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not be afraid. [16]These are the things that you shall do: speak every man the truth with his neighbor. Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates, [17]and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor, and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate," says YHWH.

[18]The word of YHWH of hosts came to me. [19]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "The fasts of the fourth fifth, seventh, and tenth months shall be for the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace."
[20]Thus says YHWH of hosts: "Many[a] peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come; [21]and the inhabitants of one shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of YHWH, and to seek YHWH of hosts. I will go

[a]8:20 2 Hebrew Mss LXX. MT lacks "Many" from homoioteleuton: ym-ym, or with sight confusion in a square script: mym-bym

also.' [22]Yes, many peoples and
strong nations will come to seek
YHWH of hosts in Jerusalem, and to
entreat the favor of YHWH." [23]Thus
says YHWH of hosts: "In those
days, ten men will take hold, out of
all the languages of the nations,
they will take hold of the skirt of
him who is a Jew, saying, 'We will
go with you, for we have heard that
God is with you.'"

9 An oracle.
The word of YHWH is
against the land of
Hadrach,
and will rest upon
Damascus;
for the eye of man
and of all the tribes of Israel
is toward YHWH;
[2]and Hamath, also, which borders
on it;
Tyre and Sidon, because
they are very wise.
[3]Tyre built herself a stronghold,
and heaped up silver like the
dust,
and fine gold like the mire of
the streets.
[4]Look, YHWH[a] will dispossess her,
and he will strike her power
in the sea;
and she will be devoured
with fire.
[5]Ashkelon will see it, and fear;
Gaza also, and will writhe in
agony;
as will Ekron, for her
expectation will be
disappointed;
and the king will perish from
Gaza,
and Ashkelon will not be
inhabited.
[6]Foreigners will dwell in Ashdod,
and I will cut off the pride of
the Philistines.
[7]I will take away his blood out of
his mouth,
and his abominations from
between his teeth;
and he also will be a remnant for
our God;
and he will be as a chieftain
in Judah,
and Ekron as a Jebusite.
[8]I will camp around my house
against the army,
that none pass through or
return;
and no oppressor will pass
through them any
more:
for now I have seen with my
eyes.
[9]Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion.
Shout, daughter of
Jerusalem.
Look, your king comes to you.
He is righteous, and having
salvation;
lowly, and riding on a
donkey,
even on a colt, the foal of a
donkey.
[10]I will cut off the chariot from
Ephraim,
and the horse from
Jerusalem;
and the battle bow will be cut off;
and he will speak peace to
the nations:

[a]9:4 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

and his dominion will be
from sea to sea,
and from the River to the
farthest parts of the
earth.
11 As for you also,
because of the blood of your
covenant,
I have set free your prisoners
from the pit in which
is no water.
12 Turn to the stronghold, you
prisoners of hope.
Even today I declare that I
will restore double to
you.
13 For indeed I bend Judah as a
bow for me.
I have filled the bow with
Ephraim;
and I will stir up your sons, Zion,
against your sons, Greece,
and will make you like the
sword of a mighty
man.
14 YHWH will be seen over them;
and his arrow will go forth
like lightning;
and[a] YHWH will blow the
trumpet,
and will go with whirlwinds
of the south.
15 YHWH of hosts will defend
them;
and they will destroy and
overcome with sling
stones;
and they will drink, and roar
as through wine;
and they will be filled like
bowls,
like the corners of the altar.
16 YHWH their God will save them
in that day as the flock
of his people;
for they are like the jewels
of a crown,
lifted on high over his land.
17 For how great is his goodness,
and how great is his beauty.
Grain will make the young men
flourish,
and new wine the virgins.

10 Ask of YHWH rain
in the spring time,
YHWH who makes
lightnings,[b]
and he gives rain showers to
everyone for the plants
in the field.
2 For the teraphim have spoken
vanity,
and the diviners have seen a
lie;
and they have told false
dreams.
They comfort in vain.
Therefore they go their way
like sheep.
They are oppressed, because
there is no shepherd.
3 My anger is kindled against the
shepherds,
and I will punish the male
goats;
For YHWH of hosts has
visited his flock, the
house of Judah,
and will make them as his
majestic horse in the
battle.

[a] 9:14 Hebrew Ms LXX. MT adds "Lord"

[b] 10:1 Or, "lightning bolts", "thunderstorms", "bright rain clouds"

[4]From him will come forth the cornerstone,
from him the nail,
from him the battle bow,
from him every ruler together.
[5]They shall be as mighty men,
treading down muddy streets in the battle;
and they shall fight, because YHWH is with them;
and the riders on horses will be confounded.
[6]"I will strengthen the house of Judah,
and I will save the house of Joseph,
and I will bring them back;
for I have mercy on them;
and they will be as though I had not cast them off:
for I am YHWH their God,
and I will hear them.
[7]Ephraim will be like a mighty man,
and their heart will rejoice as through wine;
yes, their children will see it, and rejoice.
Their heart will be glad in YHWH.
[8]I will signal for them, and gather them;
for I have redeemed them;
and they will increase as they have increased.
[9]I will sow them among the peoples;
and they will remember me in far countries;
and they will live with their children, and will return.
[10]I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt,
and gather them out of Assyria;
and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon;
and there won't be room enough for them.
[11]He will pass through the sea of affliction,
and will strike the waves in the sea,
and all the depths of the Nile will dry up;
and the pride of Assyria will be brought down,
and the scepter of Egypt will depart.
[12]I will strengthen them in YHWH;
and they will walk up and down in his name,"
says YHWH.

11 Open your doors, Lebanon,
that the fire may devour your cedars.
[2]Wail, fir tree, for the cedar has fallen,
because the stately ones are destroyed.
Wail, you oaks of Bashan,
for the strong forest has come down.
[3]A voice of the wailing of the shepherds.
For their glory is destroyed:
a voice of the roaring of young lions.
For the pride of the Jordan is ruined.

[4]Thus says YHWH my God: "Feed the flock of slaughter. [5]Their buyers slaughter them, and go unpunished. Those who sell them

say, ‘Blessed be YHWH, for I am rich;’ and their own shepherds do not pity them. 6For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land,” says YHWH; “but, look, I will deliver the men everyone into his neighbor’s hand, and into the hand of his king. They will strike the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.”

7So I fed the flock of slaughter, especially the oppressed of the flock. I took for myself two staffs. The one I called “Favor,” and the other I called “Union,” and I fed the flock. 8I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. 9Then I said, “I will not feed you. That which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let those who are left eat each other’s flesh.” 10I took my staff Favor, and cut it apart, that I might break my covenant that I had made with all the peoples. 11It was broken in that day; and thus the poor[a] of the flock that listened to me knew that it was the word of YHWH. 12I said to them, “If you think it best, give me my wages; and if not, keep them.” So they weighed for my wages thirty pieces of silver. 13YHWH said to me, “Throw it to the potter, the handsome price that I was valued at by them.” I took the thirty pieces of silver, and threw them to the potter, in the house of YHWH. 14Then I cut apart my other staff, even Union, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15YHWH said to me, “Take for yourself yet again the equipment of a foolish shepherd. 16For, look, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who will not visit those who are cut off, neither will seek those who are scattered, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat sheep, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. 17Woe to the worthless shepherd who leaves the flock. The sword will be on his arm, and on his right eye. His arm will be completely withered, and his right eye will be totally blinded.”

12 An oracle. The word of YHWH concerning Israel. YHWH, who stretches out the heavens, and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him says: 2“Look, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling to all the surrounding peoples, and on Judah also will it be in the siege against Jerusalem. 3It will happen in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples. All who burden themselves with it will be severely wounded, and all the nations of the earth will be gathered together against it. 4In that day,” says YHWH, “I will strike every horse

[a]11:11 LXX reflects a different word division, reading “merchants.” Cf. Brug, 17

with terror, and his rider with madness; and I will open my eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness. [5]The chieftains of Judah will say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in YHWH of hosts their God.' [6]In that day I will make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a flaming torch among sheaves; and they will devour all the surrounding peoples, on the right hand and on the left; and Jerusalem will yet again dwell in their own place, even in Jerusalem. [7]YHWH also will save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem not be magnified above Judah. [8]In that day YHWH will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. He who is feeble among them at that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of YHWH before them. [9]It will happen in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. [10]I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of petition; and they will look to me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and will grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves for his firstborn. [11]In that day there will be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. [12]The land will mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; [13]the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; [14]all the families who remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13 "In that day there will be a spring opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. [2]It will come to pass in that day, says YHWH of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they will be remembered no more. I will also cause the[a] prophets and the spirit of impurity to pass out of the land. [3]It will happen that, when anyone still prophesies, then his father and his mother who bore him will tell him, 'You must die, because you speak lies in the name of YHWH;' and his father and his mother who bore him will stab him when he prophesies. [4]It will happen in that day, that the prophets will each be ashamed of his vision, when he prophesies; neither will they wear a hairy mantle to deceive: [5]but he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a tiller of the ground; for I have been made a bondservant from my youth.' [6]One will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your hands?' Then he will answer, 'Those with

[a]13:2 LXX Syr add "false"

which I was wounded in the house
of my friends.'

7"Awake, sword, against my
shepherd,
and against the man who is
close to me," says
YHWH of hosts.
"I will[a] strike the shepherd, and
the sheep[b] will be
scattered;
and I will turn my hand
against the little ones.
8It shall happen that in all the
land," says YHWH,
"two parts in it will be cut
off and die;
but the third will be left in it.
9I will bring the third part into the
fire,
and will refine them as silver
is refined,
and will test them like gold
is tested.
They will call on my name, and I
will hear them.
I will say, 'It is my people;'
and they will say, 'YHWH is
my God.'"

14 Look, a day of YHWH comes, when your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city will be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city will go out into captivity, and the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. 3Then YHWH will go out and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in two, from east to west, making a very great valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5Then you shall flee by the valley of my mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azel; yes, you shall flee, just like you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then YHWH my God will come, and[c] all the holy ones with him.[d] 6It will happen in that day, that there will not be light, cold, or frost. 7It will be a unique day which is known to YHWH; not day, and not night; but it will come to pass, that at evening time there will be light.

8It will happen in that day, that living waters will go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea; in summer and in winter will it be.

9YHWH will be King over all the earth. In that day YHWH will be

[a]13:7 LXX Mss cf. BHS, reading patazo = 'kh. Cf. 12:4. MT lacks "I will." Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27
[b]13:7 Matthew 26:31 adds tes poimnes = h'dr "of the flock," which could have been lost from homoioarcton: h-h
[c]14:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Tg Syr(Mss) Vg. MT lacks "and"
[d]14:5 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Vg. MT reads "you"

one, and his name one. [10]All the land will be made like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon in the Negev. Jerusalem will be lifted up, and will dwell in her place, from Benjamin's gate to the place of the first gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses. [11]Men will dwell in it, and there will be no more curse; but Jerusalem will dwell safely. [12]This will be the plague with which YHWH will strike all the peoples who have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh will consume away while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will consume away in their sockets, and their tongue will consume away in their mouth. [13]It will happen in that day, that a great panic from YHWH will be among them; and they will lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand will rise up against the hand of his neighbor. [14]Judah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered together: gold, and silver, and clothing, in great abundance.

[15]So will be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the donkey, and of all the animals that will be in those camps, as that plague. [16]It will happen that everyone who is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, YHWH of hosts, and to keep the feast of booths. [17]It will be, that whoever of all the families of the earth doesn't go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, YHWH of hosts, on them there will be no rain. [18]If the family of Egypt doesn't go up and enter in, on them will[a] be the plague with which YHWH will strike the nations that do not go up to keep the feast of booths. [19]This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to keep the feast of booths. [20]In that day there will be on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO YHWH;" and the pots in YHWH's house will be like the bowls before the altar. [21]Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to YHWH of hosts; and all those who sacrifice will come and take of them, and cook in them. In that day there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of YHWH of hosts.

Malachi

1 An oracle: the word of YHWH to Israel by Malachi.

[2]"I have loved you," says YHWH. Yet you say, "How have you loved us?"

[a]14:8 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr cf. BHS. MT adds "not"

"Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?" says YHWH, "Yet I loved Jacob; 3but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness." 4Whereas Edom says, "We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places;" thus says YHWH of hosts, "They shall build, but I will throw down; and men will call them 'The Wicked Land,' even the people against whom YHWH shows wrath forever."

5Your eyes will see, and you will say, "YHWH is great—even beyond the border of Israel."
6"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, then where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is the respect due me? says YHWH of hosts to you, priests, who despise my name. Yet you say, 'How have we despised your name?' 7By offering defiled food on my altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled you?' In that you say, 'YHWH's table is despised, and its fruit, its food, is despised.'[a] 8When you offer the blind for sacrifice, isn't that evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, isn't that evil? Present it now to your governor. Will he be pleased with you? Or will he accept your person?" says YHWH of hosts.

9"Now, please entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With this, will he accept any of you?" says YHWH of hosts.
10"Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain. I have no pleasure in you," says YHWH of hosts, "neither will I accept an offering at your hand. 11For from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations," says YHWH of hosts. 12"But you profane it, in that you say, 'YHWH's table is defiled, and its fruit, its food, is despised.' 13You say also, 'Look, what a weariness it is.' and you sniff scornfully at it," says YHWH of hosts; "and you have brought that which was taken by violence, the lame, and the sick; thus you bring the offering. Should I accept this at your hand?" says YHWH of hosts.[b]

14"But the deceiver is cursed, who has in his flock a male, and vows, and sacrifices to YHWH[c] a blemished thing; for I am a great King," says YHWH of hosts, "and my name is awesome among the nations."

[a]1:7 Cf. LXX and v.12. MT lacks "and its fruit, its food, is despised" from homoioarcton by sight confusion: wny-wky. Cf. 1:12

[b]1:13 Hebrew Mss LXX Syr Ms cf. BHS. MT lacks "of hosts"

[c]1:14 Hebrew Mss. MT reads "Lord"

2 "Now, you priests, this commandment is for you. [2]If you will not listen, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name," says YHWH of hosts, "then will I send the curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart. [3]Look, I will rebuke your seed, and will spread dung on your faces, even the dung of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. [4]You will know that I have sent this commandment to you, that my covenant may be with Levi," says YHWH of hosts. [5]"My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might be reverent toward me; and he was reverent toward me, and stood in awe of my name. [6]The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many away from iniquity. [7]For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of YHWH of hosts. [8]But you have turned aside out of the way. You have caused many to stumble in the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says YHWH of hosts. [9]"Therefore I have also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according to the way you have not kept my ways, but have had respect for persons in the law. [10]Do we not all have one father? Hasn't one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? [11]Judah has dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness of YHWH which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god. [12]YHWH will cut off, to the man who does this, him who wakes and him who answers, out of the tents of Jacob, and him who offers an offering to YHWH of hosts. [13]This again you do: you cover the altar of YHWH[a] with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, because he doesn't regard the offering any more, neither receives it with good will at your hand. [14]Yet you say, 'Why?' Because YHWH has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion, and the wife of your covenant. [15]Did he not make one, although he had the residue of the Spirit? Why one? He sought a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. [16]For I hate[b] divorce," says YHWH, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with violence." says YHWH of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously. [17]You have wearied YHWH[c] with

[a]2:13 LXX(L) cf. BHS adds "of hosts"
[b]2:16 DSS LXX read "If you hate and divorce"
[c]2:17 DSS LXX read "God"

your words. Yet you say, ‘How have we wearied him?’ In that you say, ‘Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of YHWH, and he delights in them;’ or ‘Where is the God of justice?’

3 “Look, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, look, he comes.” says YHWH of hosts. 2But who can endure the day of his coming? And who will stand when he appears? For he is coming[a] like a refiner's fire, and like launderer's soap. 3And he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer to YHWH offerings in righteousness. 4Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to YHWH, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. 5I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the perjurers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and who deprive the foreigner of justice, and do not fear me,” says YHWH of hosts. 6“For I, YHWH, do not change; therefore you, sons of Jacob, are not consumed. 7From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my ordinances, and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says YHWH of hosts. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ 8Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In tithes and offerings. 9You are cursed with the curse; for you rob me, even this whole nation. 10Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this,” says YHWH of hosts, “if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough for. 11I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before its time in the field,” says YHWH of hosts. 12“All nations shall call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says YHWH of hosts.

13“Your words have been stout against me,” says YHWH. “Yet you say, ‘What have we spoken against you?’ 14You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God;’ and ‘What profit is it that we have followed his instructions, and that we have walked mournfully before YHWH of hosts? 15Now we call the proud blessed; indeed, evildoers prosper. They even tempt God and escape.’ 16Then those who feared YHWH spoke one with another; and YHWH listened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for those who feared

[a]3:2 LXX. MT lacks “coming” from homoioarcton by sight confusion

YHWH, and who honored his name.
17 They shall be mine," says YHWH
of hosts, "my own possession in the
day that I make, and I will spare
them, as a man spares his own son
who serves him. 18 Then you shall
return and discern between the
righteous and the wicked, between
him who serves God and him who
doesn't serve him.

4 "For, look, the day
comes, it burns as a
furnace; and all the
proud, and all who work
wickedness, will be stubble; and
the day that comes will burn them
up," says YHWH of hosts, "that it
shall leave them neither root nor
branch. 2 But to you who fear my
name shall the sun of righteousness
arise with healing in its wings. You
will go out, and leap like calves of
the stall. 3 You shall tread down the
wicked; for they will be ashes
under the soles of your feet in the
day that I make," says YHWH of
hosts.

4 "Remember the Law of
Moses my servant, which I
commanded to him in Horeb for all
Israel, even statutes and
ordinances. 5 Look, I will send you
Elijah the prophet before the great
and awesome day of YHWH comes.
6 He will turn the hearts of the
fathers to the children, and the
hearts of the children to their
fathers, lest I come and strike the
earth with a curse.

The
New Testament

THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO

Matthew

1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3and Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz was the father of Obed[a] by Ruth, and Boaz[b] was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed[c] was the father of Jesse, 6and Jesse the father of David the king. And David[d] was the father of Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah; 7and Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah[e] the father of Asa; 8and Asa[f] the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah; 10and Hezekiah the

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[a]1:5 Gk: Obed. Text: E K M S W Omega f1 28 346 565 579 700 1342 1582 al Byz Lat vg(st.ww) syr(s.c.p.h), and Ruth 4:17, 21-22; 1Chronicles 2:12. NU (p1 Aleph B C* Delta f13 118 124 788 cop(sa.bo) eth arm) reads "Jobed," a harmonization to Luke 3:32 NU

[b]1:5 Gk: Booz. Text: E K L M S U W Gamma Delta Omega f1 f13 28 118 124 346 565 700 788 892 1071 1241 1582 al Byz Lat(a.c.f.ff1.g1.q) vg(st.ww) (syr(s.c.p.h)) ("Baaz"), and Ruth 4:21; 1Chronicles 2:11-12. NU (p1 Aleph B two lect lat(k) cop(sa.bo) reads "Boes," a typical Coptic spelling of the name. Cf. Ruth cop; Luke 3:32 cop

[c]1:5 Gk: Obed. Text: E K M S W Omega f1 28 346 565 579 700 1342 1582 al Byz Lat vg(st.ww) syr(s.c.p.h), and Ruth 4:17, 21-22; 1Chronicles 2:12. NU (p1 Aleph B C* Delta f13 118 124 788 cop(sa.bo) eth arm) reads "Jobed," a Greek corruption found in Ruth LXX Mss and 1Chronicles 2:12 LXX(A). For other instances where an iota was added by some scribes before words that began with an omicron or an omega, cf. Genesis 10:28 LXX(44-106 376); 10:29 LXX(74); 36:23 LXX(370); Exodus 6:15 LXX(B 56'-129 120' 799)

[d]1:6 M TR add "the king"

[e]1:7 Gk: Abia

[f]1:8 Gk: Asa. Text: E K L M S U V W Delta Pi Omega 28 33 118 124 565 579 1241 al Byz Lect lat((a).f.ff1) vg(st.ww) syr(s.c.p.h.pal) slav; Ps-Eust, Epiph(1/2), and 1Kings 15:24, 22:41; 1 Chronicles 3:10. NU (p1 Aleph B C f1 f13 346(vid) 700 788 1071 1582* pc lat(aur.c.g1.k.q) vg(Mss) cop(sa.mae.bo) arm eth geo; (Epiph(1/2))) reads "Asaph," under the influence of the more common name of the psalmist Asaph

father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon[a] the father of Josiah,[b] 11and Josiah the father of[c] Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the exile to Babylon. 12And after the exile to Babylon, Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel,[d] and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13and Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, and Abihud the father of Eliakim,[e] and Eliakim the father of Azzur,[f] 14and Azzur the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Ahiam,[g] and Ahiam the father of Elihud,[h] 15and Elihud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan,[i] and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom was born Jesus, who is called the Christ. 17So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the exile to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon to the Christ, fourteen generations.

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ[j] happened like this. His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, and before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19And Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly. 20But when he thought about these things, look, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to yourself Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21And she will bring forth a son, and you are to name him

[a]1:10 Text: E K L M S U V W Omega f13 28 118 346 565 579 788 al Byz Lect lat(a.(aur).(f)) vg(st.ww) syr(s.c.p.h.pal) (cop(mae)) slav; (Ps-Eust), and 2Kings 21:18-19, 23-25; 1Chronicles 3:14; 2Chronicles 33:20-23, 25; Jeremiah 1:2, 25:3; Zephaniah 1:1. NU (Aleph B C M Delta Theta f1 33 1582 lat(c.ff1.g1.k.q) vg(Mss) cop(sa.bo.fay) eth arm geo; Epiph) reads "Amos," under the influence of the more common name of the prophet Amos

[b]1:10 Gk: Iwsian. Aleph B Delta Theta read Iwseian

[c]1:11 (D) M U Theta Sigma f1 33 205 1006 1342 1505 syr(h*.pal) geo; Ir(lat), Epiph, add "Jehoiakim, and Jehoiakim the father of," possibly lost from haplography: de egennesen ton I- de egennesen ton I, but would result in a group of 15 generations

[d]1:12 Gk: Salathiel. B reads Selathiel

[e]1:13 Gk Eliakim. NU (M S W Pi Omega 28 565 1424 vg(st) (Eliachim) cop(sa.bo). M TR (Aleph B C E K L P U Theta f1 f13 33 35 118 157 346 700 788 1005 1071 1582 2372) reads Eliakeim

[f]1:13 Gk: Azor. Cf. Joshua 19:45; Jeremiah 28:1 LXX

[g]1:14 Gk: Achim, or Acheim. Cf. 1 Chronicles 11:35 (LXX: Achim. LXX(B): Acheim)

[h]1:14 Gk: Elioud

[i]1:15 Gk: Matthan. p1 B Theta read Maththan

[j]1:18 71 Some Mss (Latt vg syr(c.s) Diatess(syr), Ir(lat), Chromatius, Heir(pt), Aug) read "Now the birth of the Christ was like this"

Jesus[a], for he will save his people from their sins."

22Now all this has happened, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through[b] the prophet, saying,
23"Look, the virgin will conceive
and bear a son,
and they will call his name
Immanuel;"
which is translated, "God
with us."[c]

24And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took his wife to himself; 25and had no marital relations with her until she had brought forth a son[d]; and he named him Jesus.

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look, Magi[e] from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 2"Where is he who is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east, and have come to worship him." 3And when King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ would be born. 5And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written through the prophet,
6'And you, Bethlehem, land of
Judah,
are in no way least among
the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come forth a
ruler
who will shepherd my
people, Israel.'"[f]

7Then Herod secretly called the Magi, and learned from them exactly what time the star appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and search diligently for the young child, and when you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him."

9And they, having heard the king, went their way; and look, the star which they saw in the east went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was. 10And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and

[a]1:21 Greek: "Iesous." The LXX used "Iesou" for "Joshua/Yehoshua" and "Jeshua/Yeshua." Yeshua means "salvation," and Yehoshua "YAH saves"
[b]1:22 syr(c.s.pal) add "Isaiah"
[c]1:23 Isaiah 7:14
[d]1:25 NU (Aleph B Z(vid) 071(vid) f1 33 788 1192 1582 lat(a.b.c.g1.h) syr(s.c.pal(mss)) (sa bo) mae1 geo; Ambr, Chrom). M TR (C D E K L M N S U W Delta Pi Omega 087 f13 2 28 35 124 565 700 892 al Byz lat(aur.f.ff1) vg syr(p.h.pal(mss)) arm eth slav; Diatess(syr), Bas, CyrJ, Did, Epiph) add "her firstborn," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: on-on, or a harmonization to Luke 2:7
[e]2:1 Or, "wise men"
[f]2:6 Micah 5:2

worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered to him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12Being warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they went back to their own country another way.

13Now when they had departed, look, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him."

14And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt, 15and was there until the death of Herod; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son."[a]

16Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the Magi, was exceedingly angry, and sent out, and killed all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the Magi. 17Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,
18"A voice was heard in Ramah,
lamentation and[b] weeping
and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children;
and she would not be
comforted,
because they are no more."[c]

19But when Herod was dead, look, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 20"Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the young child's life are dead."

21And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the place of his father, Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee, 23and came and lived in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, that he will be called a Nazorean.[d]

3 And in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 3For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

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[a]2:15 Hosea 11:1
[b]2:18 Text: C D K Pi L N Delta 0233 f13 28 33 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 892 1071 al Byz syr(s.c.h); Or. NU (Aleph B Z 0250 f1 279 372 1491 pc L2211 Lat syr(p) cop(sa.bo); Ju) lacks "lamentation and" from haplography: os kai-os kai
[c]2:18 Jeremiah 31:15
[d]2:23 A word play on Heb. netzer "shoot, branch" (from king David). Isaiah 11:1

"The voice of one who calls out in
the wilderness,
'Prepare the way of the
Lord.
Make his roads straight.'"[a]

[4]Now John himself wore clothing made of camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5]Then people from Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him, [6]and they were baptized by him in the Jordan river[b], confessing their sins. [7]But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism he said to them, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8]Therefore bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, [9]and do not think to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I tell you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

[10]"Even now the axe lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. [11]I indeed baptize you in water for repentance, but the one who comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and with fire[c]. [12]His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire."

[13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. [14]But John would have hindered him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me?"

[15]But Jesus, answering, said to him, "Allow it to happen now, for this is the proper way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. [16]And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up directly from the water; and look, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him. [17]And look, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [2]And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry afterward. [3]And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

[4]But he answered and said, "It is written, 'Humankind cannot

[a]3:3 Isaiah 40:3
[b]3:6 M TR omit "river"
[c]3:11 NU (p101vid Aleph B C K Pi f1 f13 22 33 565 Latt vg syr(s.c.p.h) Cop(sa.bo); Or Bas). M (E S V Omega 28 579 1424 Byz syr(pal)) lacks "and with fire"

live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.[a]’”

5Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will put his angels in charge of you.’ and,
‘In their hands they will lift you
up,
so that you will not strike
your foot against a
stone.’”[b]

7Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written, ‘Do not test the Lord, your God.’”[c]

8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory. 9And he said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me.”

10Then Jesus said to him, “Go away,[d] Satan. For it is written, ‘You are to worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”[e]

11Then the devil left him, and look, angels came and served him. 12Now when he[f] heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. 13And leaving Nazareth, he came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,
15“The land of Zebulun and the
land of Naphtali,
toward the sea, beyond the
Jordan,
Galilee of the nations.
16The people sitting in darkness
have seen a great light,
and
those living in the land and
shadow of death,
on them a light has
dawned.”[g]

17From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

18And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers: Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19And he said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

20And they immediately left their nets and followed him. 21Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in

[a] 4:4 Deuteronomy 8:3
[b] 4:6 Psalm 91:11-12
[c] 4:7 Deuteronomy 6:16
[d] 4:10 M reads “Get behind me” instead of “Go away”
[e] 4:10 Deuteronomy 6:13
[f] 4:12 M reads “Jesus” instead of “he”
[g] 4:16 Isaiah 9:1-2

the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed him.
23And Jesus[a] went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. 24And the report about him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, possessed with demons, and epileptics, and paralytics; and he healed them. 25And large crowds from Galilee, and Decapolis, and Jerusalem, and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5Blessed are the gentle,
for they will inherit the earth.
6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7Blessed are the merciful,
for they will obtain mercy.
8Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called the children of God.
10Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11"Blessed are you when they insult you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13"You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trampled under people's feet. 14You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before people, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
17"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I

[a]4:23 Text: Aleph C* D 1424 Byz syr(s.p.h) cop(bo). B syr(c) cop(sa.mae) lack "Jesus"

did not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 18For truly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter[a] or part of a letter will disappear from the Law, until all things are accomplished. 19Therefore, whoever will break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever will do and teach them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the kingdom of heaven. 21"You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, 'Do not murder;'[b] and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.[c]

22But I tell you, that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause[d] will be liable to judgment; and whoever will say to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be in danger of the council; and whoever will say, 'You fool,' will be in danger of the fire of hell.[e]

23"If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the judge, and the judge[f] to the officer, and you be cast into prison. 26Truly I tell you, you will never get out of there until you have paid the last penny.

27"You have heard that it was said[g], 'Do not commit adultery;'[h] 28but I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29And if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole

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[a]5:18 Lit. iota, the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet

[b]5:21 Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18

[c]5:21 Deuteronomy 16:18; 2Chronicles 19:16

[d]5:22 Text: Aleph(2) D K L M S U W Gamma Delta Theta Pi 0233 0287 f1 f13 28 33 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 892 1582 al Byz Lect lat(a.b.c.d.f.ff1.g1.h.k.l.q) vg(Mss) syr(s.c.p.h.pal) cop(sa.bo.mae) arm eth(th) geo slav; Ir(lat), Or(Mss), Eus, Bas, Apos. Const., Ps-Ju, Chr, Cyr, Thret. NU (p64 Aleph* B Omega 372 1292 al lat(aur) vg eth(Ms); Or(Mss), TheoH), lacks "without a cause" possibly from homoioarcton: e-e. The support for NU is rather slim, and is chiefly from one locale. Cf. D. A. Black, Novum Testamentum 30 (1988): 1-8. Matthew 5:11 (exception: falsely), 5:32 (exception: unchastity). Mark 11:25-26; Ephesians 4:26, 31; James 1:19

[e]5:22 Gk: "Gehenna" for Hebrew "Gey-Hinnom"

[f]5:25 M TR add "deliver you"

[g]5:27 TR adds "to the ancients"

[h]5:27 Exodus 20:13

body to be thrown into hell[a,b] 30And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off, and throw it away from you. For it is more profitable for you that one of your members should perish, than for your whole body to go[c] into hell[d,e].

31"And it was said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce,'[f] 32but I tell you that everyone[g] who divorces his wife, except for the cause of sexual immorality,[h] makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries her when she is divorced commits adultery.

33"Again you have heard that it was said to them of old time, 'Do not make false vows, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.' 34But I tell you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God; 35nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36Neither should you swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No.' Whatever is more than these is of the evil one.

38"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'[i] 39But I tell you, do not set yourself against the one who is evil. But whoever strikes you on your[j] right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40And if anyone sues you to take away your shirt, let him have your coat also. 41And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42Give to him who asks you, and do not turn away him who desires to borrow from you.

43"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor,[k] and hate your enemy.' 44But I tell you, love your enemies,[l] and pray for those who[m] persecute you, 45that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. 46For if you love those who

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[a]5:29 Greek: "Gehenna"
[b]5:29 Probable Semitic idiom, e.g., "If you lust or envy, stop it…"
[c]5:30 M read "thrown/cast" instead of "go/depart"
[d]5:30 Greek: "Gehenna"
[e]5:30 Probable Semitic idiom, e.g., "If you steal, stop it…"
[f]5:31 Deuteronomy 24:1
[g]5:32 M reads "who/whoever" instead of "all/everyone"
[h]5:32 Gk "porneia"
[i]5:38 Exodus 21:24; Leviticus 24:20; Deuteronomy 19:21
[j]5:39 Some Mss omit "your"
[k]5:43 Leviticus 19:18
[l]5:44 M TR add "bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you," possibly lost by homoioarcton: um-um. If a harmonization from Luke 6:27-28 the clauses are in a different order. Some Mss add only "bless those who curse you." If Byz original, the other part could have been lost by homoioarcton: ka-ka
[m]5:44 M TR add "mistreat you and," possibly lost by homoioteleuton: ontwn-ontwn. Some Mss add only "mistreat you." If Byz original, "persecute you" could have been lost from haplography: ontwn umas-ontwn umas

love you, what reward do you
have? Do not even the tax
collectors do the same? 47And if
you only greet your brothers[a], what
more do you do than others? Do not
even the non-Jews[b] do the same?
48You therefore are to be perfect, as
your heavenly Father is perfect.

6 "Be careful that you do
not do your
righteousness[c] before
people, to be seen by them, or else
you have no reward from your
Father who is in heaven. 2Therefore
when you practice charitable
giving, do not sound a trumpet
before yourself, as the hypocrites
do in the synagogues and in the
streets, that they may get glory
from people. Truly I tell you, they
have received their reward. 3But
when you practice charitable
giving, do not let your left hand
know what your right hand does,
4so that your charitable giving may
be in secret, then your Father who
sees in secret will reward you.

5"And when you pray, you
are not to be as the hypocrites, for
they love to stand and pray in the
synagogues and in the corners of
the streets, that they may be seen by
others. Truly, I tell you, they have
received their reward. 6But you,
when you pray, enter into your
inner chamber, and having shut
your door, pray to your Father who
is in secret, and your Father who
sees in secret will reward you.[d]
7And in praying, do not use vain
repetitions, as the unbelievers do;
for they think that they will be
heard for their much speaking.
8Therefore do not be like them, for[e]
your Father knows what things you
need, before you ask him.
9Therefore, you should pray this
way:

'Our Father in heaven,
revered be your name. 10Let your
kingdom come. Let your will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven.
11Give us today our daily bread.
12And forgive us our debts, as we
also forgive our debtors. 13And lead
us not into[f] temptation, but deliver
us from evil.'[g]

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[a]5:47 M reads "friends" instead of "brothers"
[b]5:47 M TR read "tax collectors" instead of "the non-Jews"
[c]6:1 NU (Aleph*B D 0250 *f*1 372 892 1424* pc Lat syr(s.pal); Or). M TR (L W Z Delta Theta *f*13 22 33 Byz lat(f.k) syr(p.h) arm mae goth; Did, Bas) read "alms" instead of "righteousness." Cop(sa.bo) syr(c) read "gift"
[d]6:6 M TR add "openly"
[e]6:8 B cop(sa.mae1) add "God"
[f]6:13 As a Hebrew idiom. Or, "Bring us not into"
[g]6:13 NU (Aleph B D Z 0170 f1 1 118 130 372 890 2737 2780 lat(a.aur.b.c.ff1.h.l) vg mae1.2 bo(pt); Diatess(syr), Ostrakon, Acta Thomae, Or, GrNy, Cyr). M TR (E G K L M S U W Delta Theta Pi Omega 0233 f13 28 33 35 565 579 700 892 al Byz Lect lat(f.g1.k [omit kingdom…and glory…amen].q) syr((c).p.h.pal) (sa fay) bo(pt) arm eth geo goth slav; Diatess(arab)) add "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory

14 “For if you forgive people their
wrongdoing, your heavenly Father
will also forgive you. 15 But if you
do not forgive people,[a] neither will
your Father forgive your
wrongdoing.

16 “Moreover when you fast,
do not be like the hypocrites, with
sad faces. For they disfigure their
faces, that they may be seen by
people to be fasting. Truly I tell
you, they have received their
reward. 17 But you, when you fast,
anoint your head, and wash your
face; 18 so that you are not seen by
people to be fasting, but by your
Father who is in secret, and your
Father, who sees in secret, will
reward you.

19 “Do not store up treasures
for yourselves on the earth, where
moth and decay destroy, and where
thieves break through and steal;
20 but store up for yourselves
treasures in heaven, where neither
moth nor decay destroy, and where
thieves do not break through and
steal; 21 for where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

22 “The lamp of the body is
the eye. If therefore your eye is
sound, your whole body will be full
of light. 23 But if your eye is bad,
your whole body will be full of
darkness. If therefore the light that
is in you is darkness, how great is
the darkness.

24 “No one can serve two
masters, for either he will hate the
one and love the other; or else he
will be devoted to one and despise
the other. You cannot serve both
God and Mammon. 25 Therefore I
tell you, do not be anxious about
your life, what you will eat or what
you will drink; or about your body,
what you will wear. Is not life more
than food, and the body more than
clothing? 26 See the birds of the sky,
that they do not sow, neither do
they reap, nor gather into barns, and
your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not of much more value
than they?

27 ”And which of you, by
being anxious, can add one cubit to
his height? 28 And why are you
anxious about clothing? Consider
the lilies of the field, how they
grow. They do not toil, neither do
they spin, 29 yet I tell you that even
Solomon in all his glory was not
dressed like one of these. 30 But if
God so clothes the grass of the
field, which today exists, and

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forever. Amen.” Some Mss (sa.fay; Didache) lack “the kingdom and,” from haplography: h-h. One Ms (syr(c)) lacks “and the power,” from haplography: kai h d-kai h d. Some have argued that the doxology was removed to conform to Luke 11:2-4

[a] 6:15 NU (Aleph D f1 118 279 372 892* 1582 2737 2786 lat(a.c.g1.h.k) syr(p) cop(mae1.bo(pt))). Other Mss (B E G K L M S U W Delta Theta Pi Omega f13 33 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 1071 1241 1424 Byz lat((b).f.q) syr(c.h) cop(sa.bo(pt).mae2; Bas), add “their wrongdoing,” which disturbs the chiastic structure present in the shorter reading. Cf. Mark 11:25

tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith?

31"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' 32For the unbelievers seek after all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33But seek first the kingdom[a] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

7 "Do not judge, so that you won't be judged. 2For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you. 3And why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4Or how will you tell your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye;' and look, the log is in your own eye? 5You hypocrite. First remove the log out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye.

6"Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, neither throw your pearls before the pigs, or they will trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.

7"Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened for you. 8For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened. 9Or who is there among you, who, if his son will ask him for bread, will give him a stone? 10Or if he will ask for a fish, who will give him a serpent? 11If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him. 12Therefore whatever you desire for people to do to you, do also to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

13"Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in by it. 14How [b]narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way that leads to life. Few are those who find it.

15"Beware[c] of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. 16By their fruits you will

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[a]6:33 Text: (Aleph (B) 57 lat(l) vg(st) syr(pal(Ms)) (cop(sa.bo.mae2)); (Eus), (GrNy). Many Mss (E G K L M N S U W(s) Δ Θ Π Σ Ω f1 f13 28 33 157 565 579 700 892 1071 1241 1424 1505 Byz Lect lat(a.aur.b.c.f.ff1.g1.h) vg(ww) syr(c.p.h.pal) cop(mae); Serapion, Bas, (Did(1/2)), Eva, Chr(1/12)))) add "of God"

[b]7:14 TR reads "Because" instead of "How"

[c]7:15 M TR read "But beware"

know them. Do you gather grapes
from thorns, or figs from thistles?
17Even so, every good tree
produces good fruit; but the corrupt
tree produces evil fruit. 18A good
tree cannot produce evil fruit,
neither can a corrupt tree produce
good fruit. 19Every tree that does
not grow good fruit is cut down,
and thrown into the fire.
20Therefore, by their fruits you will
know them. 21Not everyone who
says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter
into the kingdom of heaven; but he
who does the will of my Father who
is in heaven. 22Many will tell me in
that day, 'Lord, Lord, did not we
prophesy in your name, in your
name cast out demons, and in your
name do many mighty works?'
23And then I will tell them, 'I never
knew you. Depart from me, you
who practice lawlessness.'[a]

24"Everyone therefore who
hears these words of mine, and
does them, will be compared to[b] a
wise man, who built his house on a
rock. 25And the rain came down,
the floods came, and the winds
blew, and beat on that house; and it
did not fall, for it was founded on
the rock. 26And everyone who hears
these words of mine, and does not
do them will be like a foolish man,
who built his house on the sand.
27And the rain came down, the
floods came, and the winds blew,
and beat on that house; and it fell—
and great was its fall."

28And it happened, when
Jesus had finished saying these
things, that the crowds were
astonished at his teaching, 29for he
taught them with authority, and not
like their[c] scribes.

8 And when he came
down from the
mountain, large crowds
followed him. 2And look, a leper
came to him and worshiped him,
saying, "Lord, if you want to, you
can make me clean."

3And he stretched out his
hand, and touched him, saying, "I
am willing. Be cleansed." And
immediately his leprosy was
cleansed. 4And Jesus said to him,
"See that you tell nobody, but go,
show yourself to the priest, and
offer the gift that Moses
commanded, as a testimony to
them."

5And when he[d] came into
Capernaum, a centurion came to
him, asking him, 6and saying,
"Lord, my servant lies in the house
paralyzed, grievously tormented."

7And he[e] said to him, "I will
come and heal him."

8And the centurion answered,
"Lord, I'm not worthy for you to
come under my roof. Just say the
word, and my servant will be

[a]7:23 Psalm 6:8
[b]7:24 M TR read "I will compare him" instead of "will be compared to"
[c]7:29 M TR read "the" instead of "their"
[d]8:5 TR reads "Jesus" instead of "he"
[e]8:7 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

healed. [9]For I am also a man under authority, having under myself soldiers. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and tell another, 'Come,' and he comes; and tell my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
[10]And when Jesus heard it, he was amazed, and said to those who followed, "Truly I tell you, I have not found so great a faith with anyone in Israel. [11]And I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and will sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, [12]but the children[a] of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and grinding of teeth." [13]And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way. Let it be done for you as you have believed." And the[b] servant was healed in that hour.
[14]And when Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. [15]So he touched her hand, and the fever left her. She got up and served him[c].
[16]And when evening came, they brought to him many possessed with demons. He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick; [17]that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took our infirmities, and bore our diseases."[d] [18]Now when Jesus saw large[e] crowds around him, he gave the order to depart to the other side.

[19]Then a scribe came, and said to him, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

[20]And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

[21]And another of the[f] disciples said to him, "Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father."

[22]But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

[23]And when he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. [24]And look, a violent storm came up on the sea, so much that the boat was covered with the waves, but he was asleep. [25]They[g] came to him, and woke him up, saying, "Save us, Lord. We are dying."

[26]And he said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the

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[a]8:12 Or, "natural heirs" or "subjects"
[b]8:13 Text: Aleph B 047 0211 0250 0281 f1 22 33 2786 pc Latt syr(pal) mae bo). NU (C K L N W Gamma Delta Theta Pi 0233 f13 157 579 700 892 1071 1424 al Byz syr(h) cop(sa) arm geo) adds "his"
[c]8:15 TR reads "them" instead of "him"
[d]8:17 Isaiah 53:4
[e]8:18 Text: Aleph(2) C K L Delta Theta, and TH. NU (B cop(sa(Mss)) lacks "large"
[f]8:21 M TR read "his" instead of "the"
[g]8:25 M TR read "The disciples (his)" instead of "They"

wind and the sea, and there was a great calm.[a]

[27]And the men were amazed, saying, "What kind of person is this[b], that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

[28]And when he came to the other side, into the country of the Gadarenes,[c] two[d] people possessed by demons met him there, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that nobody could pass that way. [29]And look, they shouted, saying, "What do we have to do with you,[e] Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" [30]Now there was a herd of many pigs feeding far away from them. [31]And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of pigs."

[32]And he said to them, "Go."

And they came out, and went into the pigs, and look, the whole herd[f] rushed down the cliff into the sea, and died in the water. [33]And those who fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, including what happened to those who were possessed with demons. [34]And look, all the city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

9 And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. [2]And look, they brought to him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, cheer up. Your sins are forgiven.[g]"

[3]And look, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man blasphemes."

[4]But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? [5]For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven;' or to say, 'Get up, and walk?' [6]But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." (then he said to the paralytic), "Get up, and

[a]4:39 Psalm 65:7; 89:9; 107:29
[b]8:27 Lit. "What kind – is this." A similar construction is used in 2Peter 3:11, "what kind – are you to be," where "(of) people" is understood and must be supplied. The apparent parallel accounts in Mark 4:41 and Luke 8:25 read, similarly, "Who is this?" Codex W at Matthew 8:27 adds between outos and oti, o anthropos "man," a possible haplography: os_o - os_o, though this single reading is perhaps an explication
[c]8:28 M TR read "Gergesenes" instead of "Gadarenes." Mark and Luke use "Geresenes," the difference probably being due to uses of variant regional terms
[d]8:28 Mark (5:2) and Luke (8:27) apparently focus on one of the two
[e]8:29 M TR add "Jesus"
[f]8:32 M TR read "herd of pigs, and look, the whole herd of pigs"
[g]9:2 M TR add "you"

take up your mat, and go up to your house."

7And he arose and departed to his house. 8Now when the crowds saw it, they were afraid[a] and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

9And as Jesus passed by from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection office. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 10And it happened as he sat in the house, house, look, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12When he[b] heard it, he said to them, "Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick do. 13But you go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,'[c] for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.[d]"

14Then John's disciples came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

15And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16And no one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch would tear away from the garment, and a worse hole is made. 17Neither do people put new wine into old wineskins, or else the skins would burst, and the wine pours out, and the skins ruined. No, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

18While he told these things to them, look, a ruler came and worshiped him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

19And Jesus got up and followed him, as did his disciples. 20And look, a woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years came behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; 21for she said within herself, "If I just touch his garment, I will be made well."

22But Jesus, turning around and seeing her, said, "Daughter, cheer up. Your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

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[a]9:8 M TR read "amazed"
[b]9:12 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[c]9:13 Hosea 6:6
[d]9:13 NU (Aleph B D N W Gamma* Delta 0233 f1 33 372 565 al Lat syr(p.h) bo(pt) mae2 goth). M TR (C L Theta f13 Byz lat(c.g1) syr(s.pal) cop(sa.bo(pt).mae1); Bas) add "to repentance." Cf. Luke 5:32

[23]And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd in noisy disorder, [24]he said[a], "Go away, for the girl is not dead, but asleep." And they laughed at him.

[25]But when the crowd was put out, he entered in, took her by the hand, and the girl arose. [26]And the report of this went out into all that land. [27]And as Jesus passed by from there, two blind men followed him, calling out and saying, "Have mercy on us, son of David."

[28]And when he had come into the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

They told him, "Yes, Lord."

[29]Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." [30]And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly commanded them, saying, "See that no one knows about this." [31]But they went out and spread abroad his fame in all that land.

[32]And as they went out, look, a mute man who was demon possessed was brought to him. [33]And when the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds were amazed, saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

[34]But the Pharisees said, "By the prince of the demons, he casts out demons."

[35]And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Good News of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness[b]. [36]But when he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and scattered, like sheep without a shepherd. [37]Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few. [38]Pray therefore that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest."

10 And he called to himself his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every sickness. [2]Now the names of the twelve apostles are these. The first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; [3]Philip and Bartholomew;[c] Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus,[d] and

[a]9:24 M TR add "to them"
[b]9:35 M TR add "among the people"
[c]10:3 Or, son of Tolmai, who is apparently the Nathanael of John 1:45
[d]10:3 NU (Aleph B f13 124 788 892 lat(aur.c.ff1.l) vg cop(sa.bo). D lat(k); Or(lat) read "Lebbaeus" instead of "Thaddaeus." M TR (C K L W X Delta Theta Pi f1 33 565 700 al Byz Lect

Thaddaeus; [4]Simon the Zealot, and Judas[a] Iscariot,[b] who also betrayed him.

[5]Jesus sent these twelve out, and commanded them, saying, "Do not go among the non-Jews, and do not enter into any city of the Samaritans. [6]Rather, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [7]And as you go, proclaim, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' [8]Heal the sick, raise the dead,[c] cleanse the lepers,[d] cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. [9]Do not take any gold, nor silver, nor copper in your money belts. [10]Take no bag for your journey, neither two tunics, nor shoes, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food. [11]And into whatever city or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy; and stay there until you go on. [12]And as you enter into the household, greet it. [13]And if the household is worthy, let your peace come on it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. [14]And whoever does not receive you, nor hear your words, as you leave that house or that city, shake off the dust from your feet. [15]Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

[16]"Look, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be cunning as snakes and innocent as doves. [17]But beware of people: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you. [18]Yes, and you will be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the nations. [19]But when they deliver you over, do not be anxious how or what you will say, for it will be given you in that hour what you will say. [20]For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.
[21]"And brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. [22]And you will be hated by all for my name's sake, but he who endures to the end will be saved. [23]But when they persecute you in one city, flee to the other. And if they persecute you in the other, flee to the next.[e] For truly I tell you, you will not have gone through the

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lat(f) syr(p.h.pal) (arm) (eth) geo) read "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus"

[a]10:4 Or, "Judah" (here and wherever Judas is mentioned)

[b]10:4 Village of Kraiyot, 12 miles south of Hebron in Judea

[c]10:8 NU (Aleph* B C* D N P W Delta Sigma Phi 0281(vid) f1 f13(pt) 33 157 346 565 892 1005 1010(Kr) 1582* 2372 Lat(a.b.c.e.ff1.g1.g2.h.k.l.q) vg syr(s.h) bo eth geo(A) arab; Cyr, Hil). M (E F G K L M S V X Y Gamma Theta Pi Omega f13(pt) 35 118 124 579 700* 788 1071 2358 pc(~150) Byz lat(f) syr(p.pal) cop(sa.mae1) arm eth(Mss) geo(1.B); Eus, Bas) lacks "raise the dead" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ete-ete. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540

[d]10:8 Or, cleanse those with skin diseases

[e]10:23 Text: (D) L Theta (f1 f13) 163 247 934 1193 1229 1314 1353* 1678

cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his lord. 25It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household. 26Therefore do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing covered that will not be revealed; and hidden that will not be known. 27What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in the ear, proclaim on the housetops. 28And do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell[a].

29"Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion coin? Not one of them falls on the ground apart from your Father's will, 30but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31Therefore do not be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows. 32Everyone therefore who confesses me before people, him I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. 33But whoever denies me before people, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

34"Do not think that I came to send peace on the earth. I did not come to send peace, but a sword. 35For I came to set a man at odds against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36And a persons's foes will be those of his own household.[b] 37Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38And whoever does not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me. 39Whoever seeks his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 40Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. 42And whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold water to drink because he is a disciple, truly I tell you he will in no way lose his reward."

11 And it happened that when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities. 2Now when John heard

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[a]10:28 Greek: "Gehenna"

[b]10:36 Micah 7:6

in prison the works of the Christ, he sent[a] his disciples [3]and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

[4]And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: [5]the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.[b] [6]And blessed is he who is not offended by me."

[7]And as these went their way, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? [8]But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments?[c] Look, those who wear soft things are in kings'[d] houses. [9]But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. [10]This is the one of whom it is written, 'Look, I send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'[e] [11]Truly I tell you, among those who are born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. [12]And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent are taking it by force.[f] [13]For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. [14]And if you are willing to receive it, this is Elijah, who is to come. [15]He who has ears to hear,[g] let him hear.

[16]"But to what should I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces, who call to their companions [17]and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance. We wailed in mourning,[h] and you did not mourn.' [18]For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' [19]The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a gluttonous man

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[a]11:2 NU (Aleph B C* D P W Z Delta Theta 0233 124 174 al lat(a.b.c.f.h.k.q) syr(s.c.p.h) cop(sa.mae1) arm geo1+B; Or(pt)) . M TR (L f1 f13 22 700 892 al Byz Lat(aur.ff1.g1.l) syr(pal) bo, geo2A, goth) read "two (duo)" instead of "by/through (dia)"

[b]11:5 Isaiah 35:5-6, 26:19, 61:1. See also Qumran 4Q521

[c]11:8 Text: C E F G K L M N P S U V W X Y Gamma Delta Theta Pi Omega 0233 f1 f13 28 33 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 892 1582 al Byz lat(b.f.h.l) syr(c.p.h) cop(sa.bo) arm eth goth. NU (Aleph B D Z pc Lat(a.aur.c.d.ff1.g1.k.q) vg; Tert, Hil) lacks "garments" from homoioteleuton: ois-ois

[d]11:8 M reads "royal" instead of "kings"

[e]11:10 Malachi 3:1

[f]11:12 Or, "kingdom of heaven is forcibly entered, and forceful people lay hold of it"

[g]11:15 Text: Aleph C E F G K L M N S U W(supp) Y Gamma Delta Theta f1 f13 28 33 124 565 892 Byz lat(a.b.c.e.f.g1.h.q) syr(c.p.h) cop(sa.bo). A few Mss (B D 700 lat(k) syr(s)) lack "to hear" from homoioarcton: akoue-akoue

[h]11:17 M adds "you"

and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is justified by her children.[a]"

[20]Then he began to denounce the cities in which most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. [21]"Woe to you, Chorazin. Woe to you, Bethsaida. For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. [22]But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. [23]And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, you will be brought[b] down to hell.[c] For if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in you, it would have remained until this day. [24]But I tell you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom, on the day of judgment, than for you."

[25]At that time, Jesus answered, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and intelligent, and revealed them to little children. [26]Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight. [27]All things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and he to whom the Son desires to reveal him.

[28]"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

12 At that time, Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the grain fields. His disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. [2]But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said to him, "Look, your disciples do what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath."

[3]But he said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he and his companions were hungry; [4]how he entered into the house of God, and they[d] ate the show bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for those who were with him, but only for the priests?[e] [5]Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are blameless? [6]But I tell you that something greater than

[a]11:19 Text: B(2) C D E F G K L M N S U X Delta Theta Pi Sigma Phi Omega f1 33 118 157 565 579 700 1342 1505 Byz Lect lat(a.aur.c.d.f.ff1.g1.h.l.q) vg syr(s.c.h(mg)) cop(sa(Mss).mae1) arm (eth) geo goth slav(Mss); Ir, Epiph, Chr. NU (Aleph B* W(supp) lat(e) syr(p.h) cop(sa(Mss).bo) slav(Mss); (Apoll)) reads "works"
[b]11:23 M TR read "be driven"
[c]11:23 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol
[d]12:4 M TR read "he"
[e]12:4 1 Samuel 21:3-6

the temple is here. 7But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,'[a] you would not have condemned the innocent. 8For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

9And he departed from there and went into their synagogue. 10And look, there was a man with a withered hand. They asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" that they might accuse him.

11And he said to them, "Which one of you who has one sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12Of how much more value then is a person than a sheep. Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13Then he told the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored whole, just like the other. 14But the Pharisees went out, and conspired against him, how they might destroy him. 15But Jesus, perceiving that, withdrew from there. Large[b] crowds followed him, and he healed them all, 16and commanded them that they should not make him known. 17This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

18"Look, my servant whom I have
chosen;
my beloved in whom my
soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit on him;
and he will proclaim justice
to the nations.
19He will not quarrel, nor shout;
nor will anyone hear his
voice in the streets.
20He won't break a bruised reed.
And he won't extinguish a
smoldering wick,
until he leads justice to victory.
21And in his name the coastlands[c]
will hope."[d]

22Then one possessed by a demon, blind and mute, was brought to him and he healed him, so that the[e] mute man spoke and saw. 23And all the crowds were amazed, and said, "Can this be the son of David?" 24But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man does not cast out demons, except by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons."

25And knowing their thoughts, he[f] said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against

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[a]12:7 Hosea 6:6
[b]12:15 Aleph B 372 873 vg lat(a.aur.b.c.ff1.ff2.g1.k.l) lack "Large" from haplography by homoioteleuton: loi-loi
[c]12:21 Gk. ethnos can be translated coastlands (Isaiah 41:5, 42:4 LXX), nations, people, non-Jews, unbelievers
[d]12:21 Isaiah 42:1-4
[e]12:22 M TR add "blind and." The reading of W Theta 0233 f1 f13 517 "deaf and blind" could have been lost from haplography by homoioarcton: on-on
[f]12:25 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

himself. How then will his kingdom stand? [27]If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. [28]But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. [29]Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man, and carry off[a] his possessions, unless he first bind the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

[30]"He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. [31]Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven[b]. [32]And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in that which is to come.

[33]"Either make the tree good, and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by its fruit. [34]You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. [35]The good person out of his good treasure brings out good things, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings out evil things. [36]But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. [37]For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

[38]Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

[39]But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign will be given it but the sign of Jonah the prophet. [40]For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [41]The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and look, something greater than Jonah is here. [42]The queen of the south will rise up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, for she came from a distant land[c] to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and look, someone greater than Solomon is here. [43]But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the person, passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and

[a]12:29 M TR read "plunder" instead of "carry off"
[b]12:31 M TR add "men"
[c]11:31 Lit. "ends of the earth," which can be an idiomatic expression when speaking of people in remote places, e.g., Psalm 67:7; 98:3; Isaiah 45:22. Cf. also Thayer for Gk. peras: 1) extremity, bound, end, 1a) of a portion of space, 1a1) boundary, 1a2) frontier, 1a3) the ends of the earth, 1a4) the remotest lands

does not find it. 44Then he says, 'I will return into my house from which I came out,' and when he has come back, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45Then he goes, and takes with himself seven other spirits more evil than he is, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that person becomes worse than the first. Even so will it be also to this evil generation."

46While[a] he was yet speaking to the crowds, look, his mother and his brothers stood outside, seeking to speak to him. 47Then one said to him, "Look, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you."[b]

48But he answered him who spoke to him, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" 49And he stretched out his hand towards his disciples, and said, "Look, my mother and my brothers. 50For whoever does the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother."

13 On that day Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the seaside. 2And large crowds gathered to him, so that he entered into a boat, and sat, and all the crowd stood on the beach. 3And he spoke to them many things in parables, saying, "Look, a farmer went out to sow. 4And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the roadside, and the birds came and devoured them. 5And others fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth. 6But when the sun had risen, they were scorched. Because they had no root, they withered away. 7Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8Still others fell on good soil, and yielded fruit: some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty. 9He who has ears[c], let him hear."

10Then the disciples came, and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

11And answering, he said to them, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but it is not given to them. 12For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have abundance, but whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he has. 13Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing, they do not hear, neither do they understand. 14And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says,

'In hearing you will hear,
but will not understand,

[a]12:46 M TR read "But/And while"
[b]12:47 Some early Mss omit v.47. Since both v.46 and v.47 end with the same Greek word (lalesai) the omission is likely due to a scribal copyist error
[c]13:9 M TR add "to hear"

and seeing you will see,
but not perceive.
15For the heart of this people has
grown dull,
and their ears are sluggish in
hearing,
and they have closed their
eyes,
otherwise they might see with
their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their heart,
and turn back,
and I would heal them.'[a]

16"But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. 17For truly I tell you that many prophets and righteous people desired to see the things which you see, and did not see them; and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.

18"Hear, then, the parable of the farmer. 19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, the evil one comes, and snatches away that which has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown by the roadside. 20And what was sown on the rocky places, this is he who hears the word, and immediately with joy receives it; 21yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22And what was sown among the thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23And what was sown on the good ground, this is he who hears the word, and understands it, who truly bears fruit, and brings forth, some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty."

24He set another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a person who sowed good seed in his field, 25but while everyone slept, his enemy came and sowed tares[b] also among the wheat, and went away. 26But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then the tares appeared also. 27So the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did these tares come from?'

28"And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this.'

"And the servants asked him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them up?'

29"But he said, 'No, lest perhaps while you gather up the tares, you root up the wheat with them. 30Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First,

[a]13:15 Isaiah 6:9-10

[b]13:25 The darnel tare is a weed that resembles wheat until harvest time, when the difference becomes apparent

gather up the tares, and bind them
in bundles to burn them; but gather
the wheat into my barn."'"

31 He set another parable
before them, saying, "The kingdom
of heaven is like a mustard seed
which a man took and sowed in his
field; 32 which indeed is least of all
the seeds.[a] But when it has grown it
is larger than the garden plants and
becomes a tree, so that the birds of
the air come and nest in its
branches."

33 He spoke another parable to
them. "The kingdom of heaven is
like yeast, which a woman took,
and hid in three measures[b] of meal,
until it was all leavened."

34 Jesus spoke all these things
in parables to the crowds; and
without a parable, he did not speak
to them, 35 that it might be fulfilled
which was spoken through[c] the
prophet, saying,
"I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden
since the beginning of
the world."[d]

36 Then Jesus sent the crowds
away, and went into the house. His
disciples came to him, saying,
"Explain to us the parable of the
tares in the field."

37 And he answered them,
"The one who sows the good seed
is the Son of Man, 38 and the field is
the world; and the good seed, these
are the children of the kingdom;
and the tares are the children of the
evil one, 39 and the enemy who
sowed them is the devil, and the
harvest is the end of the age, and
the reapers are angels. 40 As
therefore the tares are gathered up
and burned with fire; so will it be at
the end of the age. 41 The Son of
Man will send out his angels, and
they will gather out of his kingdom
all things that cause stumbling, and
those who do iniquity, 42 and will
cast them into the furnace of fire.
There will be weeping and the
grinding of teeth. 43 Then the
righteous will shine forth like the
sun in the kingdom of their Father.
He who has ears,[e] let him hear.

44 "The[f] kingdom of heaven is
like a treasure hidden in the field,
which a man found, and hid. In his
joy, he goes and sells all that he has,
and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like a man who is a
merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and
having found one pearl of great
price, he went and sold all that he
had, and bought it.

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[a] 4:31 E.g., concerning vegetables in a garden in that area
[b] 13:33 literally, three sata
[c] 13:35 NU (Aleph(1) B C D E F G K L M S U W Y Delta Pi Sigma Omega 0233 0242 28 118 157 565 579 700 1424 al Latt vg syr(s.c.p.h) cop(sa.bo) arm eth geo slav; Eus, Chr). The following Mss add "Isaiah": Aleph* f1 f13 33 124 346 788 1582 vg(Ms); Cl, Por. The quote is from Psalms
[d] 13:35 Psalm 78:2
[e] 13:43 M TR add "to hear"
[f] 13:44 M TR read "Again, the"

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a dragnet, that was cast into
the sea, and gathered some fish of
every kind, 48 which, when it was
filled, they drew up on the beach.
They sat down, and gathered the
good into containers, but the bad
they threw away. 49 So will it be in
the end of the world. The angels
will come forth, and separate the
wicked from among the righteous,
50 and will cast them into the
furnace of fire. There will be the
weeping and the grinding of
teeth." 51 "[a]Have you understood
all these things?" They answered
him, "Yes.[b]"

52 And he said to them,
"Therefore, every scribe who has
been made a disciple in the
kingdom of heaven is like a man
who is a householder, who brings
out of his treasure new and old
things."
53 And it happened that when Jesus
had finished these parables, he
departed from there. 54 And coming
into his own country, he taught
them in their synagogue, so that
they were astonished, and said,
"Where did this man get this
wisdom, and these mighty works?
55 Is not this the carpenter's[c] son? Is
not his mother called Mary, and his
brothers, James and Josi,[d] and
Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all
of his sisters with us? Where then
did this man get all of these
things?" 57 And they were offended
by him.

But Jesus said to them, "A
prophet is not without honor,
except in his own country, and in
his own house." 58 And he did not
do many mighty works there
because of their unbelief.

14 At that time, Herod
the tetrarch heard
the report
concerning Jesus, 2 and said to his
servants, "This is John the Baptist.
He is risen from the dead. That is
why these powers work in him."
3 For Herod had arrested John, and
bound him, and put him in prison
for the sake of Herodias, his brother
Philip's wife. 4 For John said to him,
"It is not lawful for you to have
her." 5 And though he wanted to kill
him, he feared the crowd because
they regarded him as a prophet.
6 But when Herod's birthday came,
the daughter of Herodias danced
among them and pleased Herod.
7 Whereupon he promised with an
oath to give her whatever she
should ask. 8 And she, being
prompted by her mother, said,
"Give me here on a platter the head
of John the Baptist."

9 And the king was grieved,
but for the sake of his oaths, and of

[a]13:51 M TR add "Jesus said to them"
[b]13:51 NU(Aleph B D Theta f1 f13 1
124 346 788 1424 1582
lat(a.aur.d.ff1.ff2.k.l) vg syr(s.c). M
TR (C E F G K L M N S U W X
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118 157 565 579 700 892 1071 1241
Byz lat(b.c.e.f.g1.hq) syr(p.h)
cop(sa.bo)) add "Lord"
[c]13:55 Or, "craftsman's"
[d]27:56 Some Mss read "Joseph"

those who sat at the table with him,
he commanded it to be given, [10]and
he sent and beheaded John in the
prison. [11]And his head was brought
on a platter, and given to the young
woman: and she brought it to her
mother. [12]Then his disciples came,
and took the dead body, and buried
him; and they went and told Jesus.
[13]Now when Jesus heard this, he
withdrew from there in a boat, to a
secluded place to be alone. When
the crowds heard it, they followed
him on foot from the cities.

[14]And he[a] went out, and he
saw a large crowd, and he had
compassion on them, and healed
their sick. [15]Now when evening had
come, the[b] disciples came to him,
saying, "This place is desolate, and
the hour is already late. Send the
crowds away, that they may go into
the villages, and buy themselves
food."

[16]But he[c] said to them, "They
do not need to go away. You give
them something to eat."

[17]And they told him, "We
only have here five loaves and two
fish."

[18]So he said, "Bring them
here to me." [19]Then he commanded
the crowds to sit down on the grass;
and he took the five loaves and the
two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he blessed, broke and gave the
loaves to the disciples, and the
disciples gave to the crowds. [20]And
they all ate and were filled, and
they took up twelve baskets full of
that which remained left over from
the broken pieces. [21]Now those
who ate were about five thousand
men, besides women and children.
[22]And immediately he[d] made the
disciples get into the boat and to go
ahead of him to the other side,
while he sent the crowds away.
[23]And after he had sent the crowds
away, he went up into the mountain
by himself to pray. When evening
had come, he was there alone. [24]But
the boat was now in the middle of
the sea,[e] battered by the waves, for
the wind was against it. [25]And in
the watch between three and six in
the morning[f] he[g] came to them,
walking on the sea.[h] [26]And when
the disciples saw him walking on
the sea, they were troubled, saying,
"It's a ghost." and they screamed

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[a]14:14 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "He"
[b]14:15 M TR read "his" instead of "the"
[c]14:16 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[d]14:22 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[e]14:24 Text: Aleph C E F G K L P W Gamma Delta 073 0106 f1 33 180 205 565 579 892 1006 1010 1071 1241 1243 1292 1342 Byz Lect lat(a.aur.b.c.f.ff2.g1.h.l.q) vg syr(h) cop(mae?.fay?) slav eth; Or, Chr(lem) . NU (B f13 (1689) syr(c.p.pal) (cop(sa))) reads "many stadia from the land"
[f]14:25 Lit. the fourth watch
[g]14:25 M TR: "Jesus"
[h]14:25 see Job 9:8, Psalm 89:9, 104:3, 107:29

with fear. 27But immediately Jesus[a] spoke to them, saying "Cheer up. It is I.[b] Do not be afraid."

28Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters."

29He said, "Come."

Peter stepped down from the boat, and walked on the water and went toward Jesus. 30But when he saw the strong[c] wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he yelled, saying, "Lord, save me."

31Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. 33Those who were in the boat[d] worshiped him, saying, "You are truly the Son of God."[e]

34When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. 35When the people of that place recognized him, they sent into all that surrounding region, and brought to him all who were sick, 36and they begged him that they might just touch the fringe of his garment. And all who touched it were healed.

15 Then the Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying, 2"Why do your disciples disobey the Tradition of the Elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

3And he answered them, "Why do you also disobey the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4For God said,[f] 'Honor your father and your mother,'[g] and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.'[h] 5But you say, 'Whoever may tell his father or his mother, "Whatever help you might otherwise have gotten from me is a gift devoted to God," 6he is not to honor his father or his mother.[i]'

[a]14:27 Text: C K L P W Gamma Delta Theta 0106 f1 f13 33 565 579 700 1241 Byz lat(f.q) syr(h). NU (Aleph(1) B) lacks "Jesus"
[b]14:27 Or," I AM."
[c]14:30 Aleph B* 073 33 vg(Ms) cop(sa.bo.fay) lack "strong" from homoioteleuton: on-on
[d]14:33 M TR add "came." Theta f13 (13 124 346 788) 1424 syr(s.c) mae(?) add a different word for "came" which could have dropped out from homoioarcton: prose-prose
[e]14:33 Psalm 2:7; Proverbs 30:4
[f]15:4 M TR read "God commanded, saying"
[g]15:4 Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16
[h]15:4 Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9
[i]15:6 Text: C E F G K L M N S U W Gamma Delta Theta Pi Sigma 0106 0233 f1 118 157 597 1006 1010 1243 1292 1342 1582 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.(b).(c).f.ff1.(q)) vg(Mss) syr((s).p.h) cop((mae).(bo)) (arm) eth (geoA); (Diatess(syr)), (Chr), Cyr(2/5)). NU (Aleph B D Omega lat(a.d.e) syr(c) cop(sa) geo2A; Or(lat)

You have made the word[a] of God
void because of your tradition.
7You hypocrites. Well did Isaiah
prophesy of you, saying,
8'These people[b] honor me
with their lips;
but their heart is far from
me.
9And in vain do they worship me,
teaching instructions that are
the commandments of
humans.'"[c]

10He summoned the crowd,
and said to them, "Hear, and
understand. 11That which enters
into the mouth does not defile the
person; but that which proceeds out
of the mouth, this defiles the
person."

12Then the[d] disciples came,
and said to him, "Do you know that
the Pharisees were offended, when
they heard this saying?"

13But he answered, "Every
plant which my heavenly Father
did not plant will be uprooted.
14Leave them alone. They are blind
guides of the blind.[e] If the blind
guide the blind, both will fall into a
pit."

15And answering, Peter said
to him, "Explain this[f] parable to
us."

16So he[g] said, "Do you also
still not understand? 17Do you not
understand that whatever goes into
the mouth passes into the belly, and
then out of the body? 18But the
things which proceed out of the
mouth come out of the heart, and
they defile the person. 19For out of
the heart come forth evil thoughts,
murders, adulteries, sexual sins,
thefts, false testimony, and
blasphemies. 20These are the things
which defile the person; but to eat
with unwashed hands does not
defile the person."

21Jesus went out from there,
and withdrew into the region of
Tyre and Sidon. 22And look, a
Canaanite woman came out from
those borders, and started shouting,
saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord,
Son of David. My daughter is
severely demonized."

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lacks "or his mother" from haplography: autou-autou

[a]15:6 NU (B D Theta 579 700 892 lat(a.b.d.e.ff1.ff2) syr(s.c.p) cop(sa.bo.mae) arm eth geo1.B; Ir(lat), Or(pt), Eus). M TR (K L W X Delta Pi f1 33 565 1241 Byz Lect it vg syr(h); Or(pt)) read "commandment" instead of "word." Aleph C 073 f13 1010 pc slav; Ptol(F) read "law"

[b]15:8 M TR add "draw near to me with their mouth, and" Cf. Isaiah 29:13

[c]15:9 Isaiah 29:13

[d]15:12 M TR read "his" instead of "the"

[e]15:14 M TR has a different word order. (Aleph) B D (K) 0237 lat(d) cop(sa.bo(Mss).fay(vid)); Epiph) lack "of the blind" from homoioarcton: tuphl-tuphl

[f]15:15 Aleph B Zvid f1 579 700 892 vg(Mss) cop(sa.bo); Or, Cyr lack "this" from homoioteleuton: en-en

[g]15:16 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

23But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded with him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting at us.”

24But he answered, “I was not sent to anyone but the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

25But she came and worshiped him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

26But he answered, “It is not appropriate to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

27But she said, “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

28Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith. Be it done to you even as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29Jesus departed there, and came near to the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there. 30Large crowds came to him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, crippled, and many others, and they put them down at his[a] feet; and he healed them. 31So the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, crippled healthy, lame walking, and blind seeing—and they glorified the God of Israel.

32Jesus summoned the disciples and said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away fasting, or they might faint on the way.”

33Then the[b] disciples said to him, “Where should we get so many loaves in a deserted place as to satisfy so great a crowd?”

34Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?”

They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”

35He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground; 36and he took the seven loaves and the fish. He gave thanks and broke them, and gave to the[c] disciples, and the disciples to the crowds. 37They all ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces that were left over. 38Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39Then he sent away the crowds, got into the boat, and came into the borders of Magadan[d].

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[a]15:30 M TR read “Jesus’” instead of “his”
[b]15:33 M TR read “his” instead of “the”
[c]15:36 M TR read “his” instead of “the”
[d]15:39 M TR read “Magdala” instead of “Magadan”

16 The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2But he answered and said to them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' 3In the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.'[a] You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.[b]

"4An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and there will be no sign given to it, except the sign of[c] Jonah."

He left them, and departed. 5The[d] disciples came to the other side and had forgotten to take bread. 6Jesus said to them, "Watch out and guard yourselves against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

7And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "Because we took no bread."

8But Jesus, becoming aware of this, said,[e] "You of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves about having no bread? 9Do you still not understand, or remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up? 10Nor the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up? 11Why is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

12Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. 13Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do people say that[f] the Son of Man is?"

14They said, "Some say John the Baptist, some, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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[a]16:3 NU (D L N W Delta Theta 157 1424 1582* f1 lat(a.c.ff2.g2.l.q) vg syr(h) eth; Aug). M TR (E F G H K M S U Pi Omega 118 346 565 700 al lat(b.e.f. ff1.g1) syr(p) bo(pt)) add "Hypocrites"

[b]16:2-3 NU (C D E F G H K L M N O S U W Delta Theta Pi Sigma Omega f1 33 118 346 372 565 700 892 1071 1241 1582 al Byz Latt(a.aur.b.c.d.e.f.ff1.ff2.g1.l.q) vg syr(p.h) bo(pt) eth geo slav; Diatess(arab), Eusebian Canons, Chr). Some Mss (Aleph B X Y Gamma 047 f13 2* 157 579 syr(s.c) cop(sa.mae1.2.bo(pt)) arm; Or, Hier(Mss)) lack "When it is …of the times," a primitive excision to conform to 12:38-39

[c]16:4 M TR add "the prophet"

[d]16:5 M TR read "His" instead of "The"

[e]16:8 M TR add "to them"

[f]16:13 M TR add "I"

16 Simon Peter answered,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the
living God."

17 And Jesus answered him,
"Blessed are you, Simon Bar
Jonah, for flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father
who is in heaven. 18 I also tell you
that you are Peter,[a] and on this
Rock[b] I will build my church,[c] and
the gates of hell[d] will not prevail
against it. 19 I will give to you the
keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be
bound in heaven, and whatever you
loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven."[e] 20 Then he commanded
the[f] disciples that they should tell
no one that he is[g] the Christ. 21 From
that time, Jesus[h] began to show his
disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and suffer many things
from the elders, chief priests, and
scribes, and be killed, and the third
day be raised up.

22 Peter took him aside, and
began to rebuke him, saying, "Far
be it from you, Lord. This will
never be done to you."

23 But he turned, and said to
Peter, "Get behind me, Satan. You
are a stumbling block to me, for
you are not setting your mind on
the things of God, but on the things
of humans." 24 Then Jesus said to
his disciples, "If anyone desires to
come after me, let him deny
himself, and take up his cross, and
follow me. 25 For whoever desires to
save his life will lose it, and
whoever will lose his life for my
sake will find it. 26 For what will it
profit a person, if he gains the
whole world, and forfeits his life?
Or what will a person give in
exchange for his life? 27 For the Son
of Man will come in the glory of his
Father with his angels, and then he
will render to everyone according
to his deeds. 28 Truly I tell you, there
are some standing here who will in
no way taste of death, until they see
the Son of Man coming in his
kingdom."

17 After six days, Jesus
took with him Peter,
James, and John his
brother, and brought them up into a
high mountain by themselves. 2 He
was transfigured before them. His
face shone like the sun, and his
garments became as white as the
light. 3 And look, Moses and Elijah
appeared to them talking with him.

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[a] 16:18 Peter's name, Petros in Greek, is the word for a specific rock or stone
[b] 16:18 Greek: petra, a rock mass or bedrock. Cf. also 1 Co 3:11, 10:4
[c] 16:18 Greek "ekklesia" means "assembly" or "congregation," usually translated in English as "church," from Greek "kuriakee," meaning "house of the Lord"
[d] 16:19 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol
[e] 16:19 Isaiah 22:22
[f] 16:20 M TR read "his" instead of "the"
[g] 16:20 M TR add "Jesus"
[h] 16:21 Aleph B sa(Mss) mae1 bo add "Christ"

4Peter answered, and said to
Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be
here. If you want, let us make three
tents here: one for you, one for
Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5While he was still speaking,
look, a bright cloud overshadowed
them. And look, a voice came out
of the cloud, saying, “This is my
beloved Son, in whom I am well
pleased. Listen to him.”

6When the disciples heard it,
they fell on their faces, and were
very afraid. 7Jesus came and
touched them and said, “Get up,
and do not be afraid.” 8And when
they lifted up their eyes, they saw
no one except Jesus[a] alone. 9As
they were coming down from the
mountain, Jesus commanded them,
saying, “Do not tell anyone what
you saw, until the Son of Man has
risen from the dead.”

10The[b] disciples asked him,
saying, “Then why do the scribes
say that Elijah must come first?”

11And he answered and said[c],
“Elijah indeed comes,[d] and will
restore all things, 12but I tell you
that Elijah has come already, and
they did not recognize him, but did
to him whatever they wanted to.
Even so the Son of Man will also
suffer by them.” 13Then the
disciples understood that he spoke
to them of John the Baptist.

14And when they came to the
crowd, a man came to him, knelt
before him, 15and said, “Lord, have
mercy on my son, for he is
epileptic, and suffers severely; for
he often falls into the fire, and often
into the water. 16So I brought him
to your disciples, and they could
not cure him.”

17Jesus answered, “Faithless
and perverse generation. How long
will I be with you? How long will I
bear with you? Bring him here to
me.” 18Jesus rebuked him, the
demon went out of him, and the boy
was cured from that hour.

19Then the disciples came to
Jesus privately, and said, “Why
weren’t we able to cast it out?”

20So he[e] said to them,
“Because of your little faith. For
truly I tell you, if you have faith as
a grain of mustard seed, you will
tell this mountain, ‘Move from here
to there,’ and it will move; and
nothing will be impossible for
you.” 21[f]

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[a]17:8 Text: B(2) C* (D) E F G H K L M S U Delta Omega f1 f13 118 124 157 346 565 579 788 892 1071 1582 2737 Byz (lat vg) (syr cop(sa.bo)) (arm). NU (B* Theta 700) reads auton “himself” instead of ton “the”

[b]17:10 M TR read “His” instead of “The”

[c]17:11 M TR read “And Jesus answered and said to them”

[d]17:11 M TR add “first”

[e]17:20 M TR read “Jesus” instead of “he”

[f]17:21 NU (Aleph* B Theta 0281 33 579 788 892* 1604 2680 lat(e.ff1) syr(s.c.pal) cop(sa.mae-2.bo(pt)) eth

22While they were gathering together[a] in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered up into the hands of men, 23and they will kill him, and the third day he will be raised up."

They were exceedingly sorry. 24When they had come to Capernaum, those who collected the didrachma coins came to Peter, and said, "Does not your teacher pay the didrachma?" 25He said, "Yes."

When he came into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive toll or tribute? From their children, or from strangers?"

26And when he said,[b] "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Therefore the children are exempt. 27But, lest we cause them to stumble, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take up the first fish that comes up. When you have opened its mouth, you will find a stater coin. Take that, and give it to them for me and you."

18 In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2He[c] called a little child to himself, and set him in the midst of them, 3and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you turn, and become as little children, you will in no way enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4Whoever therefore humbles himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me, 6but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him that a huge millstone should be hung around his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depths of the sea.

7"Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks. For there will always be something to cause people to stumble, but woe to the person through whom the stumbling block comes. 8If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled,[d] rather

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geo). M TR (C D E F G H K L M L U W X Y Delta Pi Omega f1 f13 2 28 35 124 565 700 1582 al Byz lat(a.b.c.f.ff2.g1.q) vg syr(p.h) mae1 bo(pt) arm; Or, Bas) add "But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Cf. Mark 9:29

[a]17:22 M TR read "staying"

[b]17:26 M TR read "Peter said to him"

[c]18:2 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "He"

[d]18:8 Text: D E F G H K L M N S U W Gamma Delta Theta Omega f1 f13 33 565 579 700 892 1241 Byz lat((a).(b).(c).e.(g1).q) syr(c.p.h) cop(sa.bo). NU (Aleph B 0281(vid) 157 lat(f.ff2)) has the word order "crippled or maimed"

than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the everlasting fire.[a] 9If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the fire of hell[b]. [c]10See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 11 [d]

12"What do you think? If someone has one hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine, go to the mountains, and seek that which has gone astray? 13If he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14Even so it is not the will of my[e] Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15"If your brother sins against you,[f] go, show him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained back your brother. 16But if he does not listen, take one or two more with you, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.[g] 17If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to hear the church also, let him be to you as an unbeliever or a tax collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they will ask, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

21Then Peter came to him and said, "Lord, how often can my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22Jesus said to him, "I do not tell you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who wanted to reconcile accounts with his

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[a]18:8 Hyperbole, or Semitic idiom, e.g.
[b]18:9 Greek "Gehenna"
[c]18:9 Probable Semitic idiom, "If with your eye you have a habit of lust or envying others, stop it…"
[d]18:11 NU (Aleph B L* Theta* f13 33 892* 2680 pc lat(e.ff1) syr(s.pal.) cop(sa.mae.bo(pt)) geo2A; Or, Eusebian Canons) lacks. M TR (D G K M W X Delta Pi 078 28 565 1241 al Byz Lect(pt) Lat vg syr(c.p) bo(pt) arm eth geo; Diatess, Chr) add "For the Son of Man came to save what was lost," possibly lost by homoioteleuton: s-s. G M 157 579 1505 al Lect(pt) syr(h) bo(pt) eth slav, read "came to seek and to save." Cf. Luke 19:10
[e]18:14 Text: B Theta 078 0281 f13 33 700 1424 al Byz(pt) syr(s.h) sa mae bo arm eth geo; Or, Mac/Sy. NU (Aleph K L W X Delta Pi f1 28 565vid Byz Lect(pt) lat vg syr(c.p) slav; Chr) reads "your" instead of "my"
[f]18:15 Some Mss (Aleph B 0281 1 579 sa bo(pt) slav(Mss); Cyr) lack "against you," possibly from aural haplography: ese-eis se
[g]18:16 Deuteronomy 19:15

servants. [24]When he had begun to
reconcile, one was brought to him
who owed him ten thousand
talents.[a] [25]But because he could not
pay, his lord commanded him to be
sold, with his wife and children,
and all that he had, and payment to
be made. [26]The servant therefore
fell down and kneeled before him,
saying, 'Lord,[b] have patience with
me, and I will repay you all.' [27]The
lord of that servant, being moved
with compassion, released him, and
forgave him the debt.

[28]"But that servant went out,
and found one of his fellow
servants, who owed him one
hundred denarii,[c] and he grabbed
him, and took him by the throat,
saying, ''Pay[d] what you owe.'

[29]"So his fellow servant fell down
at his feet[e] and begged him, saying,
'Have patience with me, and I will
repay you all.' [30]He would not, but
went and cast him into prison, until
he should pay back that which was
due. [31]So when his fellow servants
saw what was done, they were
exceedingly sorry, and came and
told to their lord all that was done.
[32]Then his lord called him in, and
said to him, 'You wicked servant. I
forgave you all that debt, because
you begged me. [33]Should you not
also have had mercy on your fellow
servant, even as I had mercy on
you?' [34]His lord was angry, and
delivered him to the tormentors,
until he should pay all that was
due[f]. [35]So my heavenly Father will
also do to you, if you do not each
forgive your brother his trespasses[g]
from your heart."

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[a]18:24 Ten thousand talents is equivalent to about 60,000,000 denarii, where one denarius was typical of one day's wages for agricultural labor

[b]18:26 Text: Aleph E F G H K L M O S U W Gamma Delta Pi Sigma Omega 058 0233 0281 f1 f13 28 33 118 124 157 346 579 788 892 1241 1243 1582 al Byz Lect lat(aur.(b).f.ff2.g1.(h).q.(r1)) vg(Mss) syr(p.h.pal) sa bo mae2 eth slav; Or(lat), Ast. NU (B D Theta 700 pc Lat(a.b.c.d.e.ff1.h.l.r1) vg syr(s.c) arm geo; Or, Chr) lacks, "Lord," possibly from virtual haplography in uncial involving a confusion of kappa epsilon (κυριε, κε) over bar for gamma omega (legw, λεγω) over bar, or the word was omitted to harmonize with v.29

[c]18:28 100 denarii was about one sixtieth of a talent

[d]18:28 NU (Aleph B D L W Y Theta f1 33 700 1582 pc lat(a.b.c.ff2.g1.h.q) sa bo eth; Or). M TR (C E F G H K M S U Gamma Delta Omega f13 28 1424 al. Byz lat(e.f) syr(s.c.p.h.pal) bo(Ms) arm; Chr) add "me," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: i-i. No parallel.

[e]18:29 Text: E F H K M S U W Y Gamma Delta Pi Omega 33 69 118 157 346 565 788 1071 f13 Byz lat(f.q) syr(p.h) mae1,2 arm. NU (Aleph B C* D G L Theta 058 579 700 1424 pc f1 Lat(a.b.c.e.ff2.g1.h) vg syr(s.c) sa bo) lacks "at his feet" from homoioteleuton: s autou-s autou. Peter J. Gurry, "On Not Preferring the Shorter Reading," TENT 15 (2021), 128-131

[f]18:34 M TR add "to him"

[g]18:35 Text: C F G H K M S U W Gamma Delta Pi Omega f13 33 69 118 124 157 346 565 579 788 1071 1241 1424 Byz lat(f.h) syr((p).h.pal) NU (B D L Theta f1 22* 372 700 892* lat(a.b.c.e.ff2.g1.q) syr(s.c)

19 It happened when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. 3And Pharisees came to him, testing him, and saying to him, "Is it lawful for a man[a] to divorce a wife for any reason?"

4He answered, and said[b], "Have you not read that he who created[c] them from the beginning made them male and female,[d] 5and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife; and the two will become one flesh?'[e] 6So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no one separate."

7They asked him, "Why then did Moses command us to give her a certificate of divorce, and divorce her?"

8He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it has not been so. 9I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery. And he who marries her when she is divorced commits adultery.[f]"

10The[g] disciples said to him, "If this is the case of a husband with a wife, it is not expedient to marry."

11But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this[h] saying, but those to whom it is given. 12For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who

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cop(sa.bo.mae2); Or) lacks "his tresspasses" from homoioteleuton: wn-wn. Peter J. Gurry, "On Not Preferring the Shorter Reading," TENT 15 (2021), 128-131

[a]19:3 Some Mss (e.g., Aleph B 28 579 1424* mae2; Cl) lack "a man," possibly from homoioarcton: a-a

[b]19:4 M TR add "to them"

[c]19:4 NU (B Theta f1 22 700 one lat(e) syr(pal) sa bo arm eth geo; Or). M TR (Aleph C D K L W Z Delta Pi f13 28 892 1241 al Byz Lect Lat vg syr(s.c.p.h)) read "made" instead of "created"

[d]19:4 Genesis 1:27

[e]19:5 Genesis 2:24

[f]19:9 Text: (p25) B (C*) E F G H K M (N) U (W) Z Gamma (Delta Theta Pi) (f1 f13) 28 (33) 157 372 (565) (579) 700 892 1006 1071 1342 1506 al Byz Lect (lat(aur.c.f.q)) (vg) (syr(p.h)) (bo) (mae1) arm eth geo (slav); Or(lat1/2), Bas, Cyr, (Spec). NU (Aleph C(3) D L S 2* 69 209* 828 1241 1546 L253 L1074 lat(a.b.d.e.ff1.ff2.g1.h.l.r1) vg(Ms) syr(s.c) sa mae2 bo(Ms); Or) lacks "And he who…adultery" from haplography: moichatai-moichatai. Cf. M. W. Holmes, "The Text of the Mathean Divorce Passages" JBL 109 (1990) 660-663

[g]19:10 M TR read"His" instead of "The"

[h]19:11 Some Mss lack "this" from homoioteleuton: on-on

were made eunuchs by men; and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to receive it, let him receive it."

13 Then little children were brought to him, that he should lay his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Allow the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to ones like these." 15 He placed his hands on them, and departed from there.

16 And look, someone came to him and said, "[a]Teacher, what good thing must I do, that I may have everlasting life?"

17 He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? [b]No one is good but one.[c] But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "'Do not murder.' 'Do not commit adultery.' 'Do not steal.' 'Do not offer false testimony.' 19 'Honor your father and mother.'[d] And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"[e]

20 The young man said to him, "All these things I have kept[f]. What do I still lack?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the[g] poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sad, for he was one who had great possessions. 23 Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel[h] to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

25 When the[i] disciples heard it, they were exceedingly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

26 Looking at them, Jesus said, "With humans this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

27 Then Peter answered, "Look, we have left everything, and followed you. What then will we have?"

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[a]19:16 M TR add "Good"
[b]19:17 M TR read "call me good" instead of "ask me about what is good"
[c]19:17 M TR Padd "[that is], God"
[d]19:19 Exodus 20:12-16; Deuteronomy 5:16-20
[e]19:19 Leviticus 19:18
[f]19:20 M TR add "from my youth"
[g]19:21 NU (B D Theta sa bo). M TR (Aleph C L W Z 0281 f1 f13 33 565 1582 al. Byz; Cl) lack "the" from homoioteleuton: ois-ois
[h]19:24 Use of hyperbole
[i]19:25 M TR read "his" instead of "the"

28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I
tell you that you who have followed
me, in the regeneration when the
Son of Man will sit on the throne of
his glory, you also will sit on
twelve thrones, judging the twelve
tribes of Israel. 29 Everyone who has
left houses, or brothers, or sisters,
or father, or mother, or wife,[a] or
children, or lands, for my name's
sake, will receive one hundred
times, and will inherit everlasting
life. 30 But many will be last who are
first; and first who are last.

20 "For the kingdom of
heaven is like a
landowner who
went out early in the
morning to hire laborers for his
vineyard. 2 When he had agreed
with the laborers for a denarius a
day, he sent them into his vineyard.
3 He went out about nine in the
morning,[b] and saw others standing
idle in the marketplace. 4 To them
he said, 'You also go into the
vineyard, and whatever is right I
will give you.' So they went their
way. 5 Again he went out about
noon and at three in the afternoon,[c]
and did likewise. 6 About five that
afternoon[d] he went out, and found
others standing.[e] He said to them,
'Why do you stand here all day
idle?'

7 "They said to him, 'Because
no one has hired us.'

"He said to them, 'You also
go into the vineyard[f].' 8 When
evening had come, the lord of the
vineyard said to his manager, 'Call
the laborers and pay them their
wages, beginning from the last to
the first.'

9 "When those who were
hired at about five in the afternoon
came, they each received a
denarius. 10 When the first came,
they supposed that they would
receive more; and they likewise
each received a denarius. 11 When
they received it, they murmured
against the master of the household,
12 saying, 'These last have spent one
hour, and you have made them
equal to us, who have borne the
burden of the day and the scorching
heat.'
13 "But he answered one of them,
'Friend, I am doing you no wrong.
Did you not agree with me for a
denarius? 14 Take that which is

[a] 19:29 Text: Aleph C E F G H K L M S U W X Gamma Delta Theta Sigma Omega f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 346 372 565 579 700 892 1071 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.c.f.g1.h.l.q) vg syr((c).p.h) sa bo mae1 arm eth geo slav; Bas, GrNy, Cyr. NU (B lat(a.n) syr(pal); Chr) lacks "or wife" from haplography: a_n-a_n, or harmonization to Mark 10:29 NU

[b] 20:3 Lit. the third hour

[c] 20:5 Lit. the sixth and the ninth hour

[d] 20:6 Lit. the eleventh hour

[e] 20:6 M TR add "idle"

[f] 20:7 NU (Aleph B L Theta f1 1 892* 1582* Lat vg (syr(s)) sa bo). M TR (C* E F G H K M S U V W X Y Gamma Delta Omega f13 33 35 124 157 579 700 788 1071 1241 1424 al L844 Byz lat((f).(h).q) syr(c.p.h.pal(Ms)) (bo(Mss)) eth; Chr) add "and you will receive whatever is right." No reason for omission. An apparent harmonization to v.4

yours, and go your way. It is my
desire to give to this last just as
much as to you. 15Is it not lawful for
me to do what I want to with what
I own? Or is your eye evil, because
I am good?' 16So the last will be
first, and the first last; for many are
called, but few are chosen.[a]"

17As Jesus was going up to
Jerusalem, he took the Twelve[b]
aside, and on the way he said to
them, 18"Look, we are going up to
Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will
be delivered to the chief priests and
scribes, and they will condemn him
to death, 19and will hand him over
to the non-Jews to mock, to
scourge, and to crucify; and the
third day he will be raised up."

20Then the mother of the sons
of Zebedee came to him with her
sons, kneeling and asking a certain
thing of him. 21He said to her,
"What do you want?"

She said to him, "Command
that these, my two sons, may sit,
one on your right hand, and one on
your left hand, in your kingdom."

22But Jesus answered and
said, "You do not know what you
are asking. Are you able to drink
the cup that I am about to drink[c]?"

They said to him, "We are
able."

23He said to them, "You will
indeed drink my cup,[d] but to sit on
my right hand and on my left hand
is not mine to give; but it is for
whom it has been prepared by my
Father."

24When the ten heard it, they
were indignant with the two
brothers.

25But Jesus summoned them,
and said, "You know that the rulers
of the nations lord it over them, and
their great ones exercise authority
over them. 26It will not be so among
you, but whoever desires to become
great among you must be your
servant. 27And whoever desires to
be first among you must be your
slave, 28even as the Son of Man did
not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for
many."

29As they went out from
Jericho, a large crowd followed
him. 30And look, two blind men
sitting by the road, when they heard

[a]20:16 Text: C D E F G H K Nvid O W X Gamma Delta (Theta) Pi Sigma 0300 f1 (f13) 33 124 157 372 579 700* 1582 al Byz Lect Latt(aur.b.(c).d.e.f.ff2.g1.h.(l).n.(q) vg syr(s.c.p.h.pal) mae1 bo(pt) arm eth geo slav; Chr. NU (Aleph B L Z 085 892* 1243* 1342 1424 1675* pc(14) sa bo(pt) mae2; Diatess) lacks "for many are called, but few are chosen" from homoioteleuton: toi-toi. Peter J. Gurry, "On Not Preferring the Shorter Reading," TENT 15 (2021), 133-136
[b]20:17 M TR add "disciples"
[c]20:22 M TR add "and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with". Cf. Mark 10:38
[d]20:23 See 20:22

that Jesus was passing by, shouted, "Have mercy on us, Lord, son of David." 31The crowd rebuked them, telling them that they should be quiet, but they shouted even more, "Have mercy on us, Lord, son of David."

32Jesus stood still, and called them, and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

33They told him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

34Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes; and immediately their eyes received their sight, and they followed him.

21 When they drew near to Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage,[a] to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying to them, "Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them, and bring them to me. 3And if anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'Because the Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

4This[b] took place that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,
5Say to the daughter of Zion,[c]
"Look, your King comes to you,
humble, and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey."[d]

6The disciples went, and did just as Jesus directed them, 7and brought the donkey and the colt, and placed their clothes on them; and he sat on them.[e] 8A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees, and spread them on the road. 9The crowds who went before him, and who followed kept shouting, "Hosanna[f] to the son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."[g]

10When he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11The crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

12Jesus entered into the temple,[h] and drove out all of those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the money changers' tables and the seats of those who

[a]21:1 M reads "Bethsphage" instead of "Bethphage"
[b]21:4 M TR read "All this"
[c]21:5 Isaiah 62:11
[d]21:5 Zechariah 9:9
[e]21:7 I.e., on the clothes. The presence of the mother of the colt (not mentioned in the other gospels) may have been for moral support of the colt
[f]21:9 Greek "Hosanna" for Hebrew "Hoshiana" means "save us" or "help us, we pray"
[g]21:9 Psalm 118:26
[h]21:12 M TR add "of God"

sold the doves. [13]He said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,'[a] but you have made it a den of robbers."[b]

[14]The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. [15]But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David." they were indignant, [16]and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?"

Jesus said to them, "Yes. Did you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing babies you have prepared praise?'"[c]

[17]He left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there. [18]Now in the morning, as he returned to the city, he was hungry. [19]Seeing a fig tree by the road, he came to it, and found nothing on it but leaves. He said to it, "Let there be no fruit from you forever."

Immediately the fig tree withered away. [20]When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree immediately wither away?"

[21]Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you told this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it would be done. [22]All things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

[23]When he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority do you do these things? Who gave you this authority?"

[24]Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, which if you tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. [25]The baptism of John, where was it from? From heaven or from people?"

They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' [26]But if we say, 'From people,' we fear the crowd, for all hold John as a prophet." [27]They answered Jesus, and said, "We do not know."

He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. [28]But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go work today in the[d] vineyard.' [29]He answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his

[a]21:13 Isaiah 56:7
[b]21:13 Jeremiah 7:11
[c]21:16 Psalm 8:2
[d]21:28 M TR read "my" instead of "the"

mind, and went. [30]And he came to
the other[a], and said the same thing.
And he answered and said, 'I go,
sir,' but he did not go. [31]Which of
the two did the will of his father?"

They said[b], "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I
tell you that the tax collectors and
the prostitutes are entering into the
kingdom of God before you. [32]For
John came to you in the way of
righteousness, and you did not
believe him, but the tax collectors
and the prostitutes believed him.
When you saw it, you did not even
repent afterward, that you might
believe him.

[33]"Hear another parable.
There was a landowner who
planted a vineyard, set a hedge
about it, dug a winepress in it, built
a tower, leased it out to tenant
farmers, and went on a journey.
[34]When the season for the fruit
drew near, he sent his servants to
the tenants, to receive his fruit.
[35]The tenants took his servants,
beat one, killed another, and stoned
another. [36]Again, he sent other
servants more than the first: and
they treated them the same way.
[37]But afterward he sent to them his
son, saying, 'They will respect my
son.' [38]But the tenants, when they
saw the son, said among
themselves, 'This is the heir. Come,
let us kill him, and have his
inheritance.' [39]So they took him,
and threw him out of the vineyard,
and killed him. [40]When therefore
the lord of the vineyard comes,
what will he do to those tenants?"

[41]They told him, "He will
utterly destroy those evil men, and
will lease out the vineyard to other
tenants, who will give him the fruit
in its season."

[42]Jesus said to them, "Did
you never read in the Scriptures,
'The stone which the builders
rejected,
the same was made the head
of the corner.
This was from the Lord.
It is marvelous in our eyes?'[c]

[43]"Therefore I tell you, the
kingdom of God will be taken away
from you, and will be given to a
nation bringing forth its fruit. [44]He
who falls on this stone will be
broken to pieces; but on whomever
it will fall, it will crush him.[d]"[e]

[45]When the chief priests and
the Pharisees heard his parables,
they perceived that he spoke about
them. [46]When they sought to seize
him, they feared the crowds,
because they considered him to be
a prophet.

[a]21:30 M TR read "second"
[b]21:31 M TR add "to him"
[c]21:42 Psalm 118:22-23
[d]21:44 Isaiah 8:14-15; Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45; Romans 9:32-33; 1Peter 2:8
[e]21:44 The Western text type tends to lack this verse due to haplography: kai-kai, or aut-aut

22 Jesus answered and spoke again in parables to them, saying, 2"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son, 3and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. 4Again he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "Look, I have made ready my dinner. My cattle and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the marriage feast."' 5But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise, 6and the rest grabbed his servants, and treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7The king[a] was enraged, and sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

8"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited weren't worthy. 9Go therefore to the intersections of the highways, and as many as you may find, invite to the marriage feast.' 10And those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all they found, both bad and good, and the wedding was filled with those reclining.[b] 11But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who did not have on wedding clothing, 12and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here not wearing wedding clothing?' He was speechless. 13Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot,[c] and throw him into the outer darkness; there is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be.' 14For many are called, but few chosen."

15Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how they might entrap him in his talk. 16They sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and teach the way of God in truth, no matter whom you teach, for you are not partial to anyone. 17Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? 19Show me the tax money."

They brought to him a denarius.

20He asked them, "Whose is this image and inscription?"

21They said to him, "Caesar's."

Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

[a]22:7 M TR add "having heard"
[b]22:10 Or, with guests
[c]22:13 M TR add "take him away"

22When they heard it, they were astonished, and left him, and went away.

23On that day Sadducees came to him, the ones saying that there is no resurrection. And they asked him, 24saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies, having no children, his brother is to marry his wife, and raise up offspring for his brother.'[a] 25Now there were with us seven brothers. The first married and died, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother. 26In like manner the second also, and the third, to the seventh. 27After them all, the woman died[b]. 28In the resurrection therefore, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had her."

29But Jesus answered them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels[c] in heaven. 31But concerning the resurrection of the dead, Have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, 32'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?'[d] God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

33When the crowds heard it, they were astonished at his teaching. 34But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered themselves together. 35One of them, a Law scholar, asked him a question, testing him[e]. 36"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

37He[f] said to him, "'You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'[g] 38This is the great and first commandment. 39A second likewise is this, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'[h] 40The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments."

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "Of David."

43He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,
44'The Lord said to my Lord,
sit on my right hand,

[a] 22:24 Deuteronomy 25:5,6
[b] 22:27 M TR add "also"
[c] 22:30 M TR add "of God"
[d] 22:32 Exodus 3:6
[e] 22:35 M TR add "and saying"
[f] 22:37 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "He"
[g] 22:37 Deuteronomy 6:5
[h] 22:39 Leviticus 19:18

until I make your enemies the
footstool[a] of your
feet'?[b]

45"If then David calls him
Lord, how is he his son?"

46No one was able to answer
him a word, neither did anyone
dare ask him any more questions
from that day forth.

23 Then Jesus spoke to
the crowds and to
his disciples,
2saying, "Upon the seat of Moses
the Pharisees and scribes sit. 3All
which they will say unto you,
observe and do; but their works do
not do, because they say, and do not
do. 4For they bind heavy and hard
to bear[c] burdens, and lay them on
people's shoulders; but they
themselves will not lift a finger to
help them. 5But all their works they
do to be seen by others. They make
their tefillin broad and enlarge the
fringe of their garments, 6and love
the place of honor at feasts, the best
seats in the synagogues, 7the
salutations in the marketplaces, and
to be called 'Rabbi' by people. 8But
you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for
one is your Teacher,[d] and all of you
are brothers. 9Call no man on the
earth your father, for one is your
Father, he who is in heaven.
10Neither be called masters, for one
is your master, the Christ. 11But he
who is greatest among you will be
your servant. 12Whoever exalts
himself will be humbled, and
whoever humbles himself will be
exalted.[e]

13"But woe to you, scribes
and Pharisees, hypocrites. For you
devour the houses of widows, and
for show make long prayers.
Therefore you will receive greater
condemnation.[f]

14"Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites. For you shut
up the Kingdom of Heaven in front
of people; for you do not enter in
yourselves, neither do you allow
those who are entering in to enter."

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[a]22:44 Text: E F G H K M S W Delta Pi Omega 0102 0161 0281 f1 28 33 118 157 565 700 1071 1241 1342 Byz Lat(a.aur.c.f.ff1.ff2.g1.l) vg syr(p) mae1.2 arm eth; Or(lat), Cyr, reading hupopodion. NU (Aleph B D G L U Z Gamma Theta f13 69 124 346 579 788 892 lat(b.d.e.h.q.r1) syr(c.h) sa bo; Diatess) reads hupokato "beneath," in reminiscence of Psalm 8:6 LXX (8:7), 1 Co 15:27, or Hebrews 2:8, or to conform to Mark 12:36 NU. Cf. Luke 20:43; Acts 2:35; Hebrews 1:13

[b]22:44 Psalm 110:1

[c]23:4 Some Mss lack "and hard to bear" from haplography: a kai-a kai

[d]23:8 M TR add "the Christ"

[e]23:12 Proverbs 29:23; Ezekiel 21:26

[f]23:13 Text: E F G H K M O S U W Gamma Delta Pi Sigma Omega 0102 0107 28 565 579 700 1071 1241 al. Byz Lect lat(f) vg(cl) syr((c).p.h.(pal(Mss))) bo(pt) eth slav; Chr. NU (Aleph B D L Z Theta f1 33 892 1344 Lat(a.aur.d.e.ff1.g1) syr(s.pal(Ms)) sa mae bo(pt) arm geo; Or, Eusebian Canons, Cyr) lacks this verse (numbered as 14) from haplography by homoioarcton: ouai de humin-ouai de humin. The parallels in Mark 12:40 and Luke 20:47 are not identical to v.13

15 Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites. For you
travel around by sea and land to
make one proselyte; and when he
becomes one, you make him twice
as much of a son of hell[a] as
yourselves.

16 "Woe to you, you blind
guides, who say, 'Whoever swears
by the temple, it is nothing; but
whoever swears by the gold of the
temple, he is obligated.' 17 You
blind fools. For which is greater,
the gold, or the temple that
sanctified[b] the gold? 18 'Whoever
swears by the altar, it is nothing;
but whoever swears by the gift that
is on it, he is obligated?' 19 You
blind people.[c] For which is greater,
the gift, or the altar that sanctifies
the gift? 20 He therefore who swears
by the altar, swears by it, and by
everything on it. 21 He who swears
by the temple, swears by it, and by
him who dwells[d] in it. 22 He who
swears by heaven, swears by the
throne of God, and by him who sits
on it.

23 "Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites. For you tithe
mint, dill, and cumin, and have left
undone the weightier matters of the
Law: justice, mercy, and faith. But
you ought to have done these, and
not to have left the other undone.

24 You blind guides, who strain out
a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25 "Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites. For you
clean the outside of the cup and the
plate, but within they are full of
extortion and self-indulgence.[e]
26 You blind Pharisee, first clean the
inside of the cup and the plate,[f] so
that the outside may become clean
also.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites. For you are
like whitened tombs, which
outwardly appear beautiful, but
inwardly are full of dead people's
bones, and of all uncleanness.
28 Even so you also outwardly
appear righteous to people, but
inwardly you are full of hypocrisy
and iniquity.
29 "Woe to you, scribes and
Pharisees, hypocrites. For you
build the tombs of the prophets, and
decorate the tombs of the righteous,
30 and say, 'If we had lived in the
days of our fathers, we would not
have been partakers with them in
the blood of the prophets.'
31 Therefore you testify to
yourselves that you are children of
those who killed the prophets. 32 Fill
up, then, the measure of your
fathers. 33 You serpents, you

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[a] 23:19 Greek "Gehenna"
[b] 23:17 M TR read "sanctifies"
[c] 23:19 M TR add "fools"
[d] 23:21 M reads "who was dwelling"
[e] 23:25 M reads "unrighteousness" instead of "self-indulgence"
[f] 23:26 Text: Aleph B* C E* F G H L K M S U W(supp) Y Delta Pi Omega 0102 0281 f13 28 33 69 124 157 346 565 579 788 892 1006 1010 1071 1241 1342 1505 Byz) lat(c.f.g1.h) cop(sa.bo) arm eth slav; Bas(1/2), Chr(1/2). Some Mss (D Theta f1 118 205 700 1582* lat(a.(d).e.(ff2).(r1) syr(s) geo; (Ir(lat), Chr(1/2)), (Cl)) lack "and the plate"

offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of hell[a]? 34Therefore look, I send to you prophets, wise people, and scribes. Some of them you will kill and crucify; and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city; 35that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel[b] to the blood of Zechariah son of Berechiah, whom you killed between the sanctuary and the altar. 36Truly I tell you,[c] all these things will come upon this generation.

37"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her. How often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not. 38Look, your house is abandoned[d] to you. 39For I tell you, you will not see me from now on, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"[e]

24 Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way. His disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. 2But answering, he[f] said to them, "Do you not see all of these things? Truly I tell you, there will not be left here one stone on another, that will not be thrown down."

3As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4Jesus answered them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray. 5For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will lead many astray. 6You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for[g] this must happen, but the end is not yet. 7For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and plagues[h]

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[a]23:33 Greek "Gehenna"
[b]23:35 MT Hebrew vocalization: Hevel, Greek: Abel, which has dropped the /h/ sound in the transliteration from Hebrew to Greek (Habel > Abel), since there was no /h/ sound in ancient Greek. Genesis 4:8
[c]23:36 M adds "that"
[d]23:38 Text: p77(vid) B L lat(ff2*) syr(s) cop(sa.bo(pt).mae2); Or(3/5), Cyr(4/8). NU (Aleph C D E F G H K S U W Delta Theta Pi Sigma Omega 0102 f1 f13 28 33 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 1071 1241 1342 1424 1582 Byz Lect lat(a.aur.b.c.d.e.f.ff1.g1.h.l.q.r1) vg syr(p.h.pal(Mss) cop(bo(pt).mae1) arm eth slav; Cl, Or(gr(2/5).lat)), Eus, Bas, Chr, Cyr(4/8)) adds "desolate." Luke 13:35
[e]23:39 Psalm 118:26
[f]24:2 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[g]24:6 M TR add "all"
[h]24:7 Text: C F G H K L M Q S W Gamma Delta Theta Pi Omega 0102 f1 f13 28 124 157 346 565 700 788 1071 1243 1582 al Byz Lect lat(h.q) syr(p.h) bo mae1 arm geo slav; (Hipp), Or(lat). NU (B D 892 lat(a.b.e.ff2.r1) syr(s) sa

and earthquakes in various places. 8But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. 9Then they will deliver you up to oppression, and will kill you. You will be hated by all of the nations for my name's sake. 10Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another. 11Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray. 12And because lawlessness is multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. 13But he who endures to the end, the same will be saved. 14This Good News of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

15"When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation,[a] which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take out things that are in his house. 18Let him who is in the field not return back to take his coat[b]. 19But woe to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in those days. 20Pray that your flight will not be in the winter, nor on a Sabbath, 21for then there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. 22Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days will be shortened.

23"Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Christ,' or, 'There,' do not believe it. 24For there will arise false Christs, and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.
25"See, I have told you beforehand. 26If therefore they tell you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out; 'Look, he is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. 27For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28Wherever[c] the carcass is, there is where the vultures[d] gather together. 29But immediately after the oppression of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken;[e] 30and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,[f] and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky[g] with power and great glory. 31He will send out his angels with a loud

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mae2) lacks "and plagues" from haplography: imoi_kai-imoi_kai
[a]24:15 Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
[b]24:17 M TR read "clothes" instead of "coat"
[c]24:27 M TR read "For wherever"
[d]24:28 Or, "eagles"
[e]24:29 Isaiah 13:10; 34:4; Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10
[f]24:30 Zechariah 12:10, 14
[g]24:30 Daniel 7:13

trumpet call,[a] and they will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

32"Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch has now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near. 33Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished. 35Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36But no one knows of that day and hour, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,[b] but my Father only.
37"As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those[c] days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the box-shaped ship, 39and they did not know until the flood came, and took them all away, so[d] will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41Two will be grinding grain with a mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day[e] your Lord comes. 43But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44Therefore also be ready, for in an hour that you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

45"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season? 46Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. 47Truly I tell you that he will set him over all that he has. 48But if that evil servant should say in his heart, 'My lord is delayed[f],' 49and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with the drunkards, 50the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does

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[a]24:31 Or, sound. Text: B E F G H K M S U Y Pi Sigma Omega f13 28 33 69 124 157 180 346 565 579 788 1006 1071 1292 1342 1505 Byz Lect syr(pal) cop(sa) (eth); (Didache) Ps-Hipp(vid), GrNy, Ast. NU (Aleph L W Delta Theta f1 118* 205 700 892* 1582 lat(e) syr(s.p) cop(bo.mae) arm geo; Or(lat), Eus, CyrJ, GrNy(Mss)) lacks "call." Isaiah 27:13

[b]24:36 NU (Aleph B D Theta Phi f13 28 1195 1230* al it syr(pal) arm eth geo(1.B); Ir(lat), Or(lat), Chr, Cyr, Bas). M TR (K L W Delta Pi Sigma f1 33 565 1424 al Byz Lect lat(g1.l) vg syr(s.p.h.) sa mae2 bo geoA; Did, Hier(Mss)) lack "nor the Son," possibly due to doctrinal difficulty. Some Greek and Vulgate Mss also omit the phrase in Mark 13:32

[c]24:38 M TR lack "those" from homoioteleuton: ais-ais

[d]24:39 Greek kai "and, so" has been lost in many Mss (e.g., B D 892 lat(a.b.d.ff1.h. q.r1) syr(s.p) sa bo) from a two letter homoioteleuton ai-ai

[e]24:42 M TR read "hour" instead of "day"

[f]24:48 M TR add "in his coming"

not expect it, and in an hour when
he does not know it, 51and will cut
him in pieces, and appoint his
portion with the hypocrites. There
is where the weeping and grinding
of teeth will be.

25 "Then the kingdom
of heaven will be
like ten virgins, who
took their lamps, and went out to
meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise.
3For the foolish, when they took
their lamps, took no oil with them,
4but the wise took oil in their
vessels with their lamps. 5Now
while the bridegroom delayed, they
all slumbered and slept. 6But at
midnight there was a cry, 'Look.
The bridegroom.[a] Come out to
meet him.' 7Then all those virgins
arose, and trimmed their lamps.
8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps
are going out.' 9But the wise
answered, saying, 'No,[b] there will
not be enough for us and you. Go
rather to those who sell, and buy for
yourselves.' 10While they went
away to buy, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went in
with him to the marriage feast, and
the door was shut. 11Afterward the
other virgins also came, saying,
'Lord, Lord, open to us.' 12But he
answered, 'Truly I tell you, I do not
know you.' 13Watch therefore, for
you do not know the day nor the
hour[c].

14"For it is like a man, going
on a journey, who called his own
servants, and entrusted his goods to
them. 15To one he gave five talents,
to another two, to another one; to
each according to his own ability.
Then he went on his journey.
16Immediately[d] the one who
received the five talents went and
traded with them, and made another
five talents. 17In like manner he[e]
who got the two gained another
two. 18But he who received the one
went away and dug in the earth, and
hid his lord's money.

19"Now after a long time the
lord of those servants came, and
reconciled accounts with them.
20And he who received the five
talents came and brought another
five talents, saying, 'Lord, you
delivered to me five talents. See, I
have gained another five talents.'[f]

21"His lord said to him, 'Well
done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a few
things, I will set you over many
things. Enter into the joy of your
lord.'

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[a]25:6 NU (Aleph A B C L Z 33 700 892 pc sa(Mss) bo(pt)). M TR (E F G H K M S U W Delta (Theta) Pi Omega (f1) f13 28 579 1424 al Byz lat(b.c.f.ff2.h.q) vg syr arm eth) add "is coming," perhaps lost from homoioarcton: e-e, and graphic similarity: erchet(ai)-e(xe)rche(s)t(he)

[b]25:9 M TR omit "No"

[c]25:13 M TR add "in which the Son of Man is coming"

[d]25:16 M TR read "Then immediately"

[e]25:17 M TR add "also"

[f]25:20 M TR add "besides them"

22"And he also who had the
two talents came and said, 'Lord,
you delivered to me two talents.
See, I have gained another two
talents[a].'

23"His lord said to him, 'Well
done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a few
things, I will set you over many
things. Enter into the joy of your
lord.'

24"He also who had received
the one talent came and said, 'Lord,
I knew you that you are a hard man,
reaping where you did not sow, and
gathering where you did not scatter.
25I was afraid, and went away and
hid your talent in the earth. See,
you have what is yours.'

26"But his lord answered him,
'You wicked and slothful servant.
You knew that I reap where I did
not sow, and gather where I did not
scatter. 27You ought therefore to
have deposited my money with the
bankers, and at my coming I should
have received back my own with
interest. 28Take away therefore the
talent from him, and give it to him
who has the ten talents. 29For to
everyone who has will be given,
and he will have abundance, but
from him who does not have, even
that which he has will be taken
away. 30Throw out the unprofitable
servant into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth.'

31"But when the Son of Man
comes in his glory, and all the[b]
angels with him, then he will sit on
the throne of his glory. 32Before
him all the nations will be gathered,
and he will separate them one from
another, as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats. 33He will set
the sheep on his right hand, but the
goats on the left. 34Then the King
will tell those on his right hand,
'Come, blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for
you from the foundation of the
world; 35for I was hungry, and you
gave me food to eat. I was thirsty,
and you gave me drink. I was a
stranger, and you took me in. 36I
was naked, and you clothed me. I
was sick, and you visited me. I was
in prison, and you came to me.'

37"Then the righteous will
answer him, saying, 'Lord, when
did we see you hungry, and feed
you; or thirsty, and give you a
drink? 38When did we see you as a
stranger, and take you in; or naked,
and clothe you? 39When did we see
you sick, or in prison, and come to
you?'

40"The King will answer
them, 'Truly I tell you, inasmuch as

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[a]25:22 M TR add "besides them"

[b]25:31 NU (Aleph B D L Theta f1 33 565 two lect lat sa mae1 bo(pt) arm geo(Mss); Or, Eus, Cyr). M TR (A E F G H K M S U W Gamma Delta Omega f13 579 892 1424 al Byz lat(f) syr(p.h) bo(pt); Chr) add "holy," possibly lost from haplography: ag(i)oi-ag(gel)oi. However, note Matthew 16:27

you did it to one of the least of these
my brothers, you did it to me.'
41Then he will say also to those on
the left hand, 'Depart from me, you
cursed, into the everlasting fire
which is prepared for the devil and
his angels; 42for I was hungry, and
you did not give me food to eat; I
was thirsty, and you gave me no
drink; 43I was a stranger, and you
did not take me in; naked, and you
did not clothe me; sick, and in
prison, and you did not visit me.'

44"Then they will also
answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we
see you hungry, or thirsty, or a
stranger, or naked, or sick, or in
prison, and did not help you?'

45"Then he will answer them,
saying, 'Truly I tell you, inasmuch
as you did not do it to one of the
least of these, you did not do it to
me.' 46These will go away into
everlasting punishment, but the
righteous into everlasting life."

26 And it happened,
when Jesus had
finished all these
words, that he said to his disciples,
2"You know that after two days the
Passover is coming, and the Son of
Man will be delivered up to be
crucified."

3Then the chief priests and
the scribes[a] and the elders of the
people gathered together in the
court of the high priest, who was
called Caiaphas. 4They took
counsel together that they might
take Jesus by deceit, and kill him.
5But they said, "Not during the
feast, lest a riot occur among the
people."

6Now when Jesus was in
Bethany, in the house of Simon the
leper, 7a woman came to him
having an alabaster jar of very
expensive ointment, and she
poured it on his head as he sat at the
table. 8But when the[b] disciples saw
this, they were indignant, saying,
"Why this waste? 9For this
ointment might have been sold for
much, and given to the poor."

10However, knowing this,
Jesus said to them, "Why do you
trouble the woman? Because she
has done a good work for me. 11For
you always have the poor with you;
but you do not always have me.
12For in pouring this ointment on
my body, she did it to prepare me
for burial. 13Truly I tell you,
wherever this Good News is
preached in the whole world, what
this woman has done will also be
spoken of as a memorial of her."

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[a]26:3 Text: E F G K M U Gamma (Delta) Pi (Omega) 0255 28 157 346 579 1241 al Byz lat(e.f.ff2.h.q.r1) syr(p.h) arm; Or, Chr. NU (p45 Aleph A B D L Theta 0293 f1 f13 33vid 892 1424 pc Lat(a.aur.b.d.ff1.g1.l) vg syr(s) sa bo mae2) lacks "and the scribes," from haplography: eis kai oi-eis kai oi

[b]26:8 M TR read "his" instead of "the"

14Then one of the twelve,
who was called Judas Iscariot, went
to the chief priests, 15and said,
"What are you willing to give me,
that I should deliver him to you?"
They weighed out for him thirty
pieces of silver.[a] 16From that time
he sought opportunity to betray
him.

17Now on the first day of
unleavened bread, the disciples
came to Jesus, saying[b], "Where do
you want us to prepare for you to
eat the Passover?"

18He said, "Go into the city to
a certain person, and tell him, 'The
Teacher says, "My time is near. I
will keep the Passover at your
house with my disciples."'"

19The disciples did as Jesus
commanded them, and they
prepared the Passover. 20Now when
evening had come, he was reclining
at the table with the twelve.[c] 21As
they were eating, he said, "Truly I
tell you that one of you will betray
me."

22And they were greatly
distressed, and each one began to
ask him, "It is not me, is it, Lord?"

23He answered, "He who
dipped his hand with me in the dish,
the same will betray me. 24The Son
of Man goes, even as it is written of
him, but woe to that man through
whom the Son of Man is betrayed.
It would be better for that man if he
had not been born."

25Judas, who betrayed him,
answered, "It is not me, is it,
Rabbi?"

He said to him, "You said it."

26As they were eating, Jesus
took bread, gave thanks for it, and
broke it. He gave to the disciples,
and said, "Take, eat; this is my
body." 27He took a[d] cup, gave
thanks, and gave to them, saying,
"All of you drink it, 28for this is my
blood of the new[e] covenant, which
is poured out for many for the
forgiveness of sins. 29But I tell you
that I will not drink of this fruit of
the vine from now on, until that day
when I drink it anew with you in
my Father's kingdom." 30When
they had sung the hymn, they went
out to the Mount of Olives.

31Then Jesus said to them,
"All of you will be made to stumble
because of me tonight, for it is

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[a]26:15 Zechariah 11:12
[b]26:17 M TR add "to him"
[c]26:20 M TR add "disciples"
[d]26:27 M TR read "the" instead of "a"
[e]26:28 Text: A C D E F G H K M S W Gamma Delta Pi Omega 074vid f1 f13 28 69 118 124 157 565 579 700 788 892 1071 1241 1582 al Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.c.d.f.ff1.ff2.g1.h.l.q.r1) vg syr(s.p.h. pal(Mss)) sa bo arm eth geo2 slav; Ir(lat), Or(lat), Chr(lem), Theoph, Thret). Gk "to" is lacking in Latt syr(s.p) sa bo. NU (p37 p45vid Aleph B L(c) Z Theta 0298vid 33 pc syr(pal) mae1 bo(Ms) geo1; Ir(arm) Cyr) lacks "new" from homoioteleuton: es-es. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540

written, ‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be
scattered.’[a] [32]But after I am raised
up, I will go before you into
Galilee.”

[33]But Peter answered him,
“Even if all will be made to stumble
because of you, I will never be
made to stumble.”

[34]Jesus said to him, “Truly I
tell you that tonight, before the
rooster crows, you will deny me
three times.”

[35]Peter said to him, “Even if I
must die with you, I will not deny
you.” All of the disciples also said
likewise.

[36]Then Jesus came with them
to a place called Gethsemane, and
said to his disciples, “Sit here,
while I go there and pray.” [37]He
took with him Peter and the two
sons of Zebedee, and began to be
sorrowful and severely troubled.
[38]Then he[b] said to them, “My soul
is exceedingly sorrowful, even to
death. Stay here, and watch with
me.”

[39]He went forward a little,
fell on his face, and prayed, saying,
“My Father, if it is possible, let this
cup pass away from me;
nevertheless, not what I desire, but
what you desire.”

[40]He came to the disciples,
and found them sleeping, and said
to Peter, “What, could you not
watch with me for one hour?
[41]Watch and pray, that you do not
enter into temptation. The spirit
indeed is willing, but the flesh is
weak.”

[42]Again, a second time he
went away, and prayed, saying,
“My Father, if this[c] cannot pass
away[d] unless I drink it, your desire
be done.” [43]He came again and
found them sleeping, for their eyes
were heavy. [44]He left them again,
went away, and prayed a third time,
saying the same words. [45]Then he
came to the[e] disciples, and said to
them, “Sleep on now, and take your
rest. Look, the hour is near, and the
Son of Man is betrayed into the
hands of sinners. [46]Arise, let us be
going. Look, he who betrays me is
near.”

[47]While he was still speaking,
look, Judas, one of the twelve,
came, and with him a large crowd
with swords and clubs, from the
chief priests and elders of the
people. [48]Now he who betrayed
him gave them a sign, saying,
“Whoever I kiss, he is the one.
Seize him.” [49]Immediately he came
to Jesus, and said, “Greetings,
Rabbi.” and kissed him.

[50]Jesus said to him, “Friend,
why are you here?” Then they came

[a]26:31 Zechariah 13:7
[b]26:38 M reads “Jesus” instead of “he”
[c]26:42 M TR add “cup”
[d]26:42 M TR add “from me”
[e]26:45 M TR read “his” instead of “the”

and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. 51And look, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. 52Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all those who take the sword will die by the sword. 53Or do you think that I could not ask my Father, and he would even now send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so?"

55In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber with swords and clubs to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56But all this has happened, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples left him, and fled. 57Those who had taken Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. 58But Peter followed him from a distance, to the court of the high priest, and entered in and sat with the officers, to see the end. 59Now the chief priests[a] and the whole council sought false testimony against Jesus so they could put him to death; 60and they found none, even though many false witnesses came forward.[b] But afterward two came forward, 61and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'"

62The high priest stood up, and said to him, "Have you no answer? What is this that these testify against you?" 63But Jesus held his peace. The high priest answered him, "I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."

64Jesus said to him, "You have said it. Nevertheless, I tell you, after this you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of the sky."[c]

65Then the high priest tore his clothing, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy. Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard his blasphemy. 66What do you think?"

They answered, "He is worthy of death." 67Then they spit in his face[d] and beat him with their fists, and some slapped him, 68saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ. Who hit you?"

69Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him, saying, "You were also with Jesus, the Galilean."

[a]26:59 M TR add "and the elders"
[b]26:60 M TR add "they found none"
[c]26:64 Daniel 7:13
[d]26:67 Isaiah 50:6

70But he denied it before
them all, saying, “I do not know
what you are talking about.”

71And when he had gone out
onto the porch, another girl saw
him, and said to those who were
there, “This man also was with
Jesus the Nazorean.”

72Again he denied it with an
oath, “I do not know the man.”

73After a little while those
who stood by came and said to
Peter, “Surely you are also one of
them, for your accent makes you
known.”

74Then he began to curse and
to swear, “I do not know the man.”

Immediately the rooster
crowed. 75Peter remembered the
word which Jesus had said[a],
“Before the rooster crows, you will
deny me three times.” He went out
and wept bitterly.

27 Now when morning
had come, all the
chief priests and the
elders of the people took counsel
against Jesus to put him to death:
2and they bound him, and led him
away, and delivered him up to[b]
Pilate, the governor. 3Then Judas,
who betrayed him, when he saw
that Jesus was condemned, felt
remorse, and returned the thirty
pieces of silver to the chief priests
and elders, 4saying, “I have sinned
in that I betrayed innocent blood.”

But they said, “What is that
to us? You see to it.”

5He threw down the pieces of
silver in the sanctuary, and
departed. He went away and
hanged himself. 6The chief priests
took the pieces of silver, and said,
“It’s not lawful to put them into the
treasury, since it is the price of
blood.” 7They took counsel, and
bought the potter’s field with them,
to bury strangers in. 8Therefore that
field was called “The Field of
Blood” to this day. 9Then that
which was spoken through
Jeremiah[c] the prophet was fulfilled,
saying,
“They took the thirty pieces of
silver,
the price of him upon whom
a price had been set,
whom some of the children
of Israel priced,
10and they gave them for the
potter’s field,
as the Lord commanded me.”[d]

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[a]26:75 M TR add “to him”
[b]27:2 M TR add “Pontius”
[c]27:9 Some Mss (Phi 33 157 lat(a.b) syr(s.p) bo(Ms)) lack “Jeremiah”
[d]27:10 A composite quotation where two or more scriptures are combined because of common vocabulary (a possible case of the Jewish exegetical technique of gezera shawa), here involving words and themes from the book of Jeremiah, as well as Zechariah, which represent a prefiguring of Judas’s actions. For the naming of the major prophet in a composite quotation see Mark 1:2 and Romans 9:27-28. Some of the common vocabulary

[11]Now Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said to him, “You say so.”

[12]When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. [13]Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”

[14]He gave him no answer, not even one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. [15]Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner, whom they desired. [16]They had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas[a]. [17]When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Christ?” [18]For he knew that because of envy they had delivered him up.

[19]While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.” [20]Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. [21]But the governor answered them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”

They said, “Barabbas.”

[22]Pilate said to them, “What then should I do with Jesus, who is called Christ?”

They all said[b], “Let him be crucified.”

[23]But he[c] said, “Why? What evil has he done?”

But they shouted all the louder, saying, “Let him be crucified.”

[24]So when Pilate saw that nothing was being gained, but rather that a disturbance was starting, he took water, and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

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includes: “And took”: Jeremiah 32:11 Zechariah 11:13 Matthew 27:9; “silver”: Jeremiah 32:9 Zechariah 11:12-13 Matthew 27:9; “the potter”: Jeremiah 18:2 Zechariah 11:13 Matthew 27:10. See also: “thirty pieces of silver”: Zechariah 11:12-13 Matthew 27:9; “field”: Jeremiah 32:9 Matthew 27:10; “as the Lord commanded me”: Jeremiah 13:5 Matthew 27:10. For other aspects cf. W. C. Kaiser et al, Hard Sayings of the Bible (1996), 399-400; R. H. Gundry, The Use of the Old Testament in St. Matthew's Gospel (1975), 125

[a]27:16-17 Theta f1 700* syr(s.pal); arm geo, read “Jesus Barabbas”. NU brackets

[b]27:22 M TR add “to him”

[c]27:23 M TR read “the governor” instead of “he”

"I am innocent of the blood of this righteous[a] man. You see to it."

25 All the people answered,
"May his blood be on us, and on
our children."

26 Then he released to them
Barabbas, but Jesus he flogged[b] and
delivered to be crucified. [c]27 Then
the governor's soldiers took Jesus
into the Praetorium, and gathered
the whole garrison together against
him. 28 They stripped him, and put a
scarlet robe on him. 29 They braided
a crown of thorns and put it on his
head, and a reed in his right hand;
and they kneeled down before him,
and mocked him, saying,
"Greetings, King of the Jews."[d]
30 They spat on him,[e] and took the
reed and struck him on the head.
31 When they had mocked him, they
took the robe off of him, and put his
clothes on him, and led him away
to crucify him.
32 As they came out, they found a
man of Cyrene, Simon by name,
and they compelled him to go with
them, that he might carry his cross.
33 They came to a place called
"Golgotha," that is to say, "The
place of a skull.[f]" 34 They gave him
wine[g] to drink mixed with gall.
When he had tasted it, he would not
drink. 35 When they had crucified
him, they divided his clothing
among themselves, casting a lot,
that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the prophet: 'They
divided my clothes among
themselves, and for my clothing
they cast a lot.'[h] 36 And they sat and
watched him there. 37 They set up
over his head the accusation against
him written, "THIS IS JESUS,
THE KING OF THE JEWS."

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[a]27:24 Text: Aleph E F G K H L M S U W Y Gamma Pi Omega f1 f13 33 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 892 1582 al Byz Lect lat(aur.c.f.ff1.g1.h.l.q) vg syr(p.h) sa(pt) bo mae1.2 arm eth geo1 slav; Apos. Const., CyrJ, Cyr. NU (B D Theta L844 lat(a.b.d.ff2.r1) vg(Ms) syr(s) (sa(pt)) geo2; Or(lat), Ps-Athan, Chr) lacks "righteous" from haplography: tou-tou. No parallel. Cf. Matthew 27:19; Luke 23:47

[b]27:26 Isaiah 53:5

[c]27:26 Isaiah 53:8

[d]27:29 Isaiah 53:3 Psalm 69:19

[e]27:30 Isaiah 50:6

[f]27:33 Latin: Calvary

[g]27:34 M TR read "wine vinegar" instead of "wine"

[h]27:35 Text: Delta Theta Phi 0233 (0250) (f1) f13 22 118 124 346(vid) 372 517 788 954 1071 1243 1424 1675 2737 al L547(1/2) L844 L1074(1/2) L(ad) lat(a.aur.b.c.h.q.r1) vg(cl) syr(h.pal(Mss)) mae1 arm (eth(th)) geo; Eus, Ps-Ath. NU (Aleph A B D E F G H K L M S U W Pi Omega 33 157 180 565 579 700 828 1006 1010 1241 1292 1342 1505 al Byz Lect lat(d.f.ff1.ff2.g1.l) vg syr(p.(pal(Ms))) aeth(pp) slav; Or(lat)) lacks "that it might…lot" from homoioteleuton: kleron-kleron. J. M. Ross, "The United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament," Journal of Biblical Literature 95, No. 1 (1976), 113. The introduction of the text reading is typically Matthean, viz. plerothe to rethen…tou prophetou (cf. 1:22, 2:15, 2:17, 2:23, 4:14, 8:17, 12:17, 13:35, 21:4, 27:9), nor does it have any significant similarity to the introduction in the parallel at John 19:24

38 Then there were two robbers
crucified with him, one on his
right hand and one on the left.[a]
39 Those who passed by
blasphemed him, wagging their
heads,[b] 40 and saying, "You who
destroy the temple, and build it in
three days, save yourself. If you
are the Son of God, then[c] come
down from the cross."

41 Likewise the chief priests
also mocking, with the scribes,[d]
and the elders, said, 42 "He saved
others, but he cannot save himself.
He[e] is the King of Israel; let him
come down from the cross now,
and we will believe in him. 43 He
trusts in God. Let God deliver him
now, if he wants him; for he said, 'I
am the Son of God.'" 44 The robbers
also who were crucified with him
cast on him the same reproach.
45 Now from noon[f] until three in the
afternoon there was darkness over
all the land.[g] 46 Then at about three
in the afternoon Jesus called out
with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli,
lema shabachthani[h]?" That is, "My
God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?"[i]

47 Some of them who stood
there, when they heard it, said,
"This man is calling Elijah."

48 Immediately one of them
ran, and took a sponge, and filled it
with vinegar, and put it on a reed,
and gave him a drink.[j] 49 The rest
said, "Let him be. Let us see
whether Elijah comes to save
him."[k]

50 And Jesus cried out again
with a loud voice, and yielded up
his spirit. 51 And look, the curtain of
the temple was torn in two from the
top to the bottom. The earth quaked
and the rocks were split. 52 The
tombs were opened, and many
bodies of the saints who had fallen
asleep were raised; 53 and coming
out of the tombs after his
resurrection, they entered into the
holy city and appeared to many.
54 Now the centurion, and those who
were with him watching Jesus,
when they saw the earthquake, and
the things that were done, feared
exceedingly, saying, "Truly this
was the Son of God."

55 Many women were there
watching from afar, who had
followed Jesus from Galilee,

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[a] 27:38 Isaiah 53:12
[b] 27:39 Psalm 22:7
[c] 27:40 Many Mss lack "then" from homoioarcton: ka-ka
[d] 27:41 M adds "the Pharisees"
[e] 27:42 M TR read "If he"
[f] 27:45 Lit. the sixth hour
[g] 27:45 Lit. the ninth hour. Amos 8:9
[h] 27:46 Gk sabachthani, which has lost the /h/ in transliteration
[i] 27:46 Psalm 22:1
[j] 27:48 Psalm 69:21
[k] 27:49 Some Mss (Aleph B C L Gamma 1010 vg Mss syr(pal) mae eth; Cyr) add "And another took a spear and pierced him in the side, and water and blood flowed out." A harmonization to John 19:34

serving him. [56]Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. [57]When evening had come, a rich man from Arimathea[a], named Joseph, who himself was also Jesus' disciple came. [58]This man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that it[b] be released. [59]Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, [60]and placed it in his own new tomb,[c] which he had cut out in the rock, and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. [61]Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb. [62]Now on the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together to Pilate, [63]saying, "Sir, we remember what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise again.' [64]Command therefore that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest perhaps his disciples come[d] and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead;' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

[65]Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you can." [66]So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone.

28 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn on the first day of the week[e], Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. [2]And look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from the sky, and came and rolled away the stone[f], and sat on it. [3]His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4]For fear of him, the guards shook, and became like dead men. [5]The angel answered the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who has been crucified. [6]He is not here, for he has risen,[g] just like he said. Come, see the place where he[h] was lying. [7]Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead, and look, he goes before you into Galilee;

[a]27:57 Gk Arimathaia or Harimathaia - as, possibly for Heb. Arimatteh "Lion tribe," Arimetah "reach of the lion," Arimittah "bed of the lion," or Arimattai "gift of the lion/ Lion of Mattai." Some earlier suggestions include Armatha, Ramata, Ramath and Ramathaim. Cf. 2Samuel 23:20 LXX: Ariel "lion of God"; Genesis 49:9, Numbers 1:49: matteh "tribe"; Daniel 4:28, 7:13: metah "reach"; Genesis 48:2: mittah "bed"; variant of mattityahu: mattai "Matthew, gift."

[b]27:58 M TR read "the body"

[c]27:60 Isaiah 53:9

[d]27:64 M TR add "at night"

[e]28:1 Lit. "after the sabbaths at the dawn toward the first of the sabbaths"

[f]28:2 M TR add "from the door"

[g]28:6 Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:11 DSS LXX

[h]28:6 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "he"

there you will see him.' See, I have told you."

[8]They departed quickly from the tomb, frightened yet with great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. [9]And[a] look, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!"[b] And they came and took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

[10]Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers that they should go into Galilee, and there they will see me."

[11]Now while they were going, look, some of the guards came into the city, and told the chief priests all the things that had happened. [12]When they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave a large amount of silver to the soldiers, [13]saying, "Say that his disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. [14]If this comes to the governor's ears, we will persuade him and make you free of worry." [15]So they took the money and did as they were told. This saying was spread abroad among the Jewish people, and continues until this day.

[16]But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had sent them. [17]When they saw him, they bowed down to him, but some doubted. [18]Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.[c] [19]Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]teaching them to obey all things that I commanded you. And look, I am with you every day, even to the end of the age."[d]

Mark

1 The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ,[e] the Son of

[a]28:9 NU (Aleph B D W Theta Phi f13 33 279 700 892 1292 2680 al Lect(pt) Lat(a.aur.b.c.d.e.ff1.ff2.g1.h.ln.r1) vg syr(p.pal) sa bo mae2 arm eth(pp) geo slav; Or, Eus, CyrJ, Cyr). M TR (A C E F G H K L M S U Y Delta Pi Sigma Omega 0148 f1 28 118 124 157 346 565 579 1241 1342 1582 2358 al Lect(pt) lat(f.q) syr(h) eth(ro(Ms).th)); Diatess(arab)) add "As they went to tell his disciples," possibly lost from haplography involving a four word string. Gk hos "as" temporalis may be non-Matthean

[b]28:9 Gk chairete (pl)

[c]28:18 Daniel 7:14

[d]28:20 M TR add "Amen."

[e]1:1 Or, "Jesus the Christ"

God.[a] [2]As it is written in Isaiah[b] the prophet,[c]
"Look, I send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.[d]
[3]The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make his roads straight.'"[e]

[4]John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. [5]And all the country of Judea went out to him and all those from Jerusalem, and they were baptized by him in the Jordan river, confessing their sins. [6]And John was clothed with camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. [7]And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen. [8]I[f] baptized you in water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

[9]And it happened in those days, that Jesus came from

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[a]1:1 Text: kristou huiou theou Aleph(1) B D L W. kristou huiou tou theou A E F G H K M U Gamma Delta Pi Omega f1 f13 33 180 205 565 579 597 700 892 1006 1010 1071 1243 1292 1342 1424 1505 al Byz Lect Latt(a.aur.b.e.d.f.ff2.l.q.r1) vg syr(p.h) cop(sa(Mss).bo) eth geo2 goth slav; Ir(lat2/3). Greek papyrus amulets: P. Berlin inv. 6096, PSI VI 719. omit Aleph* Theta 28(c) pc L2211 syr(pal) cop(sa(Ms)) arm geo1; Or(gr.lat), Ast, Ser, CyrJ, Sev, HesSome Mss lack "the Son of God" from haplography prior to nomen sacrum in a string of six words ending in ou, or in a string of four nomen sacrum: iu xu uu θu, or in uncial: IY XY [YY θY]. T. Wasserman, "The 'Son of God' was in the Beginning (Mark 1:1)" JTS 62.1 (April 2011), 20–50

[b]1:2 The following quotations are from Malachi 3:1 and then Isaiah 40:3, a case of the scripture combination practice where two or more scriptures are combined because of common vocabulary, in this instance: "prepare the way." Of the two prophets the major one is named. Cf. Matthew 27:10 fn; C.A. Evans, "The Beginning of the Good News" in Hearing the Old Testament in the New Testament, S. E. Porter (ed) (2006), 102 fn 27; R. H. Gundry, The Use of the Old Testament in St. Matthew's Gospel (1975), 125

[c]1:2 NU (Aleph B L Delta 33 565 892 1241; Or(1/4)). Different word order: D Theta f1 205 700 1071 1243 L253 arm geo; Ir(gr), Or(3/4), Serapion, Epiph {en Hsaia, or en tw Hsaia: lat(a.aur.b.c.d.f.ff2.l.q) vg syr(p.pal) sa bo; Ir(lat1/3), Or(lat)}. M TR (A E F G H K M P S U W Y Pi Sigma Omega f13 28 118 124 346 579 788 1342 1424 al Byz Lect vg(Ms) syr(h) bo(pt) eth slav; Ir(lat2/3), Ast) read "in the prophets."

[d]1:2 Text: A E F G H M S U Gamma Delta Omega f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 346 565 579 788 892 1424 al Byz lat(f.ff2.l) syr(h) sa(pt) bo(pt) arm geo goth slav; Or, Eus. NU (Aleph B D K Pi L P W Theta Phi 700 2766 pc L2211 Lat(a.b.c.q) vg syr(p) sa(pt) bo(pt) eth; Ir(lat)) lacks "before you," from haplography: n_sou-n_sou. Malachi 3:1; Exodus 23:20; Matthew 11:10; Luke 7:27

[e]1:3 Isaiah 40:3

[f]1:8 M TR add "indeed"

Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10Immediately coming up from the water, he saw the heavens parting, and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11And a voice came out of the sky, "You are my beloved Son, with you[a] I am well pleased."

12And immediately the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. 13And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted by Satan. He was[b] with the wild animals; and the angels were serving him.

14Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the Good News[c] of God, 15and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near. Repent, and believe in the Good News."

16And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you into fishers of people."

18And immediately they left the nets, and followed him. 19And going on a little further[d], he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. 20And immediately he called them, and they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him. 21And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. 22And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. 23And just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he shouted, 24saying, "[e]What do we have to do with you, Jesus, Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who you are: the Holy One of God."

25And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him."

26And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching? For with authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." 28And at once the news of him went out everywhere[f] into all the region of Galilee and its surrounding area.

29And immediately, when they had come out of the

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[a]1:11 M TR read "in whom" instead of "with you"
[b]1:13 M TR add "there"
[c]1:14 M TR add "of the kingdom"
[d]1:19 M TR add "from there"
[e]1:24 M TR add "Let us alone"
[f]1:28 M TR lack "And" and "everywhere." Aleph f1 syr(s) al. lack "at once" and "everywhere" from haplography: ou-ou

synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30Now Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31And he came and took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. 32At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to him all who were sick, and those who were possessed by demons. 33And all the city was gathered together at the door. 34And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35And early in the morning, while it was still dark, he rose up and went out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there. 36And Simon and those who were with him followed after him; 37and they found him, and told him, "Everyone is looking for you."

38And he said to them, "Let us go somewhere else[a] into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because I came out for this reason." 39And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons.

40And a leper came to him, begging him, and knelt down[b] and said to him, "Lord,[c] if you want to, you can make me clean."

41And being moved with compassion, he[d] stretched out his hand, and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing. Be cleansed." 42[e]And immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean. 43And he strictly warned him, and immediately sent him out, 44and said to him, "See you say nothing to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

45But he went out, and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread about the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was outside in desert places: and they came to him from everywhere.

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[a]1:38 NU (Aleph B C* L 33 579 sa bo arm eth). M TR (A C(3) D E F G K M S U W Delta Theta Pi Omega 28 69 f1 f13 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 1071 1424 1582 Byz Latt(a.b.c.e.f.ff2.q) syr goth) omit "somewhere else"

[b]1:40 B D G W five Lect lat(a.aur.b.c.d.ff2.r1) vg(Ms) sa(Mss) lack "and knelt down" from haplography: n kai-n kai

[c]1:40 Reading "Lord." Text: (*see* Matthew 8:2; Luke 5:12) C L W Theta Sigma 579 700 892 1342 lat(c.e.ff2) vg(mss) syr(pal) cop(sa.bo)? NU(Aleph A E F G K M S U Delta Pi Omega f1 f13 33 69 118 157 346 788 1582 Byz lat(q) syr(h) goth) omits "Lord," apparently from a simple omission

[d]1:41 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

[e]1:42 M TR add "When he had said this"

2 And when he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was heard that he was in the house. 2And[a] many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even around the door; and he spoke the word to them. 3And four people came, carrying a paralytic to him. 4And when they could not bring[b] him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him. When they had broken it up, they let down the mat that the paralytic was lying on. 5And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

6But there were some of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason these things in your hearts? 9Which is easier, to tell the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven;' or to say, 'Arise, and take up your bed, and walk?' 10But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins", he said to the paralytic, 11"I tell you, arise, take up your mat, and go to your house."

12And he arose immediately, and took up the mat, and went out in front of them all; so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this."

13And he went out again by the seaside. All the crowd came to him, and he taught them. 14And as he passed by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he arose and followed him.

15And it happened that he was reclining at the table in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many, and they followed him. 16And the scribes of[c] the Pharisees, when they saw him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, said to his disciples, "Why is it that he eats and drinks[d] with tax collectors and sinners?"

17And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but those who are sick. I

[a] 2:2 M TR add "immediately"
[b] 2:4 M TR read "get near" instead of "bring"
[c] 2:16 M TR read "and" instead of "of"
[d] 2:16 Text: p88 A C E F H K M S U Gamma Omega f1 28 33 157 579 892 1505 al Byz Lect vg(Ms) lat(q) syr(p.h) sa(Ms) goth; (Diatess). NU (B D W Pi 213 1704* 2159 al lat(a.b.d.e.ff2.r1)) lacks "and drinks" from haplography: ei kai-ei kai.

came not to call the righteous, but sinners[a]."

[18]And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, and they came and asked him, "Why do the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"

[19]And Jesus said to them, "Can the groomsmen fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. [20]But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then will they fast in that day.[b] [21]No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, or else the patch shrinks and the new tears away from the old, and a worse hole is made. [22]And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the[c] wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost[d], and the skins will be destroyed; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

[23]And it happened that he was going on the Sabbath day through the grain fields, and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of grain. [24]And the Pharisees said to him, "Look, why do they do that which is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

[25]And he said to them, "Did you never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungry—he, and those who were with him? [26]How he entered into the house of God in the time of Abiathar the[e] high priest,[f] and ate the show bread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and gave also to those who were with him?" [27]And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. [28]Therefore the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

3 And he entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there who had his hand withered. [2]And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day, that they might accuse him. [3]And he said to the man with the

[a]2:17 NU (p88 Aleph A B D L Wsupp Delta Theta Pi 28 118* 157 565 700 1424* 1582* f1 lat(b.e.f.ff2.i.q) arm). M TR (C E F G H M S U Omega 33 69 124 346 788 1005 1071 f13 Byz lat(a.c)) add "to repentance." Cf. Matthew 9:13

[b]2:20 M TR read "in those days"

[c]2:22 M adds "new"

[d]2:22 M TR read "is poured out" instead of "is lost"

[e]2:26 A C Theta Pi Sigma Phi 074 f1 f13 565 700 1582 al Lect sa bo add "the" before "high priest."

[f]2:26 Lit. "God, upon Abiathar high priest." It is likely that the high priest Ahimelech made his son Abiathar high priest near the time of David's visit (1Samuel 21:1-6) and gave him the high priest's ephod (1Samuel 23:6), which had the Urim and Thummim to inquire of the Lord (Numbers 27:21; 1 Samuel 23:9-11)

withered hand[a], "Stand up in the middle." 4And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? To save a life, or to kill?" But they were silent. 5And when he had looked around at them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their hearts, he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored[b]. 6And the Pharisees went out, and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

7And Jesus withdrew to the sea with his disciples, and a large crowd followed[c] from Galilee, from Judea, 8and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and those from around Tyre and Sidon. A large crowd, when they heard what great things he did, came to him. 9And he told his disciples that a small boat should stay near him because of the crowd, so that they would not press on him. 10For he had healed many, so that as many as had diseases pressed on him that they might touch him. 11And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw him, fell down before him, and shouted, saying, "You are the Son of God." 12And he sternly warned them that they should not make him known.

13And he went up into the mountain, and called to himself those whom he wanted, and they went to him. 14And he appointed twelve,[d] that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach, 15and to have authority to heal sicknesses and to[e] cast out demons.[f] 16And he appointed the twelve.[g] And to Simon he gave the name Peter; 17and James the son of Zebedee;

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[a]3:3 M TR "who had a withered hand"
[b]3:5 M TR add "as healthy as the other"
[c]3:7 M TR add "him"
[d]3:14 Text: A C2 (D) E F G H K L P Pi Sigma f1 33 118 157 565 579 (700) 892 1071 1241 1424 al Byz Lect Latt((a.aur).b.(c.d).e.f.(ff2.i.l).q.(r1.t)) vg syr(s.p.h) sa(Ms) arm geo2 goth slav; (Aug). NU (Aleph B C*(vid) W Delta Theta f13 28 pc sa(Mss) bo eth) adds "designating them apostles," which appears to be a primitive Egyptian scribal harmonization to Luke 6:13
[e]3:15 Text: A C(2) D F G H K M P S U W Gamma Pi Omega f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 346 579 700 788 1071 1241 1582 al Byz Latt vg syr(s.p.h) arm goth. NU (Aleph B C* L Delta 565 892 pc sa bo geo) lacks "heal sicknesses and to" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ein ta-ein ta. The wording is not identical to the parallels, and the support for the omission is from one locale. Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1
[f]3:15 W lat(a.c.e) vg(Mss) add "and going around to preach the Good News," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai
[g]3:16 NU (Aleph B C* Delta 565 579 1342 sa(Ms)). M TR (A D L P (W) Theta f1 (f13) 28 33 892 Byz Latt syr bo arm geo goth) lack "And he appointed the Twelve" from an early haplography: kai ep-kai ep, or it could be a dittography from v.14 by a scribe in Egypt

and John the brother of James (and he gave them the names Boanerges[a], which is to say, Sons of Thunder); [18]and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; [19]and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

[20]And he came into a house,[b] and the crowd came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. [21]And when his family heard it, they went out to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." [22]And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul," and, "By the prince of the demons he casts out the demons."

[23]And so he summoned them, and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? [24]And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25]And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to[c] stand. [26]And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he is not able to[d] stand, but has an end. [27]But no one can enter into the house of the strong man to plunder, unless he first binds the strong man; and then he will plunder his house. [28]Truly I tell you, all human sins[e] will be forgiven, including their blasphemies with which they may blaspheme; [29]but whoever may blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin"[30]—because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

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[a]3:17 Several proposals for the meaning of Boanerges have been made. McDaniel suggests for boane the Aramaic verb בוע (e.g. Psalm 35:27 Tg; BDB 1076; cf. Proverbs 18:4 Heb. נבע), meaning "rejoice, cry out," with by-form בּוֹעָן and plural בּוֹעֲנֵי boani "those crying out." Keshet proposes Hebrew bochani בֹּחֲנֵי "testers," where ancient Greek lacks the /h/ sound and sometimes the /ch/, e.g. Chenok > Enok, Cheuah > Eua (Eve). For the second Greek part rges proposals have been Aramaic רגשי rgshy for Hebrew רֶגֶשׁ regesh "commotion" (Psalm 2:1), Hebrew רֹגֶז rogez "agitation, excitement, raging, thunder" (Proverbs 29:6; Job 37:2), and Hebrew ra'ash רָעַשׁ "rumble, tremble, rage, shake, commotion" (Ezekiel 3:12), where in Greek transliteration the Hebrew gutteral ayin sometimes received a gamma, e.g. Reu > Ragau, Peor > Pagor. Subsequently, the proposals are Aramaic: Boani-Regshey "those who cry out in the tumult," and Hebrew: Bochani-Regesh "testers of the commotion," though many translate rogez in Job 37:2 as "thunder." Cf. H. Keshet, "Rethinking Mark 3:17." EQ 89.2 (2018); T. F. McDaniel, "Clarifying Mark 3:17 and 9:49"

[b]3:20 M TR move sentence to end of 3:19

[c]3:25 Text: B K P L 579 892 pc. NU (Aleph C Delta Theta 28) read "house cannot"

[d]3:26 Text: Aleph B C L Theta 892 pc. M TR read "he cannot"

[e]3:28 Lit. "sons/children of humankind"

31 And his mother and his
brothers came, and standing
outside, they sent to him, calling
him. 32 And a crowd was sitting
around him, and they told him,
"Look, your mother and your
brothers[a] are outside looking for
you."

33 And he answered them,
saying, "Who are my mother and
my brothers?" 34 And looking
around at those who sat around
him, he said, "Look, my mother
and my brothers. 35 For whoever
does the will of God, the same is
my brother, and my sister, and
mother."

4 And again he began to
teach by the seaside.
And a large crowd was
gathered to him, so that he entered
into a boat in the sea, and sat down.
And the whole crowd was on the
land by the sea. 2 And then he taught
them many things in parables, and
told them in his teaching, 3 "Listen.
Look, the sower who went out to
sow. 4 And it happened, as he
sowed, some seed fell by the road,
and the birds[b] came and devoured
it. 5 And others fell on the rocky
ground, where it had little soil, and
immediately it sprang up, because
it had no depth of soil. 6 And when
the sun came up, it was scorched;
and because it had no root, it
withered away. 7 And others fell
among the thorns, and the thorns
grew up, and choked it, and it
yielded no fruit. 8 And others fell
into the good ground, and yielded
fruit, growing up and increasing;
and brought forth thirty times, and
sixty times, and one hundred
times." 9 And he said, "Whoever
has ears to hear, let him hear.[c]"

10 And when he was alone,
those who were around him with
the twelve asked him about the
parables. 11 And he said to them,
"To you has been given[d] the
mystery of the kingdom of God, but
to those who are outside, all things
are done in parables, 12 that 'seeing
they may see, and not perceive; and
hearing they may hear, and not

[a] 3:32 Text: Aleph B C K L W Delta Theta Pi 074 f1 f13 33 892 1241 al. Byz(pt) Lect lat(aur.e.l.r1) vg syr(s.p.h) sa bo arm eth geo slav(Mss). NU (A D E F H M S U Gamma Omega 700 1010 1243 al. Byz(pt) four lect lat(a.b.c.d.f*.ff2.q) vg(Mss) syr(h(mg)) goth slav(Mss)) adds "and your sisters," possibly lost from haplography: sou-sou. However, "sisters" is lacking in the parallel accounts in Matthew 12:47 and Luke 8:20

[b] 4:4 TR adds "of the air"

[c] 4:9 D lat(a.b.d.ff2.i.r1) vg(Ms) syr(h(mg)) add "and understand," a Western Text reading, possibly lost from haplography: kai_etw o-kai_etw o, a seven letter string repeated only ten letters later. It also seems to fit the context (cf. v.12). On the other hand, the parallels (Matthew 13:9; Luke 8:8) lack the words, as well as similar phrases in Matthew 11:15, 13:43; Mark 4:23; Luke 14:35

[d] 4:11 M TR add "to know"

understand; lest perhaps they should turn and be forgiven[a].'"[b]

[13]And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all of the parables? [14]The farmer sows the word. [15]And these are the ones by the road where the word is sown; and when they have heard, immediately Satan comes, and takes away the word which has been sown in them[c]. [16]And these in a similar way[d] are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. [17]And they have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. Then, when oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble. [18]And others[e] are those who are sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, [19]and the cares of the[f] age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. [20]And those which were sown on the good ground are those who hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, some thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times."

[21]And he said to them, "Is the lamp brought to be put under a basket[g] or under a bed? Is it not put on a stand? [22]For there is nothing hidden, except that it should be made known; neither was anything made secret, but that it should come to light. [23]If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

[24]And he said to them, "Consider carefully what you hear. With whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and more will be given to you.[h] [25]For whoever has, more will be given, and he who does not have, even that which he has will be taken away from him."

[26]And he said, "The kingdom of God is like someone who scatters seed on the earth, [27]and he sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed springs up and grows; he

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[a]4:12 M TR read "and their sins be forgiven them" instead of "be forgiven"
[b]4:12 Isaiah 6:9-10
[c]4:15 M TR read "in their hearts" instead of "in them"
[d]4:16 Text: Aleph C L Delta 33 892 1241 al bo. M TR have a different word order. NU (D W Theta f1 f13 579 700 al it syr(s.p); Or) lacks "in a similar way," possibly from homoioarcton: o-o
[e]4:18 M TR read "These" instead of "And others"
[f]4:19 M TR read "this" instead of "the"
[g]4:21 Lit. a modion, a dry measuring basket containing about a peck (about 9 litres)
[h]4:24 NU (Aleph B C L Delta 579 700 892 vg Lat(aur.c.f.ff2.i.q.r1) bo(pt) eth). M TR (A E Theta 0107 0167 f1 (f13) 33 1342 1424 al Byz Lect lat(q) syr(p.h) sa(Mss) bo(pt) (arm) geo goth slav) add "who hear," possibly lost by haplography: in-in

doesn't know how. 28The[a] earth
bears fruit, first the blade, then the
ear, then the full grain in the ear.
29But when the fruit is ripe,
immediately he puts forth the
sickle, because the harvest has
come."

30And he said, "To what will
we liken the kingdom of God? Or
with what parable will we use for
it? 31It's like a mustard seed, which,
when it is sown upon the soil,
though it is less than all the seeds[b]
that are upon the soil, 32And when
it is sown, grows up, and becomes
greater than all the garden plants,
and puts out large branches, so that
the birds of the sky can lodge under
its shadow."

33And with many[c] such
parables he spoke the word to them,
as they were able to hear it. 34And
he did not speak to them without a
parable; but privately to his own[d]
disciples he explained everything.

35And on that day, when
evening had come, he said to them,
"Let us go over to the other side."
36And leaving the crowd, they took
him with them, even as he was, in
the boat. And other[e] boats were[f]
with him. 37And a big wind storm
arose, and the waves beat into the
boat, so much that the boat[g] was
already filled. 38And he himself
was in the stern, asleep on the
cushion, and they woke him up, and
told him, "Teacher, do you not care
that we are dying?"

39And he awoke, and rebuked
the wind, and said to the sea,
"Peace. Be still." And the wind
ceased, and there was a great calm.[h]
40And he said to them, "Why are
you so afraid? Do[i] you still have no
faith?"

41And they were greatly
afraid, and said to one another,
"Who then is this, that even the
wind and the sea obey him?"

5 And they came to the
other side of the sea,
into the territory of the
Gerasenes[j]. 2And when he had
come out of the boat, immediately
a man with an unclean spirit met
him out of the tombs. 3He lived in
the tombs, and no one could bind
him any more, not even with a
chain.[k] 4For he had been often

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[a]4:28 M TR read "For the"
[b]4:31 E.g., concerning vegetables in a garden in that area
[c]4:33 NU (Aleph A B C(2) E F G H K M S U Y Pi Omega f13 35 124 157 346 1005 al Byz(pt) lat(a) arm). The following Mss omit "many": C* L W Delta f1 28 33 118 579 700 788 892 1342 1424 1582 al Byz(pt) lat(b.c.e) syr(p) bo, from haplography: lais-lais. W 28 lat(b.c.e) has lost the word at 4:2
[d]4:34 M TR omit "own"
[e]4:36 M TR add "small"
[f]4:36 M TR add "also"
[g]4:37 M TR read "it" instead of "the boat"
[h]4:39 Psalm 65:7; 89:9; 107:29
[i]4:40 M TR read "How" instead of "Do"
[j]5:1 M TR read "Gadarenes" instead of "Gerasenes"
[k]5:3 M TR read "with chains"

bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters broken in pieces. No one had the strength to tame him. 5And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones. 6And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and bowed down to him, 7and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." 8For he had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit."

9And then he asked him, "What is your name?"

And he replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." 10And he pleaded with Jesus[a] repeatedly not to send them away out of the region. 11Now on the mountainside there was a great herd of pigs feeding. 12And they[b] begged him, saying, "Send us into the pigs, that we may enter into them."

13And he[c] gave them permission. The unclean spirits came out and entered into the pigs; and the herd of about two thousand rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and they were drowned in the sea. 14And those who fed them[d] fled, and told it in the city and in the country.
And the people went[e] to see what it was that had happened. 15And they came to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by demons sitting, clothed and in his right mind, even him who had the legion; and they were afraid. 16And those who saw it declared to them how it happened to him who was possessed by demons, and about the pigs. 17And then they began to plead with Jesus[f] to leave their region.

18And as he was entering into the boat, he who had been possessed by demons pleaded with him that he might be with him. 19However, Jesus[g] did not allow him, but said to him, "Go to your house, to your own, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how he had mercy on you."

20And so he went his way, and began to proclaim in Decapolis how Jesus had done great things for him, and everyone was amazed.

21And when Jesus had crossed back over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd was gathered to him; and he was by the sea. 22h[h]And one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, came;

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[a]5:10 Gk "him"
[b]5:12 M TR read "All the demons" instead of "They"
[c]5:13 M TR read "At once Jesus" instead of "He"
[d]5:14 M TR add "the pigs"
[e]5:14 M TR add "out"
[f]5:17 Gk "him"
[g]5:19 Gk "him." M TR read "Jesus"
[h]5:22 M TR add "Look"

and seeing him, he fell at his feet,
23 and pleaded with him repeatedly,
saying, "My little daughter is at the
point of death. Please come and lay
your hands on her, that she may be
made healthy, and live."

24 And he went with him, and
a large crowd followed him, and
they pressed upon him on all sides.
25 And a[a] woman, who had an issue
of blood for twelve years, 26 and had
suffered many things by many
physicians, and had spent all that
she had, and was no better, but
rather grew worse, 27 having heard
the things concerning Jesus, came
up behind him in the crowd, and
touched his clothes. 28 For she said,
"If I just touch his clothes, I will be
made well." 29 And immediately the
flow of her blood was dried up, and
she felt in her body that she was
healed of her affliction.

30 And immediately Jesus,
perceiving in himself that the
power had gone out from him,
turned around in the crowd, and
asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

31 And his disciples said to
him, "You see the crowd pressing
against you, and you say, 'Who
touched me?'"

32 And he looked around to
see her who had done this thing.
33 But the woman, fearing and
trembling, knowing what had been
done to her, came and fell down
before him, and told him the whole
truth.

34 And he said to her,
"Daughter, your faith has made you
well. Go in peace, and be cured of
your disease."

35 While he was still speaking,
people came from the synagogue
ruler's house saying, "Your
daughter is dead. Why bother the
Teacher any more?"

36 But Jesus, overhearing the
message spoken, [b]said to the ruler
of the synagogue, "Do not be
afraid, only believe." 37 And he
allowed no one to follow him,
except Peter, James, and John the
brother of James. 38 And they[c] came
to the synagogue ruler's house, and
he saw an uproar, weeping, and
great wailing. 39 And when he had
entered in, he said to them, "Why
do you make an uproar and weep?
The child is not dead, but is
asleep."

40 And they ridiculed him. But
he, having put them all out, took the
father of the child, her mother, and
those who were with him, and went
in where the child was.[d] 41 And
taking the child by the hand, he said

[a] 5:25 M TR add "certain"
[b] 5:36 M TR add "immediately"
[c] 5:38 M TR read "He" instead of "They"
[d] 5:40 NU (Aleph B D L Delta 0153 892 983 1689 pc lat(a.b.d.e.ff2.i.r1) sa bo eth). M TR (A C E F G H K M N S U Y Pi Omega 33 124 157 579 1241 1342 1424 2358 al L2211 Byz

to her, "Talitha koum," which translated means, "Little girl, I tell you, get up." 42And immediately[a] the girl rose up and walked, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were overcome with amazement. 43And he strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and commanded that something should be given to her to eat.

6 And he went out from there and came into his own country, and his disciples followed him. 2And when the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many hearing him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things?" and, "What is the wisdom that is given to this man, that such mighty works come about by his hands? 3Is not this the carpenter[b], the son of Mary, and brother of James, Josi, Judas, and Simon? Are not his sisters here with us?" They were offended at him.

4Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own relatives, and in his own house." 5And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people, and healed them. 6And he was amazed because of their unbelief.

And he went around the villages teaching. 7And he called to himself the twelve, and began to send them out two by two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8And he commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a staff only: no bread, no pack, no money in their belts, 9but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. 10And he said to them, "Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11And if any place will not receive you or listen to you, as you depart from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony against them.[c]"

12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons, and anointed many with oil who were sick, and healed them. 14King Herod heard this, for his name had become known, and he said, "John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "He is Elijah." Others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets." 16But Herod, when he heard this, said, "This is John,

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lat(aur.c.f.g2.l.q) vg syr(p.h) arm goth) add "lying," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: on-on

[a]5:42 M TR omit "Immediately"

[b]6:3 Or, "craftsman"

[c]6:11 NU (Aleph B C D L W Delta Theta 28* 565 892* al Lat vg syr(s) sa bo(pt)). M TR (A f1 f13 (33) 579 700 Byz lat(a.f.q) syr(p.h) bo(pt) goth) add "Assuredly, I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city." Cf. Matthew 10:15

whom I beheaded. He has risen[a].”
17For Herod himself had sent out
and arrested John, and bound him
in prison for the sake of Herodias,
his brother Philip’s wife, for he had
married her. 18For John said to
Herod, “It is not lawful for you to
have your brother’s wife.” 19So
Herodias set herself against him,
and desired to kill him, but she
could not, 20for Herod feared John,
knowing that he was a righteous
and holy man, and kept him safe.
And when he heard him, he was
very perplexed,[b] but he heard him
gladly.

21And then a convenient day
came, that Herod on his birthday
gave[c] a supper for his nobles, the
high officers, and the leaders of
Galilee. 22And when the daughter
of Herodias herself[d] came in and
danced, she pleased Herod and
those sitting with him. The king
said to the young woman, “Ask me
whatever you want, and I will give
it to you.” 23And he swore to her,
“Whatever you ask me, I will give
you, up to half of my kingdom.”

24So she went out, and said to
her mother, “What should I ask?”
And she said, “The head of John the
baptizer.”

25And she came in
immediately with haste to the king,
and asked, “I want you to give me
right now the head of John the
Baptist on a platter.”

26And the king was
exceedingly sorry, but for the sake
of his oaths, and those reclining, he
did not wish to refuse her. 27So
immediately the king sent out a
soldier of his guard, and
commanded to bring John’s head,
and he went and beheaded him in
the prison, 28and brought his head
on a platter, and gave it to the
young woman; and the young
woman gave it to her mother.

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[a]6:16 M TR add “from the dead”
[b]6:20 M TR read “did many things” instead of “was very perplexed”
[c]6:21 M TR read “made” instead of “gave”
[d]6:22 Text: A C E F G H K M N S U (W) Y Theta Pi Sigma Omega f13 28 33 69 124 157 346 579 700 892 1071 1342 1424 al Byz Lect lat(a.d.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg syr(h) slav, read (fem) autes tes. NU (Aleph B D L Delta 565 788 (arm)) reads (masc) autou, which results in “And when his daughter Herodias,” which is factually in error since Matthew 14:6 says “daughter of Herodias” rather than daughter of Herod. The 1st century historian Josephus (*Ant.*18.136) confirms that the daughter, whom he says was named Salome, was not Herod’s daughter. The change to autou in NU may be in reminiscence of its use in v.21. Cf. B. Weiss, Textkritik der vier Evangelien, 41. The parallel in Matthew 14:6 also has slightly different wording. Several Mss (W pc L253 L1043) have lost tes (following autes) from homoioteleuton: tes-tes. Others (f1 205 lat(aur.b.c.f) syr(s.p.pal) sa bo eth geo) have lost autes (leaving tes), either from homoioteleuton or harmonization to the parallel

[29]And when his disciples heard this, they came and took up his corpse, and placed it in a tomb.

[30]Then the apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever they had taught. [31]And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to an isolated place, and rest awhile." For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. [32]So they went away in the boat to an isolated place by themselves. [33]But they[a] saw them going, and many recognized him and ran there on foot from all the cities and they arrived before them[b]. [34]And he[c] came out, saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. [35]And when it was late in the day, his disciples came to him, and said, "This place is desolate, and it is late in the day. [36]Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages, and buy themselves something[d] to eat."

[37]But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii[e] worth of bread, and give them something to eat?"

[38]He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see."

When they knew, they said, "Five, and two fish."

[39]He commanded them that everyone should sit down in groups on the green grass. [40]They sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. [41]He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves, and he gave to his disciples to set before them, and he divided the two fish among them all. [42]They all ate, and were filled. [43]They took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and also of the fish. [44]Those who ate the loaves were[f] five thousand men.

[45]And immediately he made his disciples get into the boat, and to go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself was

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[a]6:33 TR reads "the crowds" instead of "They"

[b]6:33 NU (Aleph B (0187vid) 892 1342 pc three lect lat(aur.l) vg (syr(p)) (sa bo) geo2 slav; Aug). M TR (p84vid (A) E F G H K M N S U Y Pi Omega (f13) 33 124 1071 al Byz five lect lat(f.(q)) syr(h) eth geo1) add "and came together to him," possibly lost from haplography: auto(us) kai-auto(n) kai. WH argued a conflation theory for Byz (1896: 95-99)

[c]6:34 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "He"

[d]6:36 M TR reads "bread, for they have nothing" instead of "something"

[e]6:37 200 denarii was about 7 or 8 months wages for an agricultural laborer

[f]6:44 TR adds "about"

sending the crowd away. 46After he had taken leave of them, he went up the mountain to pray.
47When evening had come, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48He saw them distressed in rowing, for the wind was against them. In the watch between three and six in the morning[a] he came to them, walking on the sea,[b] and he would have passed by them, 49but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was a ghost, and began to scream; 50for they all saw him, and were troubled. But he immediately spoke with them, and said to them, "Cheer up. It is I.[c] Do not be afraid." 51And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased.[d] And they were completely profusely[e] astonished among themselves;[f] 52for they had not understood about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. 54When they had come out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, 55and ran around that whole[g] region, and began to bring those who were sick, on their mats, to where they heard he was. 56Wherever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they placed the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch just the fringe of his garment; and everyone who touched him were made well.

7 Then the Pharisees, and some of the scribes gathered together to him, having come from Jerusalem. 2Now when they saw that some of his disciples ate bread with defiled, that is, unwashed, hands, they found fault. 3(For the Pharisees, and all Jewish people, do not eat unless they wash their hands and forearms, holding to the Tradition of the Elders. 4They do not eat when they come from the marketplace unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold to, the washing of cups and pitchers and copper vessels and dining couches.[h]) 5The Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the Tradition of the Elders, but eat their bread with unwashed hands?"

6He[i] said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

[a]6:48 Lit. about the fourth watch of the night
[b]6:48 see Job 9:8
[c]6:50 Or, "I AM."
[d]6:51 see Psalm 107:29
[e]6:51 NU (A f13 33 579 1241 al. Byz Lect lat(a.(aur).(c).d.f.ff2.i.lq.r1) vg syr(h); slav). Aleph B L Delta 892 (syr(s.p)) sa bo geo1 lack "profusely" from homoioarcton: e(k)-e(n)
[f]6:51 M TR add "and marveled"
[g]6:55 M TR add "surrounding"
[h]7:4 p45vid Aleph B L Delta 28* 1342 one Lect (syr(s)) sa(Ms) bo) lack "and dining couches" from homoioteleuton: wn-wn
[i]7:6 M TR add "answered and"

‘This people honors me with their
lips, but their heart is far from
me. 7And in vain do they worship
me,teaching instructions that are
the commandments of humans.’[a]
8“For you set aside the
commandment of God, and hold
tightly to human tradition.”[b]
9He said to them, “Full well do you
reject the commandment of God,
that you may establish your
tradition. 10For Moses said, ‘Honor
your father and your mother;’[c] and,
‘Anyone who speaks evil of father
or mother, let him be put to death.’[d]
11But you say, ‘If anyone tells his
father or mother, “Whatever profit
you might have received from me
is Corban[e], that is to say, given to
God;”’ 12then you no longer allow
him to do anything for his father or
his mother, 13making void the word
of God by your tradition, which
you have handed down. You do
many things like this.”

14And he called the crowd to
himself again[f], and said to them,
“Hear me, all of you, and
understand. 15There is nothing from
outside of the person, that going
into him can defile him; but the
things which proceed out of the
person are[g] what defile the person.”
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17When he had entered into a
house away from the crowd, his
disciples asked him about the
parable. 18He said to them, “Are
you thus without understanding
also? Do you not perceive that
whatever goes into the person from
outside cannot defile him,
19because it does not go into his
heart, but into his stomach, then
into the latrine, cleansing all the
foods?” 20He said, “That which
proceeds out of the person, that
defiles the person. 21For from
within, out of a person’s heart,
proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,
sexual sins, murders, thefts,
22covetings, wickedness, deceit,
lustful desires, an evil eye,
blasphemy, pride, and foolishness.
23All these evil things come from
within, and defile the person.”

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[a]7:7 Isaiah 29:13
[b]7:8 NU (p45 Aleph B L W Delta 0274 f1 17*(Kx) 22 26(Kx) 29(Kx) 34 205(Kr) 251 660*(Kr) 791 924 1005 1210 1278 1365 2372 sa bo arm geo; Diatess(arab), Bas). M TR (E G H M S U Y Sigma f13 2 33 35(Kr) 118 124 346 700 788 892 1424 al Byz Lect(pt) lat(aur.f.l) vg (syr(p.h)) (bo(Ms)) eth goth slav; Aug) add “the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things.” Cf. 7:4
[c]7:10 Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16
[d]7:10 Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9
[e]7:11 Corban is a Hebrew word for an offering devoted to God
[f]7:14 M TR read “all” instead of “again”
[g]7:15 M TR add “those”
[h]7:16 NU (Aleph B L Delta* 0274 28 Lect(1/2) sa(Mss) bo(pt) geo1). M TR (A D K W X Delta(c) Theta Pi f1 f13 33 700 892 al Byz Lect(1/2) Latt vg syr(s.p.h.pal) sa(Mss) bo(pt) arm eth geo2 goth slav) add “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” Cf. Mark 4:9, 4:23

24From there he arose, and
went away into the region[a] of Tyre
and Sidon. He entered into a house,
and did not want anyone to know it,
but he could not escape notice.
25But immediately[b] a woman
whose young daughter had an
unclean spirit heard of him came
and fell at his feet. 26Now the
woman was a Greek, a
Syrophoenician by race. She
begged him that he would cast the
demon out of her daughter. 27But
he[c] said to her, "Let the children be
filled first, for it is not appropriate
to take the children's bread and
throw it to the dogs."

28But she answered him,
"Yes,[d] Lord, but even the dogs
under the table eat the children's
crumbs."

29He said to her, "For this
saying, go your way. The demon
has gone out of your daughter."

30And when she went away to
her house, she found the child lying
on the bed, the demon having left[e].

31Again he departed from the
borders of Tyre, and came through
Sidon[f] to the sea of Galilee, through
the midst of the region of
Decapolis. 32They brought to him
one who was deaf and had a speech
difficulty, and they begged Jesus[g]
to lay his hand on him. 33He took
him aside from the crowd,
privately, and put his fingers into
his ears, and he spat, and touched
his tongue. 34Looking up to heaven,
he sighed, and said to him,
"Ephphatha." that is, "Be opened."
35And[h] his ears were opened, and
the impediment of his tongue was
released, and he spoke clearly. 36He
commanded them that they should
tell no one, but the more he
commanded them, so much the
more widely they proclaimed it.
37They were astonished beyond
measure, saying, "He has done all
things well. He makes even the
deaf hear, and the mute speak."

8 In those days, when
there was a[i] large
crowd, and they had
nothing to eat, he[j] called the[k]

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[a]7:24 M TR read "border" instead of "region"
[b]7:25 M TR omit "immediately" and add "For"
[c]7:27 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[d]7:28 Text: Aleph B H Delta 0274? 28 33 579 892 1241 syr(p.pal) sa bo eth; Basil. M TR (A K Pi L *f*1 124 157 346 Byz lat syr(h) goth) adds "yet." NU (p45 D W Theta f13 565 700 two Lect some lat syr(s) arm) lacks "Yes." Matthew 15:27
[e]7:30 M TR: "found the demon gone out, and the child lying on the bed"
[f]7:31 M TR: "borders of Tyre and Sidon, and came through"
[g]7:32 Gk "him"
[h]7:35 Text: Aleph B D L D 0131 0274 33 579 892 1342 pc it sa(Mss) bo. NU adds "immediately"
[i]8:1 M TR add "very"
[j]8:1 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[k]8:1 Text: Aleph D L N 0131 f1 28 892 1582 lat(a.b.c.f.ff2.i.q). NU (A B E F G H K M S U W(s) Theta Pi Omega f13 33 118 124 157 565 579 700 788 1071 1241 1342 syr(s.p) cop(sa.bo(Ms)) adds "his"

disciples to himself, and said to them, 2"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have stayed with me now three days, and have nothing to eat. 3If I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way, and[a] some of them have come a long way."

4His disciples answered him, "From where could one satisfy these people with bread here in a deserted place?"

5He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven."

6He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves. Having given thanks, he broke them, and gave them to his disciples to serve, and they served the crowd. 7They had a few small fish. Having blessed them, he said to serve these also. 8They ate, and were filled. They took up seven baskets of broken pieces that were left over. 9Now they[b] were about four thousand. Then he sent them away.

10Immediately he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the region of Dalmanutha. 11The Pharisees came out and began to question him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, and testing him. 12He sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation."

13And he left them, and got into the boat again[c], and went to the other side. 14Now they[d] forgot to take bread; and they did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. 15He warned them, saying, "Watch out; Watch out; guard yourselves from yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod."

16And they began discussing among themselves[e] that they had no bread.[f]

17He[g], perceiving it, said to them, "Why do you reason that it's because you have no bread? Do you not perceive yet, neither understand? Are your hearts[h] hardened? 18Having eyes, do you not see? Having ears, do you not hear? Do you not remember? 19When I broke the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They told him, "Twelve."
20"When the seven loaves fed the four thousand, how many baskets

[a] 8:3 M TR read "for" instead of "and"
[b] 8:9 M TR add "who had eaten"
[c] 8:13 NU lacks "into a boat," which may have accidentally fell out
[d] 8:14 TR reads "the disciples" instead of "they"
[e] 8:16 M TR add "saying"
[f] 8:16 M TR read "we have" instead of "they have"
[g] 8:17 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "He"
[h] 8:17 M TR add "still"

full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said,[a] "Seven."

[21]He asked them, "Do you not yet[b] understand?"
[22]He came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him, and begged Jesus[c] to touch him. [23]He took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village. When he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands on him, he asked him if he saw anything.

[24]He looked up, and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking."

[25]Then again he laid his hands on his eyes. He made him look up, and was restored, and saw everything clearly. [26]He sent him away to his house, saying, "Do not enter into the village[d]."

[27]Jesus went out, with his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

[28]And they said to him, saying[e], "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah, but others: one of the prophets."

[29]He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered and said to him, "You are the Christ."

[30]He commanded them that they should tell no one about him.
[31]He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32]He spoke to them openly. Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. [33]But he, turning around, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan. For you have in mind not the things of God, but the things of humans."

[34]He called the crowd to himself with his disciples, and said to them, "If anyone[f] wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
[35]For whoever wants to save his life will lose it; and whoever will lose his life for my sake and the sake of the Good News will save it. [36]For what does it profit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his

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[a]8:20 Text: p45 A D K N W Gamma Theta f1 f13 33 565 700 1241 Byz it syr(h). NU (B C L vg) reads "And they said [to him]"
[b]8:21 M TR read "How do you not" instead of "Do you not yet"
[c]8:22 Gk "him"
[d]8:26 NU (Aleph(1) B L W Delta* f1 205 579 900 1582 syr(s) cop(sa.bo(pt).fay) geo1). Other Mss (A C E F G H K M N S U X Y Delta Pi Sigma Omega 33 157 700 892 1241 1071 1505 Byz Lect syr(p.h) bo(pt) eth goth slav) add "nor tell anyone in the village"
[e]8:28 M TR omit "him"
[f]8:34 M TR read "Whoever" instead of "If anyone"

soul? [37]For[a] what will a person give in exchange for his soul? [38]For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words[b] in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also will be ashamed of him, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

9 He said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste death until they see the kingdom of God come with power."

[2]After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and brought them up onto a high mountain privately by themselves, and he was changed into another form in front of them. [3]His clothing became glistening, exceedingly white,[c] such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. [4]Elijah and Moses appeared to them, and they were talking with Jesus.

[5]Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [6]For he did not know what to answer, for they became[d] very afraid.

[7]A cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

[8]Suddenly looking around, they saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

[9]As they were coming down from the mountain, he commanded them that they should tell no one what things they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. [10]They kept this saying to themselves, questioning what the "rising from the dead" meant.

[11]They asked him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

[12]And he[e] said to them, "Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. And why is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be rejected? [13]But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they have also done to him whatever they wanted to, even as it is written about him."

[14]And when they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and scribes questioning them. [15]Immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him greeted him. [16]He asked them[f], "What are you arguing about with them?"

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[a]8:37 M TR read "Or"
[b]8:38 p45(vid) W lat(k) sa lack "my words" from haplography: ous-ous
[c]9:3 M TR add "like snow"
[d]9:6 M TR read "were" instead of "became"
[e]9:12 M TR add "answered"
[f]9:16 M TR add "the scribes"

17And one out of the crowd answered him[a], "Teacher, I brought to you my son, who has a mute spirit; 18and wherever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and wastes away. I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they weren't able."

19And answering, he said to them, "You unbelieving generation, how long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me."

20They brought him to him, and when he saw him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground, wallowing and foaming at the mouth.

21He asked his father, "How long has it been since this has come to him?"

He said, "From childhood. 22And it has often cast him both into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

23Jesus said to him, "'If you can?[b]' All things are possible to him who believes."

24Immediately the father of the child cried out and said,[c] "I believe. Help my unbelief."

25When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You deaf and mute[d] spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again."

26Having screamed, and convulsed greatly, it came out of him. The boy became like one dead; so much that most of them said, "He is dead." 27But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose.
28And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29And he said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting."[e]

30They went out from there, and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it. 31For he was teaching his disciples, and said to them, "The Son of Man is

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[a]9:17 M TR omit "him" and add "and said"
[b]9:23 M TR add "believe"
[c]9:24 M TR add "with tears. Lord"
[d]9:25 M TR: "mute and deaf"
[e]9:29 Text: p45(vid) Aleph(2) A C D E F G H K L M N S U V W X Gamma Theta Pi Sigma Phi Psi Omega 0211 f1 f13 33 69 118 124 157 346 579 892 1071 1342 al Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.b.c. d.f.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg syr(s.p.h.pal) sa bo arm eth geo2 goth slav; Diatess(arab), Tert, Cl(hom), Juv, Ast, Hil, Ath, Bas, Ambr, Chr, Hier, Aug. NU (Aleph* B Delta* 0274 lat(k) geo1; Cl) lacks "and fasting" from haplography by homoioarcton: ka-ka. The support for NU is not very good

being handed over to the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days[a] he will rise again."

32But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33He came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing[b] on the way?"

34But they were silent, for they had disputed one with another on the way about who was the greatest.

35And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all, and servant of all." 36He took a little child, and set him in the midst of them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37"Whoever receives one such little child in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, does not receive me, but him who sent me."

38John said to him[c], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name; and we forbade him, because he was not following[d] us."

39But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me. 40For whoever is not against us is for us[e]. 41For whoever will give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to the Christ, truly I tell you, he will in no way lose his reward. 42Whoever will cause one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him if he was thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around his neck. 43If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off.[f] It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into hell[g], into the unquenchable fire. 44[h] 45If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off.[i] It is better for you to enter into life lame, rather than having your two feet to be cast into hell.[j] 46[k] 47If your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out.[l] It is better for you to

[a]9:31 M TR read "on the third day" instead of "after three days"
[b]9:33 M TR add "among yourselves"
[c]9:38 M TR read "Then John answered him, saying"
[d]9:38 M TR read "he does not follow"
[e]9:40 M reads "you is on our side" instead of "us is for us"
[f]9:43 Probable Semitic idiom, "If with your hand you have a habit of stealing, stop it…"
[g]9:43 Greek: "Gehenna"
[h]9:44 M TR add "where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."
[i]9:45 Probable Semitic idiom, e.g., "If you tresspass, stop it…"
[j]9:45 M TR add "into the fire that will never be quenched"
[k]9:46 M TR add "where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."
[l]9:47 Probable Semitic idiom, "If with your eye you have a habit of lust or envying others, stop it..."

enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell[a], 48‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’[b] 49For everyone will be salted with fire,[c] and every sacrifice will be salted with salt.[d] 50Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how can you make it salty? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

10 He arose from there and came into the borders of Judea and beyond[e] the Jordan. Crowds came together to him again. As he usually did, he was again teaching them. 2Pharisees came to him testing him, and asked him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

3He answered, “What did Moses command you?”

4They said, “Moses allowed a certificate of divorce to be written, and to divorce her.”

5But Jesus said to them[f], “Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote you this commandment. 6But from the beginning of the creation, he[g] made them male and female.[h] 7For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will join to his wife,[i] 8and the two will become one flesh,[j] so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9What therefore God has joined together, let no one separate.”

10In the house, the[k] disciples asked him again about the same matter. 11He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife, and marries another, commits adultery against her. 12If she[l] herself divorces her husband, and marries another, she commits adultery.”

13They were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, but the disciples rebuked[m]

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[a]9:47 Greek: “Gehenna”. M TR add “of the fire”
[b]9:48 Isaiah 66:24
[c]9:49 Cf. Matthew 3:11
[d]9:49 Text: A (C) E F G H K N S U X Gamma (Theta) (Psi) Omega f13 892 1241 1424 al. Byz Lect Lat(f.l.q) (vg) syr(p.h) bo(pt) eth goth slav. NU (Aleph B L M (W) Delta Pi 0274 f1 28* 565 700 al. syr(s) sa bo(pt) arm geo; Did) lacks “and every sacrifice…salt” from haplography by homoioteleuton: halisthesetai-halisthesetai
[e]10:1 M TR reads “by the other side of” instead of “and beyond”
[f]10:5 M TR read “Jesus answered, and said to them”
[g]10:6 M TR read “God” instead of “he”
[h]10:6 Genesis 1:27
[i]10:7 Aleph B Psi 892* syr(s) goth lack “and join to his wife” from haplography: kai-kai
[j]10:8 Genesis 2:24
[k]10:10 M TR read “his” instead of “the”
[l]10:12 M TR reads “a woman” instead of “she”
[m]10:13 M TR add “those who were bringing”

them. 14But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said to them, "Allow the little children to come to me. Do not forbid them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15Truly I tell you, whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child, he will in no way enter into it." 16And he took them in his arms, laying his hands on them, and blessed them.

17As he was going out into the way, one ran to him, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do that I may inherit everlasting life?"
18Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. 19You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,'[a] 'Do not steal,' 'Do not give false testimony,' 'Do not defraud,'[b] 'Honor your father and mother.'"[c]

20And he[d] said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth."

21Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross."

22But his face fell at that saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he was one who had great possessions. 23Jesus looked around, and said to his disciples, "How difficult it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God."

24The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches[e] to enter the kingdom of God. 25It is easier for a camel[f] to go through a needle's eye than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

26They were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, "Then who can be saved?"

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[a]10:19 Text: A E F G H K M N S U W Y Theta Pi Omega f13 28 69 124 157 346 565 700 788 1071 1424 pm Byz Lat(a.b.d.ff2.g1.g2.l.q) vg syr(h) arm eth goth; Cl, Luke 18:20, Romans 13:9. Cf. Exodus 20:13 fn and Deuteronomy 5:17 fn. NU (Aleph(1) B C Delta Psi 0274 579 892 L844 L2211 lat(aur.c) syr(s) sa bo) cf. Matthew 19:18 (& fn), has the order "Do not commit murder, Do not commit adultery"

[b]10:19 Some Mss (B* K W Pi Delta Sigma Psi f1 28 579 700 pm vg(Ms) syr(s) arm ; Cl) lack "Do not defraud," a possible conformation to Matthew 19:18 and Luke 18:20

[c]10:19 Exodus 20:12-16; Deuteronomy 5:16-20

[d]10:20 M TR add "answered, and"

[e]10:24 Text: A C (D) E F G H K M N S U X Gamma (Theta) Pi Sigma Omega 0233 (f1) (f13) 118 157 579 700 892 1071 1342 1424 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.f.l.q) vg syr(s.p.h) bo(pt) arm eth geo goth slav; (Diatess) (Cl). NU (Aleph B W Delta Psi* lat(k) sa bo(pt)) lacks "for those who trust in riches" from homoioteleuton: in-in

[f]10:25 Use of hyperbole

27 Jesus, looking at them, said, "With humans it is impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God."

28 Peter began to tell him, "Look, we have left everything, and have followed you."

29 Jesus[a] said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father,[b] or children, or land, for my sake, and for the sake of the Good News, 30 but he will receive one hundred times more now in this time, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, with persecutions; and in the age to come, everlasting life. 31 But many who are first will be last; and the last first."

32 They were on the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going in front of them, and they were amazed; and those who followed were afraid. He again took the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were going to happen to him. 33 "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes. They will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to foreigners. 34 They will mock him, spit on him, scourge him, and kill him. After three days[c] he will rise again."

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came near to him, and said to him,[d] "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we will ask."

36 He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

37 They said to him, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand, and one at your left hand, in your glory."

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or[e] to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; 40 but to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard it, they began to be indignant towards James and John.

42 Jesus summoned them, and said to them, "You know that they who are recognized as rulers over the nations lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority

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[a] 10:29 M TR add "answered and"
[b] 10:29 M TR add "or wife"
[c] 10:34 M TR: "On the third day"
[d] 10:35 M TR read "saying" instead of "and said to him"
[e] 10:38 M TR read "and" instead of "or"

over them. 43But it will not be so
among you, but whoever wants to
become great among you must be
your servant. 44And whoever wants
to be first among you[a] must be
slave of all. 45For the Son of Man
also did not come to be served, but
to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many."

46They came to Jericho. As
he went out from Jericho, with his
disciples and a large crowd,
Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, a
blind beggar[b], was sitting by the
road[c]. 47When he heard that it was
Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry
out, and say, "Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me." 48Many
rebuked him, that he should be
quiet, but he shouted all the louder,
"Son of David, have mercy on me."

49Jesus stood still, and said,
"Call him."

They called the blind man,
saying to him, "Cheer up. Get up.
He is calling you."

50He, casting away his coat,
jumped up[d], and came to Jesus.

51Jesus asked him, "What do
you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said to him,
"Rabboni, that I may see again."

52Jesus said to him, "Go your
way. Your faith has made you
well." And immediately he
received his sight, and followed
him[e] on the road.

11 When they drew
near to Jerusalem, to
Bethphage[f] and
Bethany, at the
Mount of Olives, he sent two of his
disciples, 2and said to them, "Go
your way into the village that is
opposite you. Immediately as you
enter into it, you will find a young
donkey tied, on which no one has
yet[g] sat. Untie him, and bring him.
3If anyone asks you, 'Why are you
doing this?' say, 'Because[h] the
Lord needs it,' and he will send it
back here at once."

4They went away, and found
a colt tied at the door outside in the
open street, and they untied him.
5Some of those who stood there
asked them, "What are you doing,
untying the young donkey?" 6They
said to them just as Jesus had said,
and they let them go.

7They brought the young
donkey to Jesus, and threw their

[a]10:44 M TR lacks "among you"
[b]10:46 M TR read "the blind" instead of "a blind beggar"
[c]10:46 M TR add "begging"
[d]10:50 M TR read "rose" instead of "jumped up"
[e]10:52 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "him"
[f]11:1 M reads "Bethsphage" instead of "Bethphage"
[g]11:2 M TR omit "yet"
[h]11:3 Text: Aleph A C D E F G H K L M S U W(supp) Gamma Theta Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 565 700 892 1071 1241 Byz lat(f.q) syr(h); Or. NU (B Delta 788 lat(a.b.c.ff2.i.k) lacks "Because"

garments on it, and Jesus sat on it.
8Many spread their garments on the
way, and others spread branches
which they had cut from the fields[a].
9Those who went in front, and
those who followed, shouted,[b]
"Hosanna[c]. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord.[d]
10Blessed is the kingdom of our
father David.[e] Hosanna in the
highest."

11And he[f] entered into the
temple in Jerusalem. When he had
looked around at everything, it
being now evening, he went out to
Bethany with the twelve.

12The next day, when they
had come out from Bethany, he was
hungry. 13Seeing a fig tree afar off
having leaves, he came to see if
perhaps he might find anything on
it. When he came to it, he found
nothing but leaves, for it was not
the season for figs. 14Jesus told it,
"May no one ever eat fruit from
you again." and his disciples heard
it.

15They came to Jerusalem,
and he[g] entered into the temple, and
began to throw out those who sold
and those who bought in the
temple, and overthrew the tables of
the money changers, and the seats
of those who sold the doves. 16He
would not allow anyone to carry a
container through the temple. 17He
taught, saying to them, "Is it not
written, 'My house will be called a
house of prayer for all the
nations?'[h] But you have made it a
den of robbers."[i]

18The chief priests and the
scribes[j] heard it, and sought how
they might destroy him. For they
feared him, because all the crowd
was astonished at his teaching.

19When evening came, they[k]
went out of the city. 20As they
passed by in the morning, they saw

[a]11:8 NU (Aleph B C L Delta Psi 892* sa; Or). M TR (A D (E) G H S U X (Omega) f1 f13 (28) 35 118 124 157 346 1424 al Byz Lat(a.b.c.f.ff2.k.q) vg syr(p.h) bo(pt) arm goth) add "and spread them on the road," a possible harmonization to Matthew 21:8, though most of the additional words are slightly different than the parallels, and NU is from one locale. Lat k represents the Afra Latin of c. 230 AD. Some Mss have the same wording as Matthew 21:8, viz. K M N Y Theta Pi Sigma 69* 565 579 700 pm. Cf. Matthew 21:8; Luke 19:36

[b]11:9 M TR add "saying"

[c]11:9 "Hosanna" means "save us" or "help us, we pray."

[d]11:9 Psalm 118:25-26

[e]11:10 NU (Aleph B C D L U W Delta Theta Psi f1 f13 565 700 892 al Lat syr(s.p) sa bo arm geo). M TR (A K Pi M N Gamma 2 1071 1424 al Byz lat(f.q) syr(h) goth) add "that is coming in the name of the Lord."

[f]11:11 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

[g]11:15 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

[h]11:17 Isaiah 56:7

[i]11:17 Jeremiah 7:11

[j]11:18 M TR: "scribes and chief priests"

[k]11:19 Other Mss read "he"

the fig tree withered away from the roots. 21Peter, remembering, said to him, “Teacher, look. The fig tree which you cursed has withered away.”

22Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. 23Truly[a] I tell you, whoever may tell this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him[b]. 24Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father, who is in heaven, may also forgive you your wrongdoing. 26But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your wrongdoing.”[c]

27They came again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders came to him, 28and they began saying to him, “By what authority do you do these things? And who gave you this authority to do these things?”

29Jesus[d] said to them, “I will also ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30The baptism of John—was it from heaven, or from people? Answer me.”

31They reasoned with themselves, saying, “If we should say, ‘From heaven;’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ 32If we should say, ‘From people’”—they feared the crowd[e], for all held John to really be a prophet. 33They answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.”

Jesus[f] said to them, “Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

12 He began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a pit for the winepress, built a tower, rented it out to a farmer, and went on a journey. 2When it was

[a]11:23 M TR: “For truly”
[b]11:23 M TR add “whatever he says”
[c]11:26 Text: A C D E F(vid) G H K M N U X Gamma Theta Pi Sigma Omega 0233 f1 f13 28 33 118 124 346 579 1071 1241 1342 1582 al Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.b.c.d.f.ff2.i.q.r1) vg syr(p.h) bo(pt) eth goth slav; Cyp, Spec. NU (Aleph B L W Delta Psi 565 700 892 pc lat(k.l) syr(s.pal) sa bo(pt) arm geo) lacks “But if you…wrongdoing” from homoioteleuton: ta paraptomata humon–ta paraptomata humon. Peter J. Gurry, “On Not Preferring the Shorter Reading,” TENT 15 (2021), 128-129; James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29 (1983), 540; J. M. Ross, JBL 95, No. 1 (1976), 120-121; J. K. Elliott, Theology 77 (1974), 343
[d]11:29 M TR add “answered and”
[e]11:32 M TR reads “people” instead of “crowd”
[f]11:33 M TR add “answering”

time, he sent a servant to the farmer
to get from the farmer his share of
the fruit of the vineyard. 3They took
him, beat him, and sent him away
empty. 4Again, he sent another
servant to them; and they[a] wounded
him in the head, and[b] treated him
shamefully. 5And[c] he sent another;
and they killed him; and many
others, beating some, and killing
some. 6He had one left[d], a beloved
son, he sent him last to them,
saying, 'They will respect my son.'
7But those farmers said among
themselves, 'This is the heir. Come,
let us kill him, and the inheritance
will be ours.' 8They took him,
killed him, and cast him out of the
vineyard. 9What therefore will the
lord of the vineyard do? He will
come and destroy the farmers, and
will give the vineyard to others.
10Haven't you even read this
Scripture:
'The stone which the builders
rejected,
the same was made the head
of the corner.
11This was from the Lord.
It is marvelous in our
eyes'?"[e]

12They tried to seize him, but they feared the crowd; for they perceived that he spoke the parable against them. They left him, and went away. 13They sent some of the Pharisees and of the Herodians to him, that they might trap him with words. 14When they had come, they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest, and do not defer to anyone; for you are not partial to anyone, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? 15Should we pay, or should we not pay?"

But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it."

16They brought it.

He said to them, "Whose is this image and inscription?"

They said to him, "Caesar's."

17And Jesus[f] said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

And they were utterly amazed at him.

18There came to him Sadducees, who say that there is no resurrection. They asked him, saying, 19"Teacher, Moses wrote to us, 'If a man's brother dies, and leaves a wife behind him, and leaves no children, that his brother

[a]12:4 M TR add "threw stones at him"
[b]12:4 Some Mss add "sent him away"
[c]12:5 M TR add "again"
[d]12:6 M TR read "Therefore still having one" instead of "He had one left"
[e]12:11 Psalm 118:22-23
[f]12:17 M TR add "answered and"

should take the[a] wife, and raise up offspring for his brother.' [20]There were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and dying left no offspring. [21]The second took her, and died, leaving no[b] children behind him. The third likewise; [22]and the seven[c] left no children. Last of all the woman also died. [23]In the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be of them? For the seven had her as a wife."

[24]Jesus[d] said to them, "Is not this because you are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God? [25]For when they will rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. [26]But about the dead, that they are raised; have you not read in the book of Moses, about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'[e]? [27]He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are therefore badly mistaken."

[28]And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together. Seeing[f] that he had answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the greatest of all?"

[29]Jesus answered[g], "The first[h] is, 'Hear, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. [30]And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'[i,j] [31]The second[k] is this, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'[l] There is no other commandment greater than these."

[32]The scribe said to him, "Truly, Teacher, you have said well that he[m] is one, and there is none other but he, [33]and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul,[n] and with all the strength, and

[a]12:19 M TR read "his" instead of "the"
[b]12:21 M TR read "and neither did he leave any" instead of "leaving no"
[c]12:22 M TR add "took her and"
[d]12:24 M TR add "answered and"
[e]12:26 Exodus 3:6
[f]12:28 M reads "Knowing" instead of "Seeing"
[g]12:29 M TR read "Then Jesus answered him" instead of "Jesus answered"
[h]12:29 M TR read "The greatest of all the commandments is" instead of "The first"
[i]12:30 Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Joshua 22:5 (LXX)
[j]12:30 NU (Aleph B E L Delta Psi 1342 pc(10) lat(a) cop(sa.bo)). M TR (A D f1 f13 700 892 Byz Lat vg syr(s.p)) add "This is the first commandment." Cf. Matthew 22:38, Mark 12:28
[k]12:31 NU ((Aleph) B L (Psi) (579) (892) (1342) cop(sa.bo)). Other Mss (A (D) E F G H K M S U (W(supp)) Y Gamma (Theta) Pi Omega f1 f13 28 (33) 69 118 124 157 346 (565) (700) 788 1071 1241 1582 lat(k) (Latt) vg syr goth) add "like it"
[l]12:31 Leviticus 19:18
[m]12:32 TR reads "God" instead of "he"
[n]12:33 Text: A E F G H K S M U X Gamma Pi Omega 087 f13 69 157 700

to love his neighbor as himself, is more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

[34]When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

No one dared ask him any question after that. [35]Jesus responded, as he taught in the temple, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? [36]David[a] himself said in the Holy Spirit,

'The Lord said[b] to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies
the footstool[c] of your
feet."'[d]

[37]David[e] himself calls him Lord, so how can he be his son?"

The common people heard him gladly. [38]In his teaching he said to them, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and to get greetings in the marketplaces, [39]and the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts: [40]those who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

[41]And he[f] sat down opposite the treasury, and saw how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many who were rich cast in much. [42]A poor widow came, and she cast in two lepta,[g] which equal a kodrantes.[h] [43]He called his disciples to himself, and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow gave[i] more than all those who are giving into the treasury, [44]for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her

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788 1071 al Byz Lat(b.c.ff2.i.l.q) vg syr(p.h) sa(Ms) (bo(Mss)) eth goth; Hil. NU (Aleph B L W Delta Theta Psi (f1) 28 124 (579) 892 1241 1342 pc lat(a) sa(Mss) (bo) arm) lacks "with all the soul," from haplography: kai ex oles tes- kai ex oles tes

[a]12:36 M TR read "For David" instead of "David"

[b]12:36 M reads "says" instead of "said"

[c]12:36 Text: Aleph A E F G H K L M S U X Gamma Delta Theta Pi Psi Sigma Omega 087 f1 f13 33 69 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 892 1071 1342 1582 al Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.(b).(c).d.ff2.i.k.l.q) vg syr(p.h.pal) arm eth goth slav; Hil. NU (B D W 0233 28 2542 syr(s) sa bo geo) reads "beneath," a conformation to Matthew 22:44 NU, which is in reminiscence of Psalm 8:6 LXX (8:7), 1 Co 15:27 or Hebrews 2:8. The support for NU is not very good. Cf. Luke 20:43; Acts 2:35; Hebrews 1:13

[d]12:36 Psalm 110:1

[e]12:37 M TR read "Therefore David" instead of "David"

[f]12:41 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"

[g]12:42 The lepton was the least valuable Greek coin

[h]12:42 The kodrantes is a coin worth about 1/64 of a denarius. A denarius is about one day's wages for an agricultural laborer.

[i]12:43 M reads "having put" instead of "gave"

poverty, gave all that she had to live on."

13 As he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, see what kind of stones and what kind of buildings."

2And Jesus[a] said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone on another, which will not be thrown down."

3As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4"Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign that these things are all about to be fulfilled?"

5And Jesus[b] began to say to them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray. 6Many[c] will come in my name, saying, 'I am he.[d]' and will lead many astray.

7"When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such[e] things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines[f]. These things are the beginning of birth pains. 9But watch yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils. You will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand before rulers and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them. 10The Good News must first be preached to all the nations. 11When they lead you away and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand, or premeditate what you will say, but say whatever will be given you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

12"Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child. Children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. 13And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. 14But when you see the abomination of desolation,[gh] standing where it ought not (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, 15and let him who is on the housetop not go down[i], nor enter in, to take anything out of his house. 16Let him who is in the field not return back to take his coat.

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[a]13:2 M TR add "answered and"
[b]13:5 M TR add "answering them"
[c]13:6 M TR read "For many" instead of "Many"
[d]13:6 Or, "I AM."
[e]13:7 M TR read "For such" instead of "Such"
[f]13:8 M TR add "and troubles"
[g]13:14 Daniel 9:17; 11:31; 12:11
[h]13:14 NU (Aleph B D L W Psi 565 700 892 Lat(d.ff2.i.n.r1) vg syr(s) sa bo arm geo). M TR (A K Psi Delta Theta f1 f13 22 579 1424 al Byz) lat(aur.c.e.k.l.q) vg(Mss) syr(p.h) add "spoken of by Daniel the prophet." Cf. Matthew 24:15
[i]13:15 M TR add "into the house"

17But woe to those who are with
child and to those who nurse babies
in those days. 18And pray that it[a]
won't be in the winter. 19For in
those days there will be oppression,
such as there has not been the like
from the beginning of the creation
which God created until now, and
never will be. 20Unless the Lord
had shortened the days, no flesh
would have been saved; but for the
sake of the chosen ones, whom he
picked out, he shortened the days.
21Then if anyone tells you, 'Look,
here is the Christ.' or, 'Look,
there.' do not believe[b] it. 22For there
will arise false Christs and false
prophets, and will show signs and
wonders, that they may lead astray,
if possible,[c] the chosen ones. 23But
you watch.

"I[d] have told you all things
beforehand. 24But in those days,
after that oppression, the sun will
be darkened, the moon will not give
its light, 25the stars will be falling
from heaven, and the powers that
are in the heavens will be shaken.[e]
26Then they will see the Son of Man
coming in clouds with great power
and glory. 27Then he will send out
his angels, and will gather together
his chosen ones from the four
winds, from the farthest part of the
earth to the farthest part of the sky.
28"Now from the fig tree, learn this
parable. When the branch has now
become tender, and puts forth its
leaves, you know that the summer
is near; 29even so you also, when
you see these things coming to
pass, know that it is near, at the
doors. 30Truly I say to you, this
generation will not pass away until
all these things happen. 31Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away. 32But of
that day or the[f] hour no one knows,
not even the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father.
33Watch, keep alert, and pray;[g] for
you do not know when the time is.

34"It is like a man, traveling
to another country, having left his
house, and given authority to his
servants, and to each one his work,
and also commanded the
doorkeeper to keep watch. 35Watch
therefore, for you do not know
when the lord of the house is
coming -- at evening, or at
midnight, or when the rooster
crows, or in the morning; 36lest
coming suddenly he might find you
sleeping. 37What I tell you, I tell all:
Watch."

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[a]13:18 M TR read "your flight" instead of "it"
[b]13:21 M reads "stop believing it" instead of "do not believe it"
[c]13:22 M TR add "even"
[d]13:23 M TR reads "Look, I" instead of "I"
[e]13:25 Isaiah 13:10; 34:4
[f]13:32 M lacks "the". TR reads "and the hour" instead of "or the hour"
[g]13:33 Text: Aleph A C E F G H K L M S U W X Gamma Delta Theta Psi f1 f13 28 69 565 579 700 892 1241 1342 Byz lat (aur.f.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg syr cop(sa.bo). NU (B D 0233 lat(a.c.d.k) vg(Ms)) lacks "and pray," possibly from homoioteleuton: e-e

14 It was now two days before the feast of the Passover and the unleavened bread, and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might seize him by deception, and kill him. 2For they said, “Not during the feast, because there might be a riot of the people.”

3While he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining, a woman came having an alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard—very costly. She broke the jar, and poured it over his head. 4But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and saying,[a] “Why has this ointment been wasted? 5For this ointment[b] might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii,[c] and given to the poor.” They grumbled against her.

6But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for me. 7For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to, you can do them good; but you will not always have me. 8She has done what she could. She has anointed my body beforehand for the burying. 9Truly I tell you, wherever this Good News may be preached throughout the whole world, that which this woman has done will also be spoken of for a memorial of her.”

10Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests, that he might deliver him to them. 11They, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. He sought how he might conveniently deliver him. 12On the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make ready that you may eat the Passover?”

13He sent two of his disciples, and said to them, “Go into the city, and there you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, 14and wherever he enters in, tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my[d] guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ 15He will himself show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make ready for us there.”

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[a]14:4 Text: A E F G H K M S U (W) Gamma Delta Pi Omega (f1) (f13) 157 (579) 700 1071 1241 1424 al Byz Lat((a).(c).f.(ff2).k.q) vg syr(s.p.h) (sa bo(pt)). NU (Aleph(2) B C* L Psi 892* 2542 lat(i) bo(pt)) lacks “and saying.” The support for NU is weak, and the omission of the words appears to be a primitive homoioteleuton (s-s) in one of the Egyptian textual streams.

[b]14:5 NU (Aleph A B K Pi U Delta al vg sa; Or). M TR P (E F G H M S V X Gamma 22 157 Byz lat(c.k) syr(s.p) bo goth) omit “ointment”

[c]14:5 300 denarii was about a years wages for an agricultural laborer.

[d]14:14 M TR read “the” instead of “my”

16 The[a] disciples went out,
and came into the city, and found
things as he had said to them, and
they prepared the Passover.

17 When it was evening he
came with the twelve. 18 And as
they were reclining and eating,
Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of
you will betray me—he who eats
with me."

19 And they began to be
sorrowful, and to say to him one by
one, "Surely not I?" And another
said, "Surely not I?"[b]

20 He[c] said to them, "It is one
of the twelve, he who dips with me
in the dish. 21 For the Son of Man
goes, even as it is written about
him, but woe to that man by whom
the Son of Man is betrayed. It
would be better for that man if he
had not been born."

22 As they were eating, he[d]
took bread, and when he had
blessed, he broke it, and gave to
them, and said, "Take[e]; this is my
body."

23 He took a[f] cup, and when he
had given thanks, he gave to them.
They all drank of it. 24 He said to
them, "This is my blood of the new[g]
covenant, which is poured out for
many. 25 Truly I tell you, I will no
more drink of the fruit of the vine,
until that day when I drink it anew
in the kingdom of God." 26 When
they had sung the hymn, they went
out to the Mount of Olives.

27 Jesus said to them, "All of
you will fall away[h], for it is written,
'I will strike the shepherd, and the
sheep will be scattered.'[i]
28 However, after I am raised up, I
will go before you into Galilee."

29 But Peter said to him,
"Although all will be offended, yet
I will not."

30 Jesus said to him, "Truly I
tell you, that today, even this night,

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[a] 14:16 M TR read "His" instead of "The"
[b] 14:19 Text: D E F H K M S U X Gamma Theta Pi Omega f1 118 157 565 700 1241 1582 al Byz lat(a.d.f.ff2.i.k.q) syr(h(mg)) arm geo; Or. NU (Aleph B C L P W Delta Psi 1342 2786 al(125) lat(aur.l) vg syr(s.p.h.pal) sa bo) lacks "And another said, 'Surely not I?,'" from haplography: s meti egw-s meti egw
[c] 14:20 M TR add "answered and"
[d] 14:22 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[e] 14:22 M TR add "eat"
[f] 14:23 M TR read "the" instead of "a"
[g] 14:24 Text: A (E) F H K M P S U X Gamma Delta Pi Sigma Omega f1 f13 28 69 118 124 346 (579) 700 788 (892) 1071 1342 1424 1582 al Byz Lect lat((a).(aur).b.(c).(f).i.(l).(q).r1) (vg syr(s.p.h) sa(Mss) bo(pt) arm eth geo.2) slav. NU (Aleph B C L Theta Psi 0211 565 lat(d.(ff2).k) sa(Mss) bo(pt) geo1) lacks "new," possibly to conform to NU Matthew 26:28
[h] 14:27 M TR add "because of me tonight"
[i] 14:27 Zechariah 13:7

before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

31But he insisted[a], "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." They all said the same thing.

32They came to a place which was named Gethsemane. He said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." 33He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be greatly troubled and distressed. 34He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here, and watch."

35He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. 36He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Please remove this cup from me. However, not what I desire, but what you desire."

37He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? 38Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

39Again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words. 40Again he came[b] and found them sleeping again, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. 41He came the third time, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42Arise, let us be going. Look, he who betrays me is near."

43Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came—and with him a[c] crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. 44Now he who betrayed him had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I will kiss, that is he. Seize him, and lead him away safely." 45When he had come, immediately he came to him, and said, "Rabbi."[d] and kissed him. 46They laid[e] hands on him, and seized him. 47But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48Jesus answered them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? 49I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this is so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

50They all left him, and fled. 51And a certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth thrown around himself, over his

[a]14:31 M TR add "all the more"
[b]14:40 M TR read "returned" instead of "came"
[c]14:43 M TR add "great"
[d]14:45 M TR add "Rabbi"
[e]14:46 M TR add "their"

naked body. And they[a] grabbed
him, [52]but he left the linen cloth,
and fled[b] naked. [53]They led Jesus
away to the high priest. All the
chief priests, the elders, and the
scribes came together[c].

[54]Peter had followed him
from a distance, until he came into
the court of the high priest. He was
sitting with the officers, and
warming himself in the light of the
fire. [55]Now the chief priests and the
whole council sought witnesses
against Jesus to put him to death,
and found none. [56]For many gave
false testimony against him, and
their testimony did not agree with
each other. [57]Some stood up, and
gave false testimony against him,
saying, [58]"We heard him say, 'I will
destroy this temple that is made
with hands, and in three days I will
build another made without
hands.'" [59]Even so, their testimony
did not agree.

[60]The high priest stood up in
the midst, and asked Jesus, "Have
you no answer? What is it which
these testify against you?" [61]But he
stayed quiet, and answered
nothing. Again the high priest
asked him, "Are you the Christ, the
Son of the Blessed One?"

[62]And Jesus said, "I am, and
you will see the Son of Man sitting
at the right hand of Power, and
coming with the clouds of the sky."

[63]The high priest tore his
clothes, and said, "What further
need have we of witnesses? [64]You
have heard the blasphemy. What do
you think?" They all condemned
him to be worthy of death. [65]Some
began to spit on him, and to cover
his face, and to beat him with fists,
and to tell him, "Prophesy." And
the officers took[d] him and beat him.

[66]Now as Peter was in the
courtyard below, one of the servant
girls of the high priest came, [67]and
seeing Peter warming himself, she
looked at him, and said, "You were
also with the Nazarene, Jesus."
[68]But he denied it, saying, "I
neither know nor understand what
you are saying." And he went out
into the forecourt, and a rooster
crowed.[e]
[69]And the servant girl saw him, and
began again to tell those who stood
by, "This is one of them." [70]But he
again denied it. After a little while
again those who stood by said to
Peter, "You truly are one of them,
for you are a Galilean, and your

[a]14:51 M TR read "the young men" instead of "they"
[b]14:52 M TR add "from them"
[c]14:53 M TR add "with him"
[d]14:65 Gk: elabon "took." M TR read eballon "struck," a metathesis of lambda and beta.
[e]14:68 NU (A C D Delta Theta 067 f1 f13 33 700 1424 al Byz Lat(a.aur.d.f.ff2.k.l.q) vg syr(p.h) sa(Mss) (bo(Ms)) arm eth geo2 goth slav; Eus, Chr). Aleph B L W Psi* 222 579 892 lat(c) syr(s) sa(Mss) bo geo1; Diatess lack "and a rooster crowed," possibly lost from haplography: n kai-n kai, or omitted as a harmonization to the parallels

accent[a] shows it.[b]" 71But he began to curse, and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." 72 And immediately[c] the rooster crowed the second time. Peter remembered the word, how that Jesus said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." When he thought about that, he wept.

15 Immediately in the morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. 2Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

He answered, "You say so."

3The chief priests accused him of many things. 4Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they testify against you."

5But Jesus made no further answer, and Pilate was amazed.

6Now at the feast he used to release to them one prisoner, whom they requested. 7There was one called Barabbas, bound with those who had made insurrection, who in the insurrection had committed murder. 8And the crowd went up[d] and began to ask him to do for them according to his custom.[e] 9Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 10For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered him up. 11But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, that he should release Barabbas to them instead. 12Pilate again asked them, "What then should I do to him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

13They shouted again, "Crucify him."

14Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?"

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him."

15Pilate, wishing to please the crowd, released Barabbas to them, and handed over Jesus, when he

[a]14:70 Gk: "speech"
[b]14:70 Text: A E G H K N S U X Gamma (Delta) (Theta) Pi Omega f13 28 69 124 157 346 788 892 1071 1241 1424 al lat(q) bo(pt) syr(p.h) arm eth goth). NU (Aleph B C D L W Psi 0276 118 565 700 1342 1582 f1 lat(a.c.ff2.g1.k.l) (syr(s)) sa bo(pt); Eus) lacks "and your accent shows it" from homoioteleuton: ei-ei. Parallel: Matthew 26:73 (not identical); M. W. Holmes, JBL 109/4 (1990) 652-56
[c]14:72 M TR omit "immediately"
[d]15:8 M TR read "crying aloud" instead of "went up"
[e]15:8 NU (Aleph B W Delta Psi 579 892 1342 1424 cop(sa.bo)). MT (A C(vid) D E G H K M N S U X Pi Gamma f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 788 1071 1582 lat(a.ff2) syr(h)) adds "always"

had flogged him, to be crucified.
16The soldiers led him away within
the court, which is the Praetorium;
and they called together the whole
cohort. 17They clothed him with
purple, and weaving a crown of
thorns, they put it on him. 18They
began to salute him, "Greetings,
King of the Jews." 19They struck
his head with a reed, and spat on
him, and bowing their knees, did
homage to him. 20When they had
mocked him, they took the purple
off of him, and put his own
garments on him. They led him out
to crucify him. 21And they forced
one passing by, Simon of Cyrene,
coming from the country,[a] the
father of Alexander and Rufus, to
go with them, that he might carry
his cross. 22And they brought him
to the place called Golgotha, which
is translated, "The place of a
skull.[b]" 23They offered him[c] wine
mixed with myrrh to drink, but he
did not take it.
24Crucifying him, they parted his
garments among them, casting lots
on them, what each should take. 25It
was nine in the morning,[d] and they
crucified him. 26The superscription
of his accusation was written over
him, "THE KING OF THE JEWS."
27With him they crucified two
robbers; one on his right hand, and
one on his left. 28And the Scripture
was fulfilled which says, "And he
was numbered with
transgressors."[e] 29Those who
passed by blasphemed him,
wagging their heads, and saying,
"Ha. You who destroy the temple,
and build it in three days, 30save
yourself and[f] come down from the
cross."

31Likewise, also the chief
priests mocking among themselves
with the scribes said, "He saved
others. He cannot save himself.
32Let the Christ, the King of Israel,
now come down from the cross,
that we may see and believe him."
Those who were crucified with him
insulted him.
33Now when it was noon,[g] there
was darkness over the whole land[h]
until three in the afternoon.[i] 34Then
at three in the afternoon Jesus
called out with a loud voice, saying,

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[a]15:21 Or, "from a field"
[b]15:22 Latin: Calvary
[c]15:23 M TR add "to drink"
[d]15:25 Lit. the third hour
[e]15:28 Text: E F H K L M P S U Gamma Delta Theta Pi Omega 083 0250 f1 f13 33 69 118 124 346 565 700 788 892 1071 1342 1424 al Byz six lect Lat(aur.c.ff2.l.n.r1) vg syr(p.h.pal) (bo(pt)) arm eth geo goth slav; (Diatess(arm)), Ps-Hipp, Or(vid), Eus, Vig. NU (Aleph A B C D X Gamma* Psi 047 157 pm(173) Lect lat(d.k) syr(s) sa bo(pt)) lack "The Scripture was…transgressors" from homoioarcton: -numwn…kai- - nomwn…kai. Cf. P. R. Rodgers, (EQ) 61:1, 81-84; Isaiah 53:12; Luke 22:37
[f]15:30 Text: M TR (A C G H K M P S U Pi Omega 28 33 35 69 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 1005 1071 1424 1582 2358 2372 f1 f13 lat(c.d.ff2) syr(s.c.p.h) arm eth geo goth). NU (Aleph B D L Delta Theta Psi 579 lat(k.l.n) vg cop(sa.bo)) lacks "and"
[g]15:33 Lit. the sixth hour
[h]15:33 Amos 8:9
[i]15:33 Lit. the ninth hour

"Elohi, Elohi,[a] lema shabachthani[b]?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"[c]

35Some of those who stood by, when they heard it, said, "Look, he is calling for Elijah."

36One ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Let him be. Let us see whether Elijah comes to take him down."

37Jesus gave a loud cry, and gave up the spirit. 38The curtain of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. 39And And when the centurion, who stood by opposite him, saw that he cried out[d] like this and breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

40There were also women watching from afar, among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Josi, and Salome; 41who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and served him; and many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

42When evening had now come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43Joseph of Arimathea[e], a prominent council member who also himself was looking for the kingdom of God, came. He boldly went in to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. 44Pilate was surprised that he was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead long. 45When he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46He bought a linen cloth, and taking him down, wound him in the linen cloth, and placed him in a tomb which had been cut out of a rock. He rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Josi, saw where he was placed.

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2Very early on the first day of the week,

[a]15:34 Gk Eloi, which has lost an /h/ in transliteration to Greek. Elohi reflects the Aramaic word for "My God," e.g. Daniel 9:20
[b]15:34 Gk sabachthani, which has lost an /h/ in transliteration to Greek
[c]15:34 Psalm 22:1
[d]15:39 Text: A C D E G H M N S U X Gamma Delta Pi Omega 0233 f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 346 579 788 1071 1241 1342 1582 al Byz Lect Latt(aur.c.ff2.(i).l.n.q) vg syr((s).p.h) (arm) eth (geo) goth slav; (Or(lat)), Aug. NU (Aleph B L Psi 083vid 892 sa bo) lacks krazas "cried out" from homoioteleuton: s-s. The support for NU is not very good. The few manuscripts that lack the word are chiefly of the Alexandrian text type
[e]15:43 Cf. Matthew 27:57 fn

they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3They were saying among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" 4for it was very big. Looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back.

5Entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed. 6He said to them, "Do not be amazed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen. He is not here. Look, the place where they put him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he said to you.'"
8They went out, and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had come on them. They said nothing to anyone; for they were afraid.
9Now when he had risen early on the first day of the week,[a] he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,[b] from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10She went and told those who had been with him,[c] as they mourned and wept. 11When they heard that he was alive, and had been seen by her, they disbelieved. 12And after these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they walked on their way into the country.[d] 13And they went away and told it to the rest.[e] They did not believe them, either.
14Afterward he was revealed to the eleven themselves as they were reclining,[f] and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen him after he had risen. 15And he said to them, "Go into all the world, and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation.[g] 16He who believes and is baptized will be saved[h]; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. 17And these signs will accompany those who believe:[i] In my name they will cast out demons;[j] they will speak with new tongues;[k] 18they will pick up[l] serpents;[m] and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them;[n] they will place

[a]16:9 Lit. "first (day) of the Sabbaths," "foremost sabbath/week" See Lev 23:15-16
[b]16:9 John 20:14
[c]16:10 John 20:18
[d]16:12 Luke 24:13-32
[e]16:13 Luke 24:33-35
[f]16:14 Luke 24:36; John 20:19
[g]16:15 Colossians 1:23
[h]16:16 1Peter 3:21
[i]16:17 John 14:12
[j]16:17 Matthew 10:8; Mark 3:15; Luke 10:17
[k]16:17 Acts 2:4; 1Co 12:10-30, 14:5-39
[l]16:18 Text: A D(supp) E G H K M S U W Theta Pi Omega f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 700 788 1071 1241 1342 al Byz Lect Latt(aur.c.d(supp).l.o.q) vg syr(p.pal) arm eth(pp) geo goth; Apos. Const. NU (C L X Delta Psi 099 f1 33 565 579 892 1424* syr(h*) (syr(c) sa bo) (arm) eth(th) geo(B) slav) adds "with their hands." The text reading is lectio brevior
[m]16:18 Luke 10:19; Acts 28:3-5
[n]16:18 Cf. W. N. Pickering, "Are we to handle snakes?" in The Identity of the New Testament Text IV, 236-37

their hands on the sick, and they will be made well.[a]"

19 So then the Lord Jesus,[b] after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven,[c] and sat down at the right hand of God.[d] 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the message by the signs that followed.[e,f]

Luke

1 Since many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, 2 even as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write to you in order, most excellent

[a] 16:18 Matthew 10:8; Mark 3:15; Luke 10:9

[b] 16:19 M TR omit "Jesus"

[c] 16:19 Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9

[d] 16:19 Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12, 12:2

[e] 16:20 Text: *include verses 9-20* A C D E F G H K L M N S U V W X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Sigma Phi Psi Omega 047 0211 0257 f13 28 33 118 124 157 164 180 241 346 565 597 700 788 892 1006 1010 1071 1241 1243 1292 1342 1424 1505 Byz Lect lat(aur.c.d(s).ff2.l.n.o.q) vg syr(c.p.h.pal) cop(bo.fay) arm(mss) eth(pp) geoB goth slav; Diatess Ir(lat) Reb Aph Ast ConstAp Ambr Did(dub) Epiph(1/2) SevGab mss(acc. to Eus) mss(acc. to Hier) mss(acc. to SevGab) // *omit verses 9-20:* ℵ B (with a blank column) lat(k) syr(s) cop(sa(ms)) arm(mss) geo1.A; Eus Epiph(1/2) Hier Hes mss(acc. to Eus) mss(acc. to Hier) mss(acc. to SevGab) Aug.
The abrupt (16:8) and short ending are both associated with Egypt, and it is not uncommon for ancient codices to have defective endings, e.g. Ms 03, Hebrews 9:14b to end; Ms 012, Philemon 21 to end; Ms 014, Acts 27:4 to end; Ms 019, John 21:15 to end; Ms 042, Mark 16:14 to end; Ms 63, final leaf containing John 21:25.
Examples of Markan vocabulary in 9-20: 1) 16:9 Anastas cf. 8:31, 9:9,10, 31, 10:34; 2) 16:9 proi cf. 1:35, 11:20, 13:35, 15:1, 16:2; 3) 16:14 sklerokardian cf. 10:5; 4) 16:15 ktisei cf. 10:6, 13:19; 5) 16:16 katakrithesetai cf. 10:33, 14:64; 6) 16:18 arrhostous cf. 6:5, 13; 7) 16:20 pantachou cf. 1:28, 45.
It has been noted that there are 18 once-used words in 16:9-20, but 15:13-24 has 24; 15:13-24 has 23; 14:37-48 has 19; 13:38-14:12 has 20, and there are many other examples.
The most likely explanation for the few manuscripts that lack the verses is that the last leaf or two of a codex of Mark was lost during transportation. The external evidence from very early patristic citations and a wide geographic appearance in all four text-types, along with internal evidence from linguistic, literary, and thematic analysis, point to vv. 9-20 as part of Mark's original composition. Cf. N. P. Lunn, The Original Ending of Mark (2014)

[f] 16:20 Acts 2:43, 4:30, 6:8, 8:6, 14:3; Hebrews 2:4. M TR add "Amen"

Theophilus; [4]that you might know the certainty concerning the things in which you were instructed.

[5]There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. He had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth[a]. [6]They were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. [7]But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they both were well advanced in years. [8]Now it happened, while he was performing the priest's office before God in the order of his division, [9]according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. [10]And the whole crowd of people were praying outside at the hour of incense.

[11]An angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. [12]Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. [13]But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your request has been heard, and your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you are to name him John.[b] [14]You will have joy and gladness; and many will rejoice at his birth. [15]For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he must never drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. [16]He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord, their God. [17]He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

[18]Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

[19]The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. [20]And look, you will be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things will happen, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."

[21]The people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering why he was delayed in the temple. [22]When he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple. He continued making signs to them, and remained mute. [23]It happened, when the days of his service were fulfilled, he departed to his house. [24]After these days Elizabeth, his wife, conceived, and

[a]1:5 Hebrew: "Elisheva"

[b]1:13 Greek: "Ioannen," Hebrew "Yochanan," meaning "God gives grace"

she hid herself five months, saying,
25"Thus has the Lord done to me in
the days in which he looked at me,
to take away my disgrace among
people."

26Now in the sixth month, the
angel Gabriel was sent from God to
a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
27to a virgin pledged to be married
to a man whose name was Joseph,
of the house of David. The virgin's
name was Mary. 28Having come in,
the angel said to her, "Greetings,
favored one. The Lord is with
you.[a]"

29But when she saw him, she
was greatly troubled at the saying,
and considered what kind of
salutation this might be. 30The
angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have found favor
with God. 31And look, you will
conceive in your womb, and bring
forth a son, and will call his name
'Jesus.' 32He will be great, and will
be called the Son of the Most High.
The Lord God will give him the
throne of his father, David, 33and he
will reign over the house of Jacob
forever.[b] There will be no end to his
kingdom."

34Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be, seeing I am a
virgin?"

35The angel answered her,
"The Holy Spirit will come on you,
and the power of the Most High
will overshadow you. Therefore
also the holy one who is born will
be called the Son of God. 36And
look, Elizabeth, your relative, also
has conceived a son in her old age;
and this is the sixth month with her
who was called barren. 37For with
God nothing will be impossible."

38And Mary said, "See, the
handmaid of the Lord; be it to me
according to your word."

The angel departed from her.
39Mary arose in those days and
went into the hill country with
haste, into a city of Judah, 40and
entered into the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth. 41It
happened, when Elizabeth heard
Mary's greeting, that the baby
leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit.
42She called out with a loud voice,
and said, "Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb. 43Why am I so favored,
that the mother of my Lord should
come to me? 44For look, when the
voice of your greeting came into
my ears, the baby leaped in my
womb for joy. 45Blessed is she who
believed, for there will be a
fulfillment of the things which have
been spoken to her from the Lord."

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[a]1:28 NU (Aleph B L W Psi f1 565 700 1241 syr(pal) sa bo(pt) arm geo; Or(lem), GrT, PetA(acc. to Cyr), Ser, GrNy(vid), Epiph, Hes). M TR (A C D K X Delta Theta Pi f13 28 33 892 1010 Byz Lect lat vg syr(p.h) bo(pt) eth goth slav; Diatess, Eus, Ps-Ath, TheA(vid)) add "Blessed are you among women." Cf. Luke 1:42

[b]1:33 Daniel 2:44; 7:14, 18, 27; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15

[46]Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord.
[47]And my spirit rejoices in
God my Savior,
[48]for he has looked at the
humble state of his
servant girl.[a]
For look, from now on all
generations will call
me blessed.
[49]For he who is mighty has
done great[b] things for
me,
and holy is his name.
[50]His mercy is for
generations of
generations on those
who fear him.[c]
[51]He has shown strength with his
arm.
He has scattered the proud in
the imagination of
their hearts.
[52]He has put down princes from
their thrones.
And has exalted the lowly.
[53]He has filled the hungry with
good things.[d]
He has sent the rich away
empty.
[54]He has given help to Israel, his
servant, that he might
remember mercy,
[55]As he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and his
offspring forever."

[56]Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her house. [57]Now the time that Elizabeth should give birth was fulfilled, and she brought forth a son. [58]Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her, and they rejoiced with her. [59]It happened on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zechariah, after the name of the father. [60]His mother answered, "Not so; but he will be called John."

[61]They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." [62]They made signs to his father, what he would have him called.

[63]And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John."

And they were all amazed. [64]His mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue freed, and he spoke, blessing God. [65]Fear came on all who lived around them, and all these sayings were talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea. [66]All who heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, "What then will this child be?" The hand of the Lord was with him. [67]His father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,
[68]"Blessed be the Lord, the God of
Israel,

[a]1:48 1 Samuel 2:1, 1:11
[b]1:49 M TR read "marvelous"
[c]1:50 Psalm 103:17
[d]1:53 Psalm 107:9

for he has visited and
worked redemption for
his people;
69and has raised up a horn of
salvation for us in the
house of his servant
David
70(as he spoke by the mouth
of his holy prophets
who have been from of
old),
71salvation from our
enemies, and from the
hand of all who hate
us;
72to show mercy towards our
fathers,
to remember his holy
covenant,
73the oath which he spoke to
Abraham, our father,
74to grant to us that we,
being delivered out of
the hand of our
enemies,
should serve him without
fear,
75In holiness and
righteousness before
him all our days.[a]
76And you, child, will be called a
prophet of the Most
High,
for you will go before[b] the
Lord to make ready his
ways,[c]
77to give knowledge of
salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of
their sins,
78because of the tender mercy of
our God,
whereby the dawn from on
high will[d] visit us,
79to shine on those who sit in
darkness and the
shadow of death;[e]
to guide our feet into the
way of peace."

80The child was growing, and becoming strong in spirit, and was in the desert until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

2 Now it happened in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be enrolled. 2This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. 4Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; 5to enroll himself with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him[f], being pregnant.
6It happened, while they were there, that the day had come that she should give birth. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and wrapped him with pieces of cloth, and placed him in a feeding trough,

[a]1:75 M reads "all the days of our life" instead of "all our days"
[b]1:76 M TR add "the face of"
[c]1:76 Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5
[d]1:78 M TR: "has"
[e]1:78 Isaiah 9:1-2; 42:7; 49:9-10
[f]2:5 M TR add "as wife"

because there was no guest room[a] available for them. [8]There were shepherds in the same country staying in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. [9]And look, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. [10]The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all the people. [11]For there is born to you, this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord. [12]This is the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a feeding trough." [13]Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising God, and saying,

[14]"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward humankind."[b]

[15]And it happened that when the angels went away from them into the sky,[c] the shepherds said one to another, "Let us go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." [16]They came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the feeding trough. [17]When they saw it, they made known[d] the saying which was spoken to them about this child. [18]All who heard it wondered at the things which were spoken to them by the shepherds. [19]But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. [20]The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, just as it was told them.

[21]When eight days were fulfilled to circumcise him,[ef] his name was called Jesus, which was given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

[22]When the days of their[g] purification according to the Law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord [23](as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb

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[a]2:7 Gk. kataluma. Cf. Mark 14:14; Luke 22:11

[b]2:14 Text: Aleph(2) B(2) E F G H K L M P S U Y Delta Theta Lambda Xi Psi f1 f13 0233(vid) 28 69 118 124 209 346 565 579 700 788 892 1241 1342 al Byz Lect syr(s.h.pal(Mss)) syr(p) ("good hope to humanity") bo arm eth geo slav; Diatess, Or(pt), Ps-GrT, Eus, Aph, Tit, GrNz, Did, Apos. Const., PhiC, Epiph, Sev, Chr, Cyr, Marc. NU (Aleph* A B* D W 2333(vid) lat(d) vg(st.ww) (sa) goth; Or(pt), CyrJ) reads "among humankind with whom he is pleased." The text reading, eudokia, is lectio difficilor, and has early widespread external support. See also R.S. Kilpatrick, "The Greek Syntax of Luke 2.14," (NTS), 472-75

[c]2:15 NU (Aleph B L W Theta 565 700 lat syr(s.p.pal) co; Or(lat), Eus). M TR (A D P Delta Psi f13 33 892 Byz lat(d.q) syr(h) goth) add "that the men," possibly lost from haplography by homoioteleuton: oi-oi

[d]2:17 M TR read "publicized"

[e]2:21 Leviticus 12:3

[f]2:21 TR reads "the child" instead of "him"

[g]2:22 TR reads "her" instead of "their"

will be called holy to the Lord"),[a]
24and to offer a sacrifice according
to that which is said in the Law of
the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or
two young pigeons."[b]

25And look, there was a man
in Jerusalem whose name was
Simeon. This man was righteous
and devout, looking for the
consolation of Israel,[c] and the Holy
Spirit was on him. 26It had been
revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he should not see death before
he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27He
came in the Spirit into the temple.
When the parents brought in the
child, Jesus, that they might do
concerning him according to the
requirement of the Law, 28then he
received him into his arms, and
blessed God, and said,
29"Now you are releasing your
servant, Lord,
according to your word, in
peace;
30for my eyes have seen your
salvation,
31which you have prepared
before the face of all
peoples;
32a light for revelation to the
nations,
and the glory of your people
Israel."

33And his father[d] and his
mother were marveling at the
things which were spoken
concerning him, 34and Simeon
blessed them, and said to Mary, his
mother, "Look, this child is set for
the falling and the rising of many in
Israel, and for a sign which is
spoken against. 35Yes, a sword will
pierce through your own soul, that
the thoughts of many hearts may be
revealed."

36There was one Anna, a
prophetess, the daughter of Penuel,
of the tribe of Asher (she was of a
great age, having lived with a
husband seven years from her
virginity, 37and she had been a
widow for about eighty-four years),
who did not depart from the temple,
worshipping with fastings and
petitions night and day. 38Coming
up at that very hour, she gave
thanks to God,[e] and spoke of him to
all those who were looking for the
redemption of[f] Jerusalem.

39When they had
accomplished all things that were
according to the Law of the Lord,
they returned into Galilee, to their
own city, Nazareth. 40The child was
growing, and was becoming
strong[g], being filled with wisdom,
and the favor of God was upon him.
41His parents went every year to
Jerusalem at the feast of the
Passover.

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[a] 2:23 Exodus 13:2,12
[b] 2:24 Leviticus 12:8
[c] 2:25 Isaiah 40:1; 49: 13; 51:3; 57:18; 61:2
[d] 2:33 M TR read "Joseph" instead of "his father"
[e] 2:38 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "God"
[f] 2:38 M reads "in" instead of "of"
[g] 2:40 M TR add "in spirit"

42When he was twelve years
old, they went up[a] according to the
custom of the feast, 43and when
they had fulfilled the days, as they
were returning, the boy Jesus
stayed behind in Jerusalem. His
parents[b] did not know it, 44but
supposing him to be in the
company, they went a day's
journey, and they looked for him
among their relatives and
acquaintances. 45When they did not
find him, they returned to
Jerusalem, looking for him. 46It
happened after three days they
found him in the temple, sitting in
the midst of the teachers, both
listening to them, and asking them
questions. 47All who heard him
were amazed at his understanding
and his answers. 48When they saw
him, they were astonished, and his
mother said to him, "Son, why have
you treated us this way? Look, your
father and I were anxiously looking
for you."

49He said to them, "Why
were you looking for me? Did you
not know that I must be doing the
works of my Father?" 50They did
not understand the saying which he
spoke to them. 51And he went down
with them, and came to Nazareth.
He was subject to them, and his
mother kept all these sayings in her
heart. 52And Jesus increased in
wisdom and stature, and in favor
with God and people.

3 Now in the fifteenth
year of the reign of
Tiberius Caesar,
Pontius Pilate being
governor of Judea, and Herod being
tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother
Philip tetrarch of the region of
Ituraea and Trachonitis, and
Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2in
the high priesthood of Annas and
Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John, the son of Zechariah, in the
wilderness. 3He came into all the
region around the Jordan,
preaching a baptism of repentance
for forgiveness of sins. 4As it is
written in the scroll of the words of
Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the
wilderness,
'Prepare the way of the
Lord.
Make his roads straight.
5Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will
be made low;
and the crooked will be
made straight,
and the rough ways smooth.
6And all humanity will see the
salvation of God.'"[c]

7He said therefore to the
crowds who went out to be baptized
by him, "You offspring of vipers,
who warned you to flee from the
wrath to come? 8Bring forth
therefore fruits worthy of
repentance, and do not begin to say
among yourselves, 'We have
Abraham for our father;' for I tell

[a]2:42 M TR add "to Jerusalem"
[b]2:43 M TR read "Joseph and his mother" instead of "his parents"
[c]3:6 Isaiah 40:3-5

you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 9Even now the axe also lies at the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire."

10The crowds asked him, "What then must we do?"

11He answered them, "He who has two coats, let him give to him who has none. He who has food, let him do likewise."

12Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what must we do?"

13He said to them, "Collect no more than that which is appointed to you."

14Soldiers also asked him, saying, "What about us? What must we do?"

He said to them, "Extort from no one by violence, neither accuse anyone wrongfully. Be content with your wages."

15As the people were in expectation, and all were wondering in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he was the Christ, 16John answered them all, "I indeed baptize you with water, but he comes who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to loosen. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire, 17whose winnowing fork is in his hand, to[a] clear his threshing floor, and to[b] gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

18Then with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people, 19but Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's[c] wife, and for all the evil things which Herod had done, 20added this also to them all, that he shut up John in prison.
21Now it happened, when all the people were baptized, Jesus also had been baptized, and was praying. The sky was opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form as a dove on him; and a voice came out of the sky, saying "You are my beloved Son. In you I am well pleased."
23When he began, Jesus was about thirty years old, being the son, as was supposed, of Joseph, of Eli, 24of Mattat,[d] of Levi, of Melchi, of

[a]3:17 M TR read "and he will" instead of "to"
[b]3:17 M TR read "will" instead of "to"
[c]3:19 TR reads "brother Philip's" instead of "brother's"
[d]3:24 Gk. Matthat. Text: A B E G H M S Y Lambda Pi Psi Omega 124 157 565 1071 al Byz lat(aur) vg(st.ww) syr(p.h) cop(bo) goth. NU (cop(sa)) reads "Maththat." Aleph: "Maththath"

Jannai,[a] of Joseph, [25]of Mattithiah,[b] of Amos, of Nahum, of Hesli,[c] of Naggai, [26]of Mahath,[d] of Mattithiah, of Shimei,[e] of Joseph,[f] of Judah,[g] [27]of Johanan,[h] of Rhesa, of Zerubbabel, of Shealtiel, of Neri, [28]of Melchi, of Addi, of Cosam, of Elmodam,[i] of Er, [29]of Josi,[j] of Eliezer, of Jorim,[k] of Mattat, of Levi, [30]of Simeon, of Judah, of Joseph, of Jehonan,[l] of Eliakim,[m]

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[a]3:24 Gk. Ianna for Hebrew "Jannai," cf. Strongs 2388; Friberg 13894; Exodus 19:2 LXX: Sina (for Hebrew Sinai), LXX(426 75): Sinai. Text: A G K M U Y Pi Omega 28 118 157 700 al Byz syr(s) arm. NU (p4(vid) Aleph B L Delta Theta f13 33 69 209 565 788 syr(p.h) cop(sa) goth) adds iota at the end, i.e. Iannai

[b]3:25 Gk: Mattathiou. Cf. 1 Chronicles 9:31

[c]3:25 Gk: Esli

[d]3:26 Gk: Maath. Cf. 2 Chronicles 29:12 LXX

[e]3:26 Gk: Semei. Text: (A E G H) K (M N S) U (X Y Gamma) Delta (Lambda) Pi (Psi 28) 33 565 700 al (f1 f13) Byz Lat(a.ar.aur.b.c.e.f.ff2.g1.g2.l.q.r1.r2.9A.27.30.48) vg(st.ww) syr(s.p.h) aeth arm goth. NU ((p4 Aleph B L Theta Omega) ("Semeein") 209 1346 2358 lat(e)) reads "Semein"

[f]3:26 Text: A E K N U Y Delta Pi Psi 28 124 157 565 al Byz lat(a.f.l.p.q.27.30.48) syr(s.p.h) aeth goth. NU (p4 Aleph B L Gamma Theta f1 f13 33 209 700 2358 al lat(ar.aur.b.c.e.ff2.g1.g2.r1.r2.9A) vg(st.ww) sa bo arm) reads "Josech," a phi-chi misreading. Cf. Thompson's Greek and Latin Palaeography, 1st cent. Thru 2nd (1912), No2, 1st century column, where a hastily written sigma can look like a slightly rotated chi

[g]3:26 Text: A E G H K M N S U Y Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 28 124 157 565 al Byz lat(ar.b.c.e.f.ff2.l.p.q.r1.r2.30.48) cop(bo(Mss)) syr(s.p.h) eth arm goth. NU (p4 Aleph B L Gamma f13 33 209 2358 pc lat(a.aur.g1.9A) vg(st.ww) cop(sa.bo)) reads "Jodah," an aural confusion

[h]3:27 Gk: Iwanan. Cf., 1 Chronicles 3:15

[i]3:28 Text: A E K U (Y) (Gamma) Delta Psi f1 28 118 157 565 700 1582 al Byz lat(aur.f.q.27) syr(p.h) eth goth. NU (Aleph B L N 33 209 2358 al lat(a.ar.b.c.e.f.ff2.g1.l.p.r2.9A.30.48) vg(st.ww) (cop(sa).bo)) reads "Elmadam," an aural confusion

[j]3:29 Gk: Iwse. Text: A E G H K M N S U Y Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 28 118 124 565 700 al Byz lat(q.27) syr(p.h) goth. NU (p4 Aleph B L Theta f13 33 209 2358 pc lat(a.ar.aur.b.c.e.f.ff2.g1.p.r1.r2.9A.30.48) vg(st.ww) syr(s) cop(sa.bo) arm) reads Iesou, a transposition. Cf. f1 1582* Iesw (> Iesou)

[k]3:29 Gk Iwrim. Aleph N U 33 209 2358 cop(bo). Other Mss (p4 A B E G H K L M S Delta Theta Lambda Psi Omega 28 118 157 565 1424 cop(sa) goth) read Iwreim

[l]3:30 Gk. Iwnan. The name Jehonan is a shortened form of Jehohanan. There is no /h/ sound in ancient Greek. Text: G H L M S U Y Theta Psi 28 124 157 565 al Byz lat(9A) syr(h) eth (goth). NU (p4(vid) Aleph B Gamma f1 f13 33 209 2358 pc lat(c.e) syr(s.p) cop(sa.bo) arm) reads "Jonam"

[m]3:30 Gk Eliakim. N 209 1346 2358 cop(bo). Other Mss (p4 Aleph A B G H K L M S U Y Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 1005 1424 cop(sa) goth) read Eliakeim

31of Maleah, of Menan,[a] of Mattattah, of Nathan,[b] of David, 2of Jesse, of Obed,[c] of Boaz,[d] of Salmon,[e] of Nahshon, 33of Amminadab, of Ram,[f] of Hezron, of Perez, of Judah, 34of Jacob, of Isaac, of Abraham, of Terah, of Nahor, 35of Serug, of Reu, of Peleg,[g] of Eber, of Shelah, 36of

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[a]3:31 Gk: Mainan. Text: E G H K M N S U Y (Gamma) Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega (f1) 28 118 124 565 700 al Byz lat((a).(b).(e).f.ff2.(l).q.(r1)) syr(s.h) eth goth. NU (Aleph B L f13 33 69 157 209 346 788 1346 2358 lat(aur.c.g1.r2.27.30.48) vg(st.ww) cop(sa.bo) arm) reads "Menna," a transposition

[b]3:31 Text: A E G H K L M N S U Y Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 al lat(a.aur.b.f.g1.p.q.r2.27.9A.30) vg(st.ww) syr(s.p.h) cop(bo) arm goth. NU (p4(vid) Aleph* B 209 2358 lat(ar.c.e.ff2.l.r1) cop(sa)) reads "Natham"

[c]3:32 Text: D(c) E G H K N* S Theta Lambda Pi Omega f1 28 157 565 700 1582 al Byz Lat((a).(ar).(aur).(b).d.f.(ff2).(g1).(l).(r2).(30).(48)) vg(st.ww) syr(p.h) arm goth, and Ruth 4:17, 21-22; 1Chronicles 2:12. NU (A L M Delta Psi 33 209 1346 2358 pc lat(c. 9A .27) cop(sa.bo)) reads "Jobed," a Greek corruption found in Ruth LXX Mss and 1Chronicles 2:12 LXX(A). For other instances where an iota was added by some scribes before words that began with an omicron or an omega, cf. Genesis 10:28 LXX(44-106 376); 10:29 LXX(74); 36:23 LXX(370); Exodus 6:15 LXX(B 56'-129 120' 799). Aleph* B read "Jobel"

[d]3:32 Gk: Booz. Text: E G H K M S U Y Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Omega f1 f13 28 124 346 700 892 1241 1582 al Byz lat(aur.c.f.g1.p.q.9A. 27.48) vg(st.ww) syr(p.h) cop(bo(Ms)) goth. NU (Aleph(c) A B D L Psi 33 565 lat(a.ar.b.e.ff2.l.r2.30) syr(s) arm) reads "Boos," an LXX spelling. Cf. Ruth LXX; 1 Chronicles 2:11-12 LXX. Sahidic and Bohairic read "Boes." Aleph reads "Balls"

[e]3:32 Gk. Salmwn. Text: Aleph(2) A D E K L N U Gamma Delta Theta Pi Psi 28 33 118 124 157 565 700 al Latt vg(st.ww) syr(p.h) cop(bo) arm geo goth, and Ruth 4:20 LXX ("Salman"; MT: "Salmah"), 4:21 MT ("Salmon"; LXX: "Salman"); 1Chronicles 2:11 LXX ("Salmwn" (bis); MT: "Salma"). NU (p4 Aleph* B 209 2358 syr(s) cop(sa) eth(Mss)) reads "Sala," a harmonization to verse 35

[f]3:33 Gk: Aram. Text: A D E G H U Pi Omega 33 118 180 565 892 1006(vid) 1010 L184 L292 L(AD) Byz(pt) lat(a.aur.c.d.f.ff2.l.q.r1) vg syr(p) goth. NU (Aleph(2) L X cop(bo)) reads Admin tou Arni. Admin is a dittography from Aminadab with transposition of the letter d. Arni is a corruption of Aram

[g]3:35 Gk: Phaleg. Text: A E G H K M S U Y Lambda Pi Omega f1 f13 28 69 124 346 565 700 1582 al lat(a.f.30) syr(s.p) goth. NU (p4(vid) p75(vid) Aleph B D L N Delta Theta Psi 33 209 2358 pc lat(ar.aur.b.c.e.ff2.g1.l.p.q.r1.r2.9A.27.48) vg(st.ww) cop(sa.bo)) reads "Phalek," an LXX spelling. Cf. Genesis 10:25 LXX; 1 Chronicles 1:25 LXX

Kenan,[a] of Arpachshad,[b] of Shem, of Noah, of Lamech, [37]of Methuselah, of Hanoch, of Jared,[c] of Mahalalel,[d] of Kenan, [38]of Enosh, of Seth, of Adam, of God.

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness [2]for forty days, being tempted by the devil. He ate nothing in those days. [e]When they were completed, he was hungry. [3]The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

[4]Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Humankind cannot live by bread alone.[f]'"[g]

[5]And leading him up to a high mountain, the devil[h] showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. [6]The devil said to him, "I will give you all this authority, and their glory, for it has been delivered to me; and I give it to whomever I want. [7]If you therefore will worship before me, it will all be yours."

[8]Jesus answered and said to him[i], "It is written, 'You are to

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[a]3:36 Gk: Cainan (here and in v. 37), a spelling used in the Greek LXX for Hebrew Kenan. Cf. Genesis 5:9. For Kenan son of Arpachshad, see Genesis 10:24, 11:12-13 cf. footnote; 1 Chronicles 1:18, 24. Text: A K N S U Y Delta Theta Pi Psi f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 700 788 al Byz Latt vg(st.ww) syr(p.h) cop(bo(Mss)) geo goth. NU (p4(vid) Aleph B E L f1 33 209 1346 2358 pc eth cop(sa.bo(Mss))) reads "Cainam," an LXX spelling. Cf. Genesis 10:24 LXX(A)

[b]3:36 Gk: Arphaxad, a spelling used in the Greek LXX for Hebrew Arpachshad

[c]3:37 Text: D E G H L M N S U X Y Delta Lambda Omega f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 346 700 788 1582 al Byz L2211 lat(ar.h.27) vg(st.ww) syr(s.p.h) cop(sa(Mss).bo(pt)) goth, and Genesis 5:15-16, 18-20; 1Chronicles 1:2. NU (p4(vid) p75 Aleph B* 209 2358 Lat(a.aur.b.c.e.ff2.g1.l.p.q.r1.r2.9A.30) cop(sa(Mss).bo(pt))) reads "Jaret," an LXX spelling. Cf. Genesis 5:18 LXX(A)

[d]3:37 Gk Maleleel. Aleph* reads Meleleel

[e]4:2 M TR add "Afterward"

[f]4:4 NU (Aleph B L W 264 788 1241 syr(s) sa bo(pt)). M TR (A D Delta Theta Psi f1 f13 33 579 892 Byz Latt vg syr(p.h) bo(pt) arm goth) add "but by every word of God." Cf. Matthew 4:4

[g]4:4 Deut 8:3

[h]4:5 Text: A E G H K M S U Y Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0102 28 33 118 157 209 565 579 892 1342 al Byz lat(d.f.ff2.l.q) syr(p.h) cop(bo(Mss)) goth. NU (Aleph* B L 1241 pc cop(sa(Mss).bo(pt)) lacks "to a high mountain, the devil" from haplography by homoioteleuton: on-on. The shorter reading is an Alexandrian variant, and is an awkward text: taking him up to where? Further, if the longer reading was a copy from Matthew 4:8 it would have included the word "very." The evidence therefore suggests the authenticity of the words

[i]4:8 M TR add "Get behind me Satan". Cf. Matthew 4:10.

worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"[a]

9He led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down from here, 10for it is written,
'He will put his angels in charge
of you, to guard you;'

11and,
'On their hands they will bear you
up,
lest perhaps you dash your
foot against a stone.'"[b]

12And Jesus, answering, said to him, "It is said, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'"[c]

13When the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him until another time.

14Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. 15He taught in their synagogues, being praised by all.

16He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. He entered, as was his custom, into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him, and unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,[d] to proclaim liberty to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to deliver those who are crushed, 19and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."[e]

20He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21He began to tell them, "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

22All testified about him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth, and they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

23He said to them, "Doubtless you will tell me this parable, 'Physician, heal yourself. Whatever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown.'" 24He said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25But truly I tell

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[a]4:8 Deut 6:13
[b]4:11 Psalm 91:11-12
[c]4:12 Deuteronomy 6:16
[d]4:18 Text: A E (F) G H K M S U Y (Delta) (Theta) Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0102 0233 f1 33 118 124 157 209 565 1241 1342 1582 al. Byz lat(f) vg(Mss) syr(p.h.pal) bo(Mss) geo slav; Ir(lat), (Hipp), (Cyr), Thret. NU (Aleph B L W Xi f13 700 892 al Lat syr(s) sa bo arm eth goth; Or, PetA, Eus, Did) lacks "to heal the brokenhearted" from an early homoioteleuton: ai-ai
[e]4:19 Isaiah 61:1-2

you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land. [26]Elijah was sent to none of them, except to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. [27]There were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, except Naaman, the Syrian."

[28]They were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things. [29]They rose up, threw him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill that their city was built on, that they might throw him off the cliff. [30]But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way.

[31]He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. He was teaching them on the Sabbath day, [32]and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word was with authority. [33]In the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon, and he shouted with a loud voice, [34]saying, "Ah. What have we to do with you, Jesus, Nazarene? Have you come to destroy us? I know you who you are: the Holy One of God."

[35]Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him." When the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.

[36]Amazement came on all, and they spoke together, one with another, saying, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." [37]News about him went out into every place of the surrounding region.

[38]He rose up from the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they appealed to him about her. [39]He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her. Immediately she rose up and served them. [40]When the sun was setting, all those who had any sick with various diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. [41]Demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, "You are the[a] Son of God." But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

[42]When it was day, he departed and went into an uninhabited place, and the crowds looked for him, and came to him, and held on to him, so that he would not go away from them. [43]But he said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also. For this reason I have been

[a]4:41 M TR add "Christ, the"

sent." [44]And he was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.[a]

5 Now it happened, while the crowd pressed on him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. [2]He saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets. [3]He entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. [4]When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

[5]Simon answered him, "Master, we worked all night, and took nothing; but at your word I will let down the nets[b]." [6]When they had done this, they caught a great multitude of fish, and their net was breaking. [7]They beckoned to their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. They came, and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. [8]But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord." [9]For he was amazed, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had caught; [10]and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching people."

[11]When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything, and followed him. [12]It happened, while he was in one of the cities, look, there was a man full of leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and begged him, saying, "Lord, if you want to, you can make me clean."

[13]And he stretched out his hand, and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him. [14]And he commanded him, "Do not tell anyone, but go your way, and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing according to what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them." [15]But the report concerning him spread much more, and large crowds came together to hear, and to be healed[c] of their infirmities. [16]But he withdrew himself into the desert, and prayed.

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[a]4:44 Text: A D E F G H K M U X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 047 0211 f13 33 124 346 565 700 788 1071 1346 al Byz L844 L2211 Latt(a.aur.b.c.d.e.f.ff2.l.q.r1) vg(st.ww) syr(p.h(mg)) bo(pt) arm eth geo goth slav. NU (p75(vid) Aleph B (C L) Q(vid) R (f1) 118 157 209 579 892 (1241) pc Lect syr(s.h) sa bo(pt)) reads "Judea." Both internal (Matthew 4:23, Mark 1:39, Luke 4:14, 31, 5:1) and external evidence (text types reading "Galilee") suggests that the Alexandrian reading is an early transcriptional error.

[b]5:5 M TR read "net" instead of "nets"

[c]5:15 M TR add "by him"

17It happened on one of those
days, that he was teaching; and
there were Pharisees and teachers
of the Law sitting by, who had
come out of every village of
Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. The
power of the Lord was with him to
heal.[a] 18And look, men brought a
paralyzed man on a cot, and they
sought to bring him in to lay before
him. 19Not finding a way to bring
him in because of the crowd, they
went up to the housetop, and let
him down through the tiles with his
cot into the midst before Jesus.
20Seeing their faith, he said,[b] "Man,
your sins are forgiven you."

21The scribes and the
Pharisees began to reason, saying,
"Who is this that speaks
blasphemies? Who can forgive
sins, but God alone?"

22But Jesus, perceiving their
thoughts, answered them, "Why
are you reasoning so in your hearts?
23Which is easier to say, 'Your sins
are forgiven you;' or to say, 'Arise
and walk?' 24But that you may
know that the Son of Man has
authority on earth to forgive sins"
(he said to the paralyzed man), "I
tell you, arise, and take up your cot,
and go to your house."

25Immediately he rose up
before them, and took up that
which he was laying on, and
departed to his house, glorifying
God. 26Amazement took hold on
all, and they glorified God. They
were filled with fear, saying, "We
have seen remarkable things
today."

27After these things he went
out, and saw a tax collector named
Levi sitting at the tax office, and
said to him, "Follow me."

28He left everything, and rose
up and followed him. 29Levi made
a great feast for him in his house.
There was a large crowd of tax
collectors and others who were
reclining with them. 30The
Pharisees and their scribes[c]
grumbled at his disciples, saying,
"Why do you eat and drink with the
tax collectors and sinners?" 31Jesus
answered them, "Those who are
healthy have no need for a
physician, but those who are sick
do. 32I have not come to call the
righteous, but sinners to
repentance."

33They said to him, "The
disciples of John[d] often fast and
pray, likewise also the disciples of
the Pharisees, but yours eat and
drink."

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[a]5:17 M TR read "was present to heal them"
[b]5:20 M TR (A E K M N S U V Wsupp X Y Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f13 28 565 1424 al. lat arm eth) add "to him," possibly lost by homoioarcton: a-a
[c]5:30 M TR: "Their scribes and the Pharisees"
[d]5:33 M TR read "Why do John's disciples" instead of "The disciples of John"

[34]He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast, while the bridegroom is with them? [35]But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then they will fast in those days." [36]He also told a parable to them. "No one having torn[a] a piece from a new garment puts it on an old garment, or else he will tear the new, and also the piece from the new will not match the old. [37]And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, or else the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. [38]But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins[b]. [39]And[c] no one having drunk old wine[d] desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.[e]'"

6 Now it happened on the second chief[f] Sabbath that he was going through the grain fields. His disciples plucked the heads of grain, and ate, rubbing them in their hands.[g] [2]But some of the Pharisees said,[h] "Why do you do that which is not lawful[i] on the Sabbath day?"

[3]Jesus, answering them, said, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he, and those who were with him; [4]how he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the show bread, and gave also to those who were with him, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests alone?" [5]He said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

[6]It also happened on another Sabbath that he entered into the synagogue and taught. There was a man there, and his right hand was withered. [7]The scribes and the Pharisees watched him[j], to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against him. [8]But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Rise up, and stand in the middle." He arose and stood. [9]Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you[k], is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good,

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[a]5:36 M TR read "puts" instead of "having torn"
[b]5:38 M TR add "and both are preserved"
[c]5:39 Some Mss (p4 p75vid Aleph(2) B 579 700 892 1241) lack "And" from an early homoioteleuton: ai-ai
[d]5:39 M TR add "immediately"
[e]5:39 M TR read "better" instead of "good"
[f]6:1 Gk deuteroproto "second chief," the second first-fruits offering, on the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) Sabbath. Text: A C D E H K M R S U X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi 0233 (f13 124* 346) 565 700 892 (1071) 1342 al Byz Lat(a.aur.d.f.ff2) vg syr(h) arm goth slav; Epiph, Chr), which is lectio difficilior. NU (p4 p75vid Aleph B L W f1 33 579 1241 al. lat(b.c.e.l.q.r1) syr(p.h(mg).pal) sa bo(pt) eth) lacks "second chief" from haplography: tw d-tw d
[g]6:1 See J. D. Meyers, Deuteroproto in Luke 6:1 (2010), pp. 12-14
[h]6:2 M TR add "to them"
[i]6:2 M TR add "to do"
[j]6:7 M lacks "him"
[k]6:9 M TR read "I will ask you something" instead of "I ask you"

or to do harm? To save a life, or to destroy it[a]?" [10]He looked around at them all, and said to the man[b], "Stretch out your hand." He did, and his hand was restored[c]. [11]But they were filled with rage, and talked with one another about what they might do to Jesus.

[12]It happened in these days, that he went out to the mountain to pray, and he continued all night in prayer to God. [13]When it was day, he called his disciples, and from them he chose twelve, whom he also named apostles: [14]Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; [15]and Matthew and Thomas; and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot; [16]and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. [17]He came down with them, and stood on a level place, with a large[d] crowd of his disciples, and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, [18]who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. [19]All the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

[20]He lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said,
"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
[21]Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be filled.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
[22]Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you,and throw out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.
[23]Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for look, your reward is great in heaven, for their fathers did the same thing to the prophets.

[24]"But woe to you who are rich.
For you have received your consolation.
[25]Woe to you, you who are full now[e],
for you will be hungry.
Woe who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.
[26]Woe when all[f] people speak well of you,
for their fathers did the same thing[g] to the false prophets.

[a]6:9 M TR read "or to kill" instead of "or to destroy it"
[b]6:10 TR reads "to the man" instead of "to him".
[c]6:10 M TR add "as sound as the other"
[d]6:17 M TR omit "large"
[e]6:25 M TR omit "now"
[f]6:26 M lacks "all"
[g]6:26 p75vid B 700* 1241 pc syr(s) sa omit "fathers did the same thing"

27 "But I tell you who hear:
love your enemies, do good to
those who hate you, 28 bless those
who curse you, and pray for those
who mistreat you. 29 To the person
who strikes you on the cheek, offer
the other also; and from the person
who takes away your coat, do not
withhold your shirt either. 30 Give to
everyone who asks you, and do not
ask him who takes away your
goods to give them back again.
31 "And as you would like people to
do to you,[a] do the same to them. 32 If
you love those who love you, what
credit is that to you? For even
sinners love those who love them.
33 If you do good to those who do
good to you, what credit is that to
you? For even sinners do the same.
34 If you lend to those from whom
you hope to receive, what credit is
that to you? Even sinners lend to
sinners, to receive back as much.
35 But love your enemies, and do
good, and lend, expecting nothing
back; and your reward will be
great, and you will be children of
the Most High; for he is kind
toward the unthankful and evil.

36 Therefore be merciful, even
as your Father is also merciful.
37 Do not judge, and you won't be
judged. Do not condemn,
and you won't be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven.[b]

38 "Give, and it will be given
to you: good measure, pressed
down, shaken together, and
running over, will be poured into
your lap. For with the same
measure you measure it will be
measured back to you."

39 He spoke a parable to them.
"Can the blind guide the blind?
Won't they both fall into a pit? 40 A
disciple is not above the teacher,
but everyone when he is fully
trained will be like his teacher.
41 And why do you see the speck of
chaff that is in your brother's eye,
but do not notice the log that is in
your own eye? 42 Or how can you
tell your brother, 'Brother, let me
remove the speck of chaff that is in
your eye,' when you yourself do
not see the log that is in your own
eye? You hypocrite. First remove
the log from your own eye, and
then you can see clearly to remove
the speck of chaff that is in your
brother's eye. 43 For there is no
good tree that brings forth rotten
fruit; nor again[c] a rotten tree that
brings forth good fruit. 44 For each
tree is known by its own fruit. For
people do not gather figs from
thorns, nor do they gather grapes
from a bramble bush. 45 The good
person out of the good treasure of
his heart brings out that which is
good, and the evil person out of the

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[a] 6:31 NU (p75(vid) B 579 700 1241 lat((a).aur.ff2.l) syr(s); Ir(lat), Cl). Aleph A D E H K L M P S U W(supp) Y Delta Theta Lambda Xi Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 209 346 788 1006 1071 1243 1342 1346 1424 1582 Byz Lect lat((b).c.d.f.(q)) vg syr(p.h.pal(Mss)) (arm) geo slav; Mcion, MacSym, Cyr. add "you also"

[b] 6:37 Or, "Set free, and you will be set free"

[c] 6:43 M TR omit "again"

evil treasure[ab] brings out that which
is evil, for out of the abundance of
the heart, his mouth speaks.

46"Why do you call me,
'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the
things which I say? 47Everyone
who comes to me, and hears my
words, and does them, I will show
you who he is like. 48He is like
someone building a house, who dug
and went deep, and laid a
foundation on the rock. When a
flood arose, the stream broke
against that house, and could not
shake it, because it had been well
built.[c] 49But he who hears, and does
not do, is like someone who built a
house on the earth without a
foundation, against which the
stream broke, and immediately it
fell, and the ruin of that house was
great."

7 After he had finished
speaking in the hearing
of the people, he
entered into Capernaum. 2A certain
centurion's servant, who was dear
to him, was sick and at the point of
death. 3When he heard about Jesus,
he sent to him Jewish elders, asking
him to come and save his servant.
4When they came to Jesus, they
pleaded with him earnestly, saying,
"He is worthy for you to do this for
him, 5for he loves our nation, and
he built our synagogue for us."
6Jesus went with them. When he
was now not far from the house, the
centurion sent friends[d], saying to
him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself,
for I am not worthy for you to come
under my roof. 7Therefore I did not
even think myself worthy to come
to you; but say the word, and my
servant will be healed. 8For I also
am a man placed under authority,
having under myself soldiers. I tell
this one, 'Go.' and he goes; and to
another, 'Come.' and he comes;
and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he
does it."

9When Jesus heard these
things, he was amazed at him, and
turned and said to the crowd who
followed him, "I tell you, I have not
found such great faith, no, not in
Israel." 10And when those who had
been sent returned to the house,
they found the servant[e] in good
health.

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[a]6:45 Lit., "and the evil, out of the evil"

[b]6:45 M TR add "of his heart"

[c]6:48 NU (p75vid Aleph B L W Xi 33 157 579 892 1241 1342 syr(h(mg)) sa bo(pt)) reads "because it had been well built," which Metzger calls a "distinctively Lukan clause." M TR (A C D E H K M S U X Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 1 2 28 35 69 118 124 180 205 209 346 565 597 788 1005 1006 1010 1071 1243 1292 1346 1424 1505 1582 2358 2372 al Byz Lect Latt(a.aur.b.c.e.f.ff2.l.q.r1) vg syr(p.h) {bo(pt)} arm eth geo goth slav; Ps-Cyp) read instead "was founded on the rock," possibly taken from the parallel in Matthew 7:25. p45, 700 and syr(s) omit from haplography: ai auten-ai auten

[d]7:6 M TR add "to him"

[e]7:10 NU (p75 Aleph B L W f1 157 700 892 al it vg(Ms) syr(s.pal) sa bo eth (geo); (Diatess), Ambr). M TR (A C D R Delta Theta Psi f13 33 Byz

[11]It happened soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain; and many[a] of his disciples, along with a large crowd, went with him. [12]And when he drew near to the gate of the city, then look, a man who was dead was carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. [13]When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not cry." [14]He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I tell you, arise." [15]He who was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.

[16]Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us." and, "God has visited his people." [17]This report went out concerning him in the whole of Judea, and in all the surrounding region.

[18]The disciples of John told him about all these things. [19]John, calling to himself two of his disciples, sent them to the Lord,[b] saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" [20]When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?'"

[21]In that hour he cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits; and to many who were blind he gave sight.[c] [22]Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John the things which you have seen and heard: that the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.[d] [23]Blessed is he who is not offended by me."

[24]When John's messengers had departed, he began to tell the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? [25]But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft clothing? Look, those who are gorgeously dressed, and live delicately, are in kings'

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lat(d.f) vg syr(p.h) (arm) goth slav) add "who had been sick"

[a]7:11 Text: A C E F G H K M R S U X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega (f1) f13 28 33 (69) 124 209 346 565 700 (788) 892 (1071) 1424 1582 al Byz Lect lat(b.c.q) syr(h) goth. NU (p75 Aleph B D L W Xi 157 579 1241 1342 pc Lat(a.aur.d.e.f.ff2.l.r1) vg syr(s.p.pal) sa bo arm eth geo slav) lacks ikanoi "many," possibly from homoioteleuton: i-i, or parablepsis involving ika-ika. The word is typically Lukan, being used more in Luke-Acts (27x) than elsewhere (Matthew 3x, Mark 3x)

[b]7:19 NU (p75(vid) B L Xi f13 13 33 69 157 788 lat(a ff2) vg(st) sa bo(Mss)). M TR (Aleph A K W Gamma Delta Theta Psi f1 209 346 565 579 700 892 1241 1346 1424 2358 Byz it syr bo) read "Jesus" instead of "the Lord"

[c]7:21 NU has lost Gk to "the" from homoioteleuton: to-to

[d]7:22 Isaiah 35:5-6, 26:19, 61:1. See also Qumran 4Q521

courts. [26]But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet. [27]This is he of whom it is written,

'Look, I send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'[a]

[28]"I[b] tell you, among those who are born of women there is none greater[c] than John,[d] yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

[29]When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they declared God to be just, having been baptized with John's baptism. [30]But the Pharisees and the Law scholars rejected the counsel of God, not being baptized by him themselves.

[31e]"To what then will I liken the people of this generation? What are they like? [32]They are like children who sit in the marketplace, and call one to another, saying, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance. We mourned[f], and you did not weep.' [33]For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' [34]The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a gluttonous man, and a drunkard; a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' [35]Wisdom is justified by all her children."

[36]One of the Pharisees invited him to eat with him. He entered into the Pharisee's house, and sat at the table. [37]And look, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of ointment. [38]Standing behind at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and she wiped them with the hair of her head, kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. [39]Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what kind of woman this is who touches him, that she is a sinner."

[40]Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say on."

[41]"A certain lender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. [42]When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most?"

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[a]7:27 Malachi 3:1
[b]7:27 M TR add "For"
[c]7:28 M TR add "a prophet"
[d]7:28 NU (p75 Aleph B L W Xi f1 22 157 579 pc syr(pal) sa bo(pt) arm geo; Diatess, Or(gk1/3), Did). K M X Pi 33 565 1346 lat(a.b.c.e.ff2.l) vg(Ms) syr(h(mg)) sa(Ms)) eth; Or(lat), Or(gk.2/3)) (cf. M TR) add "the Baptist," possibly lost from haplography: ou-ou
[e]7:31 TR adds "And the Lord said,"
[f]7:32 M TR add "for you"

43 Simon answered, "He, I
suppose, to whom he forgave the
most."

He said to him, "You have
judged correctly." 44 Turning to the
woman, he said to Simon, "Do you
see this woman? I entered into your
house, and you gave me no water
for my feet, but she has wet my feet
with her tears, and wiped them with
her hair[a]. 45 You gave me no kiss,
but she, since the time I came in,
has not ceased to kiss my feet.
46 You did not anoint my head with
oil, but she has anointed my feet
with ointment. 47 Therefore I tell
you, her sins, which are many, are
forgiven, for she loved much. But
to whom little is forgiven, the same
loves little." 48 He said to her, "Your
sins are forgiven."

49 And those who were
reclining with him began to say to
themselves, "Who is this who even
forgives sins?"

50 He said to the woman,
"Your faith has saved you. Go in
peace."

8 It happened soon
afterwards, that he went
about through cities and
villages, proclaiming and bringing
the good news of the kingdom of
God. With him were the twelve,
2 and certain women who had been
healed of evil spirits and
infirmities: Mary who was called
Magdalene, from whom seven
demons had gone out; 3 and Joanna,
the wife of Chuza, Herod's
steward; Susanna; and many
others; who provided for them from
their possessions. 4 When a large
crowd came together, and people
from every city were coming to
him, he spoke by a parable. 5 "The
farmer went out to sow his seed. As
he sowed, some fell along the road,
and it was trampled under foot, and
the birds of the sky devoured it.
6 Other seed fell on the rock, and as
soon as it grew, it withered away,
because it had no moisture. 7 Other
fell amid the thorns, and the thorns
grew with it, and choked it. 8 Other
fell into the good ground, and grew,
and brought forth fruit one hundred
times." As he said these things, he
called out, "He who has ears to
hear, let him hear."

9 Then his disciples asked
him, "What does this parable
mean?"

10 He said, "To you it is given
to know the mysteries of the
kingdom of God, but to the rest in
parables; that 'seeing they may not
see, and hearing they may not
understand.'[b] 11 Now the parable is
this: The seed is the word of God.
12 Those along the road are those
who hear, then the devil comes, and
takes away the word from their
heart, that they may not believe and
be saved. 13 Those on the rock are
they who, when they hear, receive

[a] 7:44 M TR read "the hair of her head" instead of "her hair"

[b] 8:10 Isaiah 6:9

the word with joy; but these have no root, who believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. 14That which fell among the thorns, these are those who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. 15That in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it tightly, and bring forth fruit with patience.

16"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a container, or puts it under a bed; but puts it on a stand, that those who enter in may see the light. 17For nothing is hidden, that will not be revealed; nor anything secret, that will not be known and come to light. 18So consider carefully how you listen. For whoever has, to him will be given; and whoever does not have, from him will be taken away even that which he thinks he has."

19His mother and brothers came to him, and they could not come near him for the crowd. 20It was told him by some saying, "Your mother and your brothers stand outside, desiring to see you."

21But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are these who hear the word of God, and do it."

22Now it happened on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they launched out. 23But as they sailed, he fell asleep. A wind storm came down on the lake, and they were taking on dangerous amounts of water. 24So they came to him, and awoke him, saying, "Master, master, we are dying." And he awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and it was calm.[a] 25He said to them, "Where is your faith?" But they were terrified and astonished, saying to one another, "Who is this, then, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?" 26They arrived at the country of the Gerasenes[b], which is opposite Galilee.

27And when he came out onto the land he was met by a certain man from the town who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes[c], and did not live in a house, but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he shouted, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, "What do I have to do with you, Jesus, you Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." 29For Jesus was commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For the unclean spirit had often seized the man. He was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters.

[a]8:24 Psalm 65:7; 89:9; 107:29
[b]8:26 M TR read "Gadarenes" instead of "Gerasenes"
[c]8:27 M TR read "demons for a long time. He had worn no clothes"

Breaking the bands apart, he was driven by the demon into the desert.

30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered into him. 31 They[a] pleaded with him that he would not command them to go into the abyss.[b] 32 Now there was there a herd of many pigs feeding on the mountain, and they begged him that he would allow them to enter into those. He allowed them. 33 The demons came out from the man, and entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned. 34 When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then people went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who saw it told them how he who had been possessed by demons was healed. 37 All the people of the surrounding region of the Geresenes[c] asked him to leave them, for they were very much afraid; and he entered into the boat and returned. 38 But the man from whom the demons had gone out begged him that he might go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your house, and declare what great things God has done for you." He went his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

40 When[d] Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. 41 And look, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. He fell down at Jesus' feet, and pleaded with him to come into his house, 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as he went, the crowds pressed against him. 43 A woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years (who had spent all her living on physicians)[e] and could not be healed by any, 44 came behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment, and

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[a] 8:31 M reads "He" instead of "They"
[b] 8:31 Greek "abussos."Aramaic "tehuma" for Hebrew "tehom"
[c] 8:37 M TR read "Gadarenes" instead of "Gerasenes"
[d] 8:40 M TR read "It happened when" instead of "When"
[e] 8:43 Text: {Aleph*} A {C} K L P W {X} Delta Theta Xi Pi {Psi} f1 f13 33 565 1342 al Byz Lect {Lat vg syr(c.p.h.pal(Ms)) bo eth slav(Mss)}; Or(lat)}, Ambr, Chro, Hier.} NU (p75 B D 0279 lat{d} syr(s.pal(Mss)) sa arm geo; Or) brackets "who had spent… physicians." The skillful condensation of Mark 5:26 and substitution with a hapax legomenon (prosanalisko for dapanao) suggests Lukan authorship. Cf. TCGNT 145. Strange omissions of text, especially in some of the Alexandrian textual streams, are not unheard of (e.g., Matthew 16:2-3; Mark 16:9-20; Luke 22:43-44, 23:34)

immediately the flow of her blood stopped. 45Jesus said, "Who touched me?"
When all denied it, Peter and those with him[a] said, "Master, the crowds press and jostle you.[b]"

46But Jesus said, "Someone did touch me, for I perceived that power has gone out of me." 47When the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared to him in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. 48He said to her, "Daughter,[c] your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

49While he still spoke, one from the ruler of the synagogue's house came, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

50But Jesus hearing it, answered him, "Do not be afraid. Only believe, and she will be healed."

51When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter in with him[d], except Peter, John, James, the father of the child, and her mother. 52All were weeping and mourning her, but he said, "Do not weep. She is not dead, but sleeping."

53They were ridiculing him, knowing that she was dead. 54But he,[e] taking her by the hand, called, saying, "Child, arise." 55Her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. He commanded that something be given to her to eat. 56Her parents were amazed, but he commanded them to tell no one what had been done.

9 He called the twelve[f] together, and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases. 2He sent them forth to proclaim the kingdom of God, and

[a]8:45 Text: Aleph A C* D L P U W(supp) Theta Xi f1 f13 33 157 579 892 1071 1342 1582 Lect(pt). NU (p75 B Pi 700* 1346* syr(s.c.pal) cop(sa) geo; Diatess, Or(vid)) lacks "and those with him"
[b]8:45 NU (p75 Aleph B L f1 22 157 1241 pc syr(pal(Mss)) sa bo arm; Or(lat), GrNy, Cyr). M TR (A C D W Delta Theta Xi Psi f13 33 579 Byz Latt syr(s.c.p.h.pal(Ms)) bo(Ms) eth goth slav; Chr) add "and you say, 'Who touched me?'"
[c]8:48 M TR add "take courage," possibly lost from homoioarcton: th-th. Matthew 9:22; Mark 5:34
[d]8:51 M TR omit "with him"
[e]8:54 M TR add "put them all outside"
[f]9:1 NU (p75 A B D K R W Delta 047 0211 f1 28 565 700 al Byz lat(d) (syr(s.c.p) sa(Ms)) sa(Mss)geo; Mcion(A)). TR reads "his twelve disciples" instead of "the twelve". Some Mss (Aleph C* L X Theta Lambda Xi Psi 070 0202 0291 f13 33 579 892 1241 1424 al Lat(a.aur.c.e.f) vg bo arm goth) read "apostles"

to heal the sick.[a] 3And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey—neither staff,[b] nor pack, nor bread, nor money; neither have two tunics.[c] 4Into whatever house you enter, stay there, and depart from there. 5As many as do not receive you, when you depart from that city, shake off even the dust from your feet for a testimony against them."

6They departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the Good News, and healing everywhere. 7Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done[d]; and he was very perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 8and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. 9Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this, about whom I hear such things?" He sought to see him. 10The apostles, when they had returned, told him what things they had done.

He took them, and withdrew apart to[e] a city called Bethsaida. 11But the crowds, perceiving it, followed him. He welcomed them, and spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and he cured those who needed healing. 12The day began to wear away; and the twelve came, and said to him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and farms, and lodge, and get food, for we are here in a deserted place."

13But he said to them, "You give them something to eat."

They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we should go and buy food for all these people." 14For they were about five thousand men.

He said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each." 15They did so, and made them all sit down. 16He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to the sky, he blessed them, and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17They ate, and were all filled. They gathered up twelve baskets of broken pieces that were left over.

18It happened, as he was praying alone, that the disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

19They answered, "'John the Baptist,' but others say, 'Elijah,' and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again."

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[a]9:2 B 2206 syr(s.c) omit "the sick." As Metzger notes, in Luke the word "iasthai" (to heal), except when passive, always has a direct object. This is true everywhere in the New Testament

[b]9:3 M TR read "staffs"

[c]9:3 NU brackets "apiece". Cf. Matthew 10:10; Mark 6:9

[d]9:7 M TR add "by him"

[e]9:10 M TR add "a deserted place of a"

[20]He said to them, "But who
do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ
of God."

[21]But he warned them, and
commanded them to tell this to no
one, [22]saying, "The Son of Man
must suffer many things, and be
rejected by the elders, chief priests,
and scribes, and be killed, and the
third day be raised up."

[23]He said to all, "If anyone
desires to come after me, let him
deny himself, take up his cross
daily[a], and follow me. [24]For
whoever desires to save his life will
lose it, but whoever will lose his
life for my sake, the same will save
it. [25]For what does it profit a person
if he gains the whole world, and
loses or forfeits his own self? [26]For
whoever will be ashamed of me and
of my words, of him will the Son of
Man be ashamed, when he comes
in his glory, and the glory of the
Father, and of the holy angels.
[27]But I tell you the truth: There are
some of those who stand here, who
will in no way taste of death, until
they see the kingdom of God."

[28]It happened about eight
days after these sayings, that he
took with him Peter, John, and
James, and went up onto the
mountain to pray. [29]As he was
praying, the appearance of his face
was altered, and his clothing
became white and dazzling. [30]And
look, two men were talking with
him, who were Moses and Elijah,
[31]who appeared in glory, and spoke
of his departure,[b] which he was
about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

[32]Now Peter and those who
were with him were heavy with
sleep, but when they were fully
awake, they saw his glory, and the
two men who stood with him. [33]It
happened, as they were parting
from him, that Peter said to Jesus,
"Master, it is good for us to be here.
Let us make three tents: one for
you, and one for Moses, and one for
Elijah," not knowing what he said.

[34]While he said these things,
a cloud came and overshadowed
them, and they were afraid as they
entered into the cloud. [35]A voice
came out of the cloud, saying,
"This is my Son, my Chosen One.[c]
Listen to him." [36]When the voice
came, Jesus was found alone. They
were silent, and told no one in those
days any of the things which they
had seen.

[37]It happened on the next
day, when they had come down
from the mountain, that a large

[a]9:23 M lacks "daily"
[b]9:31 literally, "exodus"
[c]9:35 NU (p45 p75 Aleph B L Xi 579 892 1241 1342 lat(a.aur.ff2.l) vg(st) syr(s) sa bo arm (eth)). M TR (A C* E G H K N P S U W Y Delta Lambda Pi Omega f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 209 346 565 700 788 1071 al Byz L253 L292 L1552 lat(b.c.e.f.q) vg(ww) syr(c.p.h.pal) geo slav; Mcion, Cyr) read "my beloved son." instead of "my son, my chosen."

crowd met him. 38And look, a man from the crowd called out, saying, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. 39And look, a spirit seizes him, and all at once he cries out, and it convulses him so that he foams, and it hardly departs from him, bruising him severely. 40I begged your disciples to cast it out, and they could not."

41Jesus answered, "Faithless and perverse generation, how long must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

42While he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him violently. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43They were all astonished at the majesty of God.

But while all were marveling at all the things which Jesus did, he said to his disciples, 44"Let these words sink into your ears, for the Son of Man will be delivered up into the hands of men." 45But they did not understand this saying. It was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

46There arose an argument among them about which of them was the greatest. 47Jesus, knowing[a] the reasoning of their hearts, took a little child, and set him by his side, 48and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in my name receives me. Whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For whoever is least among you all, this one is great."

49John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he does not follow with us."

50Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against you is for you[b]."

51It came to pass, when the days were near that he should be taken up, he intently set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52and sent messengers before his face. They went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, so as to prepare for him. 53But they did not receive him, because he was traveling with his face set towards Jerusalem. 54And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from the sky, and consume them[c]?"

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[a]9:47 M TR read "perceiving" instead of "knowing"

[b]9:50 M TR "us" twice.

[c]9:54 NU (p45 p75 Aleph B L Xi 157 579 700* 1241 1342 1612 1627 2735 lat(aur.e.l) vg syr(s.c) sa bo(Mss) arm geo1; Diatess(syr), Cyr). M TR (A C D K W X Delta Theta Pi Psi f1 f13 28 33 565 892 1010 al Byz Lect Lat syr(p.h.pal) bo(Mss) goth; Diatess(arab), Mcion, Basil, (Chr)) add "just as Elijah did"

55 And he turned and rebuked
them, and said, "You do not realize
what kind of Spirit you belong to.
56 For the Son of Man did not come
to destroy people's lives, but to
save them."[a] And they went to
another village. 57 As they went on
the way, a certain man said to him,
"I want to follow you wherever you
go.[b]"

58 And Jesus said to him, "The
foxes have holes, and the birds of
the sky have nests, but the Son of
Man has no place to lay his head."

59 He said to another, "Follow
me."

But he said, "Lord,[c] allow me
first to go and bury my father."

60 But Jesus said to him,
"Leave the dead to bury their own
dead, but you go and announce the
kingdom of God."

61 Another also said, "I want
to follow you, Lord, but first allow
me to bid farewell to those who are
at my house."

62 But Jesus said to him, "No
one, having put his hand to the
plow, and looking back, is fit for
the kingdom of God."

10 Now after these
things, the Lord also
appointed seventy-
two[d] others, and sent them two by
two ahead of him[e] into every city
and place, where he was about to
come. 2 Then he said to them, "The
harvest is indeed plentiful, but the
laborers are few. Pray therefore to
the Lord of the harvest, that he may
send out laborers into his harvest.
3 Go your way. Look, I send you out
as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry no
money bag, nor pack, nor sandals;
and greet no one on the way. 5 Into
whatever house you enter, first say,
'Peace be to this house.' 6 If a
peaceful person is there, your peace
will rest on him; but if not, it will
return to you. 7 Remain in that same
house, eating and drinking the
things they give, for the laborer is
worthy of his wages. Do not go

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[a] 9:55b-56a Text: K M U Y Gamma Theta Lambda Pi f1 f13 2 69 118 124 205 209 346 579 700 788 1005 1346* 1582 2372 al Byz(pt) Lect(pt) lat(a.aur.b.c.e.f.q.r1) vg(cl.ww) syr(c.p.h.pal) bo(pt) arm eth(th) geo goth slav(Mss); Diatess(arab), Ambr, Ambst. NU (p45 p75 Aleph A B C E G H L S W X Delta Xi Psi Omega 047 0211 28 33 157 565 892 1071 1241 1342 1424 1675 2358 2786 al Byz(pt) Lect(pt) lat(g1.l) vg(st) syr(s) sa bo(pt) eth(pp) slav(Mss); Bas) lacks "and said, You…them," from haplography: kai e-kai e. Codex D has 55b (mostly) but lacks 56a, which may represent a partial scribal restoration of the haplographic text.

[b] 9:57 M TR add "Lord"

[c] 9:59 A few Mss lack "Lord" from haplography by homoioteleuton: e-e. The scribal abbreviations for "said" (eipe) and "Lord" (ke) both end in the same letter

[d] 10:1 M TR read "seventy" instead of "seventy-two"

[e] 10:1 literally, "before his face"

from house to house. 8Into whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat the things that are set before you. 9And heal the sick who are there, and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10But into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11'Even the dust from your city that clings to our feet[a], we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is near[b].' 12I tell you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.

13"Woe to you, Chorazin. Woe to you, Bethsaida. For if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. 15And you, Capernaum, will you be[c] exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to hell[d].

16Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

17The seventy-two[e] returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name."

18He said to them, "I saw Satan having fallen like lightning from heaven. 19Look, I have given[f] you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will in any way hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

21In that same hour he[g] rejoiced in the Holy[h] Spirit, and said, "I thank[i] you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight."

22"All[j] things have been delivered to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son desires to reveal him."

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[a]10:11 M TR read "us" instead of "our feet"
[b]10:11 M TR add "to you"
[c]10:15 M TR read "who are" rather than "will you be"
[d]10:15 Greek: Hades. Hebrew: Sheol
[e]10:17 M TR read "seventy" instead of "seventy-two"
[f]10:19 NU (p75 Aleph B C* L W f1 209 700 1424 pc lat(a.b.e.f.i.q)). M TR (p45 A D E G K M N U Y Gamma Delta Theta Lambda f13 28 33 2358 al lat(c) syr(s.c.p.h); Ir(lat)) read "I give" instead of "I have given"
[g]10:21 M TR read "Jesus"
[h]10:21 M TR lack "Holy"
[i]10:21 Or, "praise"
[j]10:22 M adds pr "And turning to the disciples, he said"

[23]Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see, [24]for I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them."

[25]And look, a certain Law scholar stood up and tested him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?"

[26]He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

[27]He answered, "You are to love the Lord your God with all[a] your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;[b] and your neighbor as yourself."[c]

[28]He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

[29]But he, desiring to justify himself, asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

[30]Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. [31]By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. [32]In the same way a Levite also, when he came[d] to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. [33]But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, [34]came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. [35]On the next day,[e] he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' [36]Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?"

[37]He said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

[38]Now it happened as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him.[f] [39]And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's[g]

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[a]10:27 NU lacks "the," possibly by homoioteleuton: es-es
[b]10:27 Deuteronomy 6:5
[c]10:27 Leviticus 19:18
[d]10:32 Some Alexandrian Mss lack "when he came," possibly by homoioteleuton: s-s
[e]10:35 M TR add "when he departed"
[f]10:38 Many Mss add "into her house"
[g]10:39 M TR read "Jesus'" instead of "Lord's"

feet and listened to what he said.
40But Martha was distracted with
much serving, and she came up to
him, and said, "Lord, do you not
care that my sister left me to serve
alone? Ask her therefore to help
me."

41But the Lord[a] answered and
said to her, "Martha, Martha, you
are anxious and troubled about
many things, 42but one thing is
needed[b]. Mary has chosen the good
part, which will not be taken away
from her."

11 It happened, that
when he finished
praying in a certain
place, one of his disciples said to
him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as
John also taught his disciples."

2So he said to them, "When
you pray, say,
'Our Father in heaven,[c] holy be
your name.
May your kingdom come. May
your will be done on
earth, as it is in
heaven.[d]
3Give us day by day our daily
bread.
4And forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone
indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.[e]'"

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[a]10:41 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "the Lord"

[b]10:42 Some Mss add "or one"

[c]11:2 Text: A C D E F G H P W Delta Theta Psi f13 28 33(vid) 157 180 205 565(supp) 579 597 892 1006 1010 1071 1241 1243 1292 1424 1505 Byz Lect lat(b.d.e.f.l.q.r1(vid)) vg(Mss) syr(c.p.h) sa bo eth geo slav. NU (p75 Aleph B (L peter emwn) 1 700 1342 lat(aur) vg syr(s) (arm peter emon); Mcion, Or (Cyr(lem(vid)))) lacks "Our (father) in heaven." Cf. summary at verse 4

[d]11:2 Text: Aleph(1) (A C D E F G H P W Delta Theta 892 omit tes) Psi f13 28 33 157 180 205 579 597 700 1006 1010 1071 1241 1243 1292 1424 1505 Byz Lect lat(aur.b.c.d.e.f.ff2.i.(l).q.r1) vg(Mss) syr(p.h) bo eth slav; (Titus-Bostra), Cyr. NU (p75 B L 1 1342 vg syr(s.c) arm; Diass(syr)) lacks "May your will…heaven." Cf. summary at verse 4

[e]11:4 Text: A C D E F G H W Delta Theta f13 28 33 157 180 205 565 579 597 892 1006 1010 1070 1241 1243 1292 1424 1505 Byz Lect lat(aur.b.c.d.f.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg(Mss) syr(c.p.h) bo(pt) eth slav; Diatess(syr), (Titus-Bostra). NU (p75 Aleph* B L 1 700 1342 vg syr(s) cop(sa.bo(pt)) arm geo; Mcion, Or, Cyr) lacks "but deliver us…evil." The shorter reading for Luke 11:2-4 is supported by P75 B 1 vg syr(s), which is chiefly from one locale. Among the variety of readings in primary Alexandrian witnesses, Aleph* lacks 11:2a but has 11:2b, while cop(sa) has 11:2a but lacks 11:2b, and cop(bo) has both 11:2a and 11:2b. The shorter reading does not present itself as an abbreviated form of Matthew 6:9-13 but is missing necessary text, e.g., who "father" is is not specified. No request that God's will be done? No request of deliverance from evil? The longer reading is supported by A C D W 070 579 892 1241 lat(b.d.f.l.q.r1) and is widespread. The argument for harmonization has problems, since too much is left unharmonized: Matthew 6:11 δὸς ... σήμερον vs. Luke 11:3

[5]He said to them, "Which of you, if you go to a friend at midnight, and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, [6]for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him,' [7]and he from within will answer and say, 'Do not bother me. The door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give it to you'? [8]I tell you, although he will not rise and give it to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence, he will get up and give him as many as he needs.

[9]"I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. [10]For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened.

[11]"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for[a] a fish, he won't give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? [12]Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? [13]If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

[14]He was casting out a demon, and it was[b] mute. It happened, when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. [15]But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of the demons." [16]Others, testing him, sought from him a sign from heaven. [17]But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. A house divided against itself falls. [18]If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. [19]But if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore will they be your

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δίδου; Matthew 6:12 ὀφειλήματα vs. Luke 11:4 τὰς ἁμαρτίας; Matthew 6:12 ὡς καὶ vs. Luke 11:4 καὶ γὰρ. In addition, Luke 11:4 lacks a doxology in all witnesses.
In comparison of manuscripts, the shorter reading in Luke 11:2a may have been the result of a homoioteleuton of nomina sacra: Περ to ουνοις. 11:2b may have been lost in a homoioarcton from γε- to γῆ-, with loss of γῆς. The loss of 11:4b may have been the result of a homoioteleuton with graphic confusion from πειρασμόν to πονηροῦ. The evidence therefore suggests that the shorter readings are due to accidental omissions, and that the longer reading is more likely the original

[a]11:11 M (TR) add "bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for."The words may have been added from the parallel in Matthew 7:9

[b]11:14 NU (C F G H K M R S W X Y Gamma Delta Theta Psi f13 28 579 1342 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.b.c.f.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg syr(p.h) eth geo slav; Cyr(lem)). Some Mss (p45 p75 Aleph A* B L 0211 f1 33 892 1241 al syr(s.c) sa bo arm) lack "and it was" from homoioteleuton: n k-n k

judges. 20But if I[a] by the finger of God cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

21"When the strong man, fully armed, guards his own dwelling, his goods are safe. 22But when someone stronger attacks him and overcomes him, he takes from him his whole armor in which he trusted, and divides up his plunder.

23"He that is not with me is against me. He who does not gather with me scatters. 24The unclean spirit, when he has gone out of the person, passes through dry places, seeking rest, and finding none, he then says, 'I will turn back to my house from which I came out.' 25When he returns, he finds it swept and put in order. 26Then he goes, and takes seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there. The last state of that person becomes worse than the first."

27It came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the crowd lifted up her voice, and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts which nursed you."

28But he said, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and keep it."

29When the crowds were gathering together to him, he began to say, "This generation[b] is an evil generation. It seeks after a sign. No sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah[c]. 30For even as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will also the Son of Man be to this generation. 31The Queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the people of this generation, and will condemn them: for she came from a distant land[d] to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and look, one greater than Solomon is here. 32The people of Nineveh will stand up in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and look, one greater than Jonah is here.

33"No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a cellar or under a basket,[e] but on a stand, that those who come in may see the light.[f]

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[a]11:20 M TR lack "I" from haplography: e(g)w-e(kball)w

[b]11:29 M TR omit "generation"

[c]11:29 M TR add "the prophet"

[d]11:31 Lit. "ends of the earth," which can be an idiomatic expression when speaking of people in remote places, e.g., Psalm 67:7; 98:3; Isaiah 45:22. Cf. also Thayer for Gk. peras: 1) extremity, bound, end, 1a) of a portion of space, 1a1) boundary, 1a2) frontier, 1a3) the ends of the earth, 1a4) the remotest lands

[e]11:33 Some Mss lack "or under a basket," possibly from homoioteleuton: (krupth)n (tithhsi)n-(to)n (modio)n

[f]11:33 Text: p45(vid) A E G H K L M S U W(supp) Gamma Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 28 124 565 700 2358 2372 Byz, reading pheggos. NU (p75 Aleph B C D Theta X 070 33 157 892 1071

34 The lamp of the body is the eye.
Therefore when your eye is good,
your whole body is also full of
light; but when it is bad, your body
also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore
see whether the light that is in you
is not darkness. 36 If therefore your
whole body is full of light, having
no part dark, it will be wholly full
of light, as when the lamp with its
bright shining gives you light."

37 Now as he spoke, a[a] Pharisee asked him to dine with him. He went in, and sat at the table. 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that he had not first washed himself before dinner. 39 The Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness. 40 You foolish ones, did not he who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give for gifts to the needy those things which are within, and see, all things will be clean to you. 42 But woe to you Pharisees. For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, but you bypass justice and the love of God. You ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone. 43 Woe to you Pharisees. For you love the best seats in the synagogues, and the greetings in the marketplaces. 44 Woe to you.[b] For you are like hidden graves, and the people who walk over them do not know it."

45 One of the Law scholars answered him, "Teacher, in saying this you insult us also."
46 He said, "Woe to you Law scholars also. For you load people with burdens that are difficult to carry, and you yourselves won't even lift one finger to help carry those burdens. 47 Woe to you. For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 So you are witnesses and consent to the works of your fathers. For they killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore also the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles; and some of them they will kill and persecute, 50 that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; 51 from the blood of Abel[c] to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary.' Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. 52 Woe to you Law scholars. For you took away the key of knowledge. You did not

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1241 1342 1424 1582 2542 f1 f13 lat(a.b.c.e.f.ff2.i.q) reads phos

[a] 11:37 M TR add "certain"

[b] 11:44 NU (p45 p75 Aleph B C L f1 33 1241 pc Lat(a.aur.c.e.ff2.l) vg syr(s.c) sa bo(pt) arm geo). M TR (A (D) E G H K M S U W X Y Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f13 157 579 892 al. Byz lat(b.(d).f.(i).q.(r1)) syr(p.h) bo(pt)) add "scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites," possibly a harmonization to Matthew 23:27

[c] 11:51 MT Hebrew vocalization: Hevel, Greek: Abel, which has dropped the /h/ sound in the transliteration from Hebrew to Greek (Habel > Abel), since there was no /h/ sound in ancient Greek. Genesis 4:8

enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in, you hindered."

53 And when he left there,[a] the scribes and the Pharisees began to be terribly angry, and to draw many things out of him; 54 lying in wait for him,[b] to catch him in something he might say.[c]

12 Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered together, so much so that they trampled on each other, he began to tell his disciples first of all, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 But there is nothing covered up, that will not be revealed, nor hidden, that will not be known. 3 Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light. What you have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers will be proclaimed on the housetops.

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom you should fear. Fear him, who after he has killed, has power to cast into hell[d]. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria coins[e]? Not one of them is forgotten by God. 7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not be afraid. You are of more value than many sparrows.

8 "I tell you, everyone who confesses me before people, him will the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God; 9 but the one who denies me in the presence of people will be denied in the presence of the angels of God. 10 Everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. 11 When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you will answer, or what you will say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you must say."

13 And someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my

[a] 11:53 M TR read "As he was speaking these things to them" instead of "And when he left there"
[b] 11:54 NU (p45vid p75 Aleph B L 579 1241 lat(aur) vg sa bo geo). M (TR adds "and") (A C (D) W X Delta Psi f13 33 157 892 Byz lat syr(s.c.p.h)) adds "seeking," possibly lost from a simple omission
[c] 11:54 NU (p45 p75 Aleph B L 579 892* 1241 syr(s) sa bo). M TR ((A) C E G H K M S U W X Theta Pi Psi Omega f1 (f13) 33 565 1582 al. Byz Latt vg syr(c.p.h) arm) add "that they might accuse him," possibly lost from haplography: autou-autou
[d] 12:5 Greek: "Gehenna"
[e] 12:6 An assarion was a small copper coin worth about an hour's wages for an agricultural laborer.

brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" 15He said to them, "Beware. Keep yourselves from all covetousness, for a man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things which he possesses."

16He spoke a parable to them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly. 17He reasoned within himself, saying, 'What will I do, because I do not have room to store my crops?' 18He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns, and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry."'

20"But God said to him, 'You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared—whose will they be?' 21So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

22He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious for your life, what you will eat, nor yet for your body, what you will wear. 23Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. 24Consider the ravens: they do not sow, they do not reap, they have no warehouse or barn, and God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds. 25Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his height? 26If then you are not able to do even the least things, why are you anxious about the rest? 27Consider the lilies, how they grow. They do not toil, neither do they spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28But if this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith? 29Do not seek what you will eat or what you will drink; neither be anxious. 30For the nations of the world seek after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need these things. 31But seek his[a] kingdom, and[b] these things will be added to you. 32Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33Sell that which you have, and give gifts to the needy. Make for yourselves purses which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches, neither moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning. 36Be like

[a]12:31 NU (Aleph B D* L Psi 579 892 lat(a.c) sa bo). M TR (p45 A K W X Delta Theta Pi 070 f1 f13 33 565 700 al Byz Lect lat vg syr(c.s.p.h) arm (eth) geo) read "God's" rather than "his"

[b]12:31 M TR add "all"

people watching for their lord,
when he returns from the marriage
feast; that, when he comes and
knocks, they may immediately
open to him. 37Blessed are those
servants, whom the lord will find
watching when he comes. Truly I
tell you, that he will dress himself,
and make them recline, and will
come and serve them. 38And if he
comes in the second watch, or even
in the third, and finds them so,
blessed are they.[a] 39But know this,
that if the master of the house had
known in what hour the thief was
coming, he would have watched
and[b] not have allowed his house to
be broken into. 40Therefore be
ready also, for the Son of Man is
coming in an hour that you do not
expect him."

41And Peter said, "Lord, are
you telling this parable to us, or to
everyone?"

42The Lord said, "Who then
is the faithful and wise steward,
whom his lord will set over his
household, to give them their
portion of food at the right time?
43Blessed is that servant whom his
lord will find doing so when he
comes. 44Truly I tell you, that he
will set him over all that he has.
45But if that servant says in his
heart, 'My lord delays his coming,'
and begins to beat the menservants
and the maidservants, and to eat
and drink, and to be drunk, 46then
the lord of that servant will come in
a day when he is not expecting him,
and in an hour that he does not
know, and will cut him in two, and
place his portion with the
unfaithful. 47That servant, who
knew his lord's will, and did not
prepare, nor do what he wanted,
will be beaten with many stripes,
48but he who did not know, and did
things worthy of stripes, will be
beaten with few stripes. To
whomever much is given, of him
will much be required; and to
whom much was entrusted, of him
more will be asked.

49"I came to throw fire on the
earth. I wish it were already
kindled. 50But I have a baptism to
be baptized with, and how
distressed I am until it is
accomplished. 51Do you think that I
have come to give peace in the
earth? I tell you, no, but rather
division. 52For from now on, there
will be five in one house divided,
three against two, and two against
three. 53They will be divided, father
against son, and son against father;

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[a]12:38 NU (p75 Aleph B L lat(e) syr(s.(c)) bo(pt)). M TR (A Q W Theta Psi 070 f13 28 565 1424 pc Byz lat vg syr(p.h) sa bo(pt)) add, in {}, "And if he comes in the second {watch}, or {comes} in the third watch, and finds them so, blessed are those {servants}"

[b]12:39 Text: Aleph(2) A B E G H K L M N P Q S W X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega al 070 f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 209 346 565 579 700 788 892 1241 1582 al Byz Lect lat(aur.f.l.q) vg syr(p.h.pal) sa(Ms) bo(Mss) eth geo slav; Bas, Nic. NU (p75 Aleph* lat(e.i) syr(s.c) sa(Mss) ach arm; Mcion(T) lacks "have watched and" from haplography: ai-ai

mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

54He said to the crowds also, "When you see a cloud rising from the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it happens. 55When a south wind blows, you say, 'There will be a scorching heat,' and it happens. 56Hypocrites. You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not know[a] how to interpret this time? 57Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? 58For when you are going with your adversary before the magistrate, try diligently on the way to be released from him, lest perhaps he drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59I tell you, you will by no means get out of there, until you have paid the very last penny.[b]"

13 Now there were some present at the same time who told him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2And he[c] answered and said to them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered these[d] things? 3I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way. 4Or those eighteen, on whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwell in Jerusalem? 5I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all perish in the same way."

6He spoke this parable. "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, and found none. 7He said to the vine dresser, 'Look, for these[e] three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and found none. Cut[f] it down. Why does it waste the soil?' 8He answered, 'Lord, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it, and fertilize it. 9And if it bears fruit next time, *fine*; but if not, you can cut it down.[g]'"

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[a]12:56 NU (p75 Aleph B L X Theta 070 33 892 1241 lat(ff2.1) syr(h(mg)) sa bo eth; Mcion). M TR (p45 A W Delta Psi 0233 f1 f13 28 565 1424 pc Byz Lect it vg syr(p.h) arm geo slav(Mss); Bas) omit "do you know"

[b]12:59 Lit, lepton

[c]13:2 NU (p75 Aleph B L 070 157 1241 lat(a.b.e.i.l) vg sa(Mss) bo(pt) arm). M TR (A D G H K M N S U Wsupp Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 33 565 579 700 892 1424 1582 al. Byz lat(c.f.ff2.q) syr(s.c.p.h) sa(Ms) bo(pt) eth) add "Jesus "

[d]13:2 M TR read "such" instead of "these"

[e]13:7 M TR omit "for these"

[f]13:7 Some Mss "Therefore, cut"

[g]13:9 M TR read "fruit, fine; but if not, next time, you"

10 He was teaching in one of
the synagogues on the Sabbath day.
11 And look, a woman who had a
spirit of infirmity eighteen years,
and she was bent over, and could in
no way straighten herself up.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called
her, and said to her, "Woman, you
are freed from your infirmity." 13 He
laid his hands on her, and
immediately she stood up straight,
and glorified God.

14 The ruler of the synagogue,
being indignant because Jesus had
healed on the Sabbath, said to the
crowd, "There are six days when
work should be done. Therefore
come on those days and be healed,
and not on the Sabbath day."

15 Therefore the Lord
answered him, "You hypocrites.[a]
Does not each one of you free his
ox or his donkey from the stall on
the Sabbath, and lead him away to
water? 16 Ought not this woman,
being a daughter of Abraham,
whom Satan had bound, look,
eighteen years, be freed from this
bondage on the Sabbath day?"

17 As he said these things, all
his adversaries were disappointed,
and all the crowd rejoiced for all
the glorious things that were done
by him.

18 Then he said, "What is the
kingdom of God like? And to what
can I compare it? 19 It is like a grain
of mustard seed, which a man took,
and put in his own garden. It grew,
and became a[b] tree, and the birds of
the sky lodged in its branches."

20 And again he said, "To
what can I compare the kingdom of
God? 21 It is like yeast, which a
woman took and hid in three
measures[c] of flour, until it was all
leavened."

22 He went on his way through
cities and villages, teaching, and
traveling on to Jerusalem. 23 One
said to him, "Lord, are they few
who are saved?"

He said to them, 24 "Strive to
enter in by the narrow door[d], for
many, I tell you, will seek to enter
in, and will not be able. 25 When
once the master of the house has
risen up, and has shut the door, and
you begin to stand outside, and to
knock at the door, saying, 'Lord,[e]
open to us.' then he will answer and
tell you, 'I do not know you or
where you come from.' 26 Then you
will begin to say, 'We ate and drank
in your presence, and you taught in
our streets.' 27 But he will reply, 'I
do not know where you come from.
Depart from me, all you workers of
iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping

[a] 13:14 TR reads "hypocrite" instead of "hypocrites"
[b] 13:19 M TR add "large"
[c] 13:21 literally, three sata. 3 sata is about 39 litres or a bit more than a bushel
[d] 13:24 M TR read "gate"
[e] 13:25 M TR add "Lord"

and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves being thrown outside. 29They will come from the east, west, north, and south, and will sit down in the kingdom of God. 30And look, there are some who are last who will be first, and there are some who are first who will be last."

31In that same hour[a] some Pharisees came, saying to him, "Get out of here, and go away, for Herod wants to kill you."

32And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Look, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I complete my mission. 33Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the next day, for it cannot be that a prophet perish outside of Jerusalem.'

34"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her. How often I wanted to gather your children together, like a hen gathers her own brood under her wings, and you refused. 35Look, your house is forsaken.[b] And I tell you,[c] you will not see me until[d] you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"[e]

14 And it happened, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him. 2And look, a certain man who had dropsy was in front of him. 3Jesus, answering, spoke to the Law scholars and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not[f]?"

4But they were silent. He took him, and healed him, and let him go. 5He answered them, "Which of you, if your son[g] or an ox fell into a well, would not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"

6But they could make no reply to this.

7He spoke a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the best seats, and said to them, 8"When you are invited by anyone to a marriage

[a]13:31 M TR read "On that same day" instead of "In that same hour"
[b]13:35 M TR add "desolate." Cf. Matthew 23:38. p45vid Aleph* L 1071 2542 lat(b.c.ff2.i) syr(c) sa bo(Mss) omit "And." p75 A B al 28 565 1582 al f1 f13 Byz lat syr((p).h) bo, add
[c]13:35 TR adds "assuredly"
[d]13:35 Text: p75 B L R 892. NU (D 047 2487) adds "the time comes when"
[e]13:35 Psalm 118:26
[f]14:3 M TR omit "or not"
[g]14:5 NU (p45 p75 A B E G H W Delta Lambda Omega 28 565 1346 pc Byz Lect lat(e.f.q) syr(p.h) sa geo). TR (Aleph K L X Y Pi Psi f1 f13 33 579 1582 pc lat vg syr(s.pal) bo fay arm (eth) slav) reads "donkey" instead of "son." Cf. Luke 13:15

feast, do not sit in the best seat, since perhaps someone more honorable than you might be invited by him, [9]and he who invited both of you would come and tell you, 'Make room for this person.' Then you would begin, with shame, to take the lowest place. [10]But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes, he may tell you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all[a] who sit at the table with you. [11]For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

[12]He also said to the one who had invited him, "When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends, nor your brothers, nor your kinsmen, nor rich neighbors, or perhaps they might also return the favor, and pay you back. [13]But when you make a feast, ask the poor, the maimed, the lame, or the blind; [14]and you will be blessed, because they do not have the resources to repay you. For you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous."

[15]Now when one of those who were reclining with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is he who will eat bread[b] in the kingdom of God."

[16]But he said to him, "A certain man made a great supper, and he invited many people. [17]And he sent his servant at the hour for supper to tell those who were invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.' [18]They all as one began to make excuses.

"The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please have me excused.'

[19]"Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go try them out. Please have me excused.'

[20]"Another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

[21]"That servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor, maimed, blind, and lame.'

[22]"The servant said, 'Lord, it is done as you commanded, and there is still room.'

[23]"The lord said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. [24]For I tell you that none of

[a]14:10 M TR omit "all"

[b]14:15 M reads "dinner" instead of "bread"

those individuals who were invited will taste of my supper.[a]'"

[25]Now large crowds were going with him. He turned and said to them, [26]"If anyone comes to me, and does not hate[b] his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. [27]Whoever does not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. [28]For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? [29]Or perhaps, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, everyone who sees begins to mock him, [30]saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' [31]Or what king, as he goes to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? [32]Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an envoy, and asks for conditions of peace. [33]So therefore whoever of you who does not renounce all that he has, he cannot be my disciple. [34]Salt is good, but if the salt becomes flat and tasteless, with what do you season it? [35]It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

15 Now all[c] the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to him to hear him. [2]The Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them."

[3]He told them this parable. [4]"Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he found it? [5]When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing. [6]When he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' [7]I tell you that even so there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. [8]Or what woman, if she had ten drachma[d] coins, if she lost one drachma coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently until she found it? [9]When she has found it, she calls together

[a]14:24 F(mg) G H M* S X Y Gamma Lambda Omega W 0211 f13 69 124 1071 pc Byz(pt) syr(pal(Ms)) geo(Mss), add "For many are called, but few are chosen." Cf. Matthew 22:14

[b]14:26 Hebraistically, a lower preference, i.e., "prefer less," "love less." Cf. Matthew 10:37, Mark 7:10, 10:19

[c]15:1 W pc, lat(aur.b.c.l.q) vg syr(s.c.p) sa(Mss) eth, omit "all"

[d]15:8 A drachma coin was worth about 2 days wages for an agricultural laborer.

her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the drachma which I had lost.’ 10Even so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner repenting.”

11He said, “A certain man had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of your property.’ He divided his livelihood between them. 13Not many days after, the younger son gathered all of this together and traveled into a far country. There he wasted his property with riotous living. 14When he had spent all of it, there arose a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. 15He went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16And he wanted to fill himself[a] with the carob pods that the pigs ate, but no one gave him any. 17But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough to spare, and I’m dying here[b] with hunger. 18I will get up and go to my father, and will tell him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight. 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’

20“He arose, and came to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. 21The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.[c]’

22“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly,[d] bring out the best robe, and put it on him. Put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat, and celebrate; 24for this, my son, was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.’ They began to celebrate.

25“Now his elder son was in the field. As he came near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the servants to him, and asked what was going on. 27He said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and healthy.’ 28But he was angry, and would not go in. Therefore his father came out, and pleaded with him. 29But he answered his father,

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[a]15:16 NU (p75 Aleph B D L R f1 f13 579 1241 2766 al lat(d.e.f) syr(c.pal) sa eth slav(Mss); (Cyril), Aug). M TR (A K P X Delta Theta Pi Psi 28 565 1010 al Byz Lect lat vg syr(s.p.h) bo arm geo2 slav(Mss); Cyril(lem), Ambr, Chrom, Heir) read “fill his stomach”

[b]15:17 M TR omit “here”

[c]15:21 The following add “Make me like one of your hired servants”: Aleph B D U X 33 1006 1241 pc lat(d) vg(Mss) syr(h) eth slav; Qu Arn. Possibly omitted by homoeoteleuton: sou-sou, or added from v.19

[d]15:22 M TR omit “Quickly”

‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed a commandment of yours, but you never gave me a goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this, your son, came, who has devoured your living with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.’

31“He said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But it was appropriate to celebrate and be glad, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive[a]; and he was lost, and is found.’”

16 He also said to his disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager. An accusation was made to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2He called him, and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

3“The manager said within himself, ‘What will I do, seeing that my lord is taking away the management position from me? I do not have strength to dig. I am ashamed to beg. 4I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from management, they may receive me into their houses.’ 5Calling each one of his lord’s debtors to him, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe to my lord?’ 6He said, ‘A hundred batos[b] of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred cors[c] of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

8“His lord commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness, for the people of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the people of light. 9And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it[d] is gone they may welcome you into the everlasting dwellings. 10He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12If you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? 13No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the

[a]15:32 NU (p75 Aleph* B L Delta 579 pc it syr(s.c.p)). M TR (A D W Theta al f1 f13 Byz vg) read “alive again”
[b]16:6 100 batos is about 395 litres, 104 U. S. gallons, or 87 imperial gallons.
[c]16:7 100 cors = about 3,910 litres or 600 bushels.
[d]16:9 M TR read “you” instead of “it”

other. You are not able to serve
God and wealth[a]."

14The Pharisees, who were
lovers of money, also heard all
these things, and they scoffed at
him. 15He said to them, "You are
those who justify yourselves in the
sight of people, but God knows
your hearts. For that which is
exalted among people is an
abomination in the sight of God.
16The Law and the Prophets were
until John. From that time the Good
News of the kingdom of God is
preached, and everyone is forcing
his way into it. 17But it is easier for
heaven and earth to pass away, than
for one tiny stroke of a pen in the
Law to become void. 18Everyone
who divorces his wife, and marries
another, commits adultery. He who
marries one who is divorced from a
husband commits adultery.

19"Now there was a certain
rich man, and he was clothed in
purple and fine linen, living in
luxury every day. 20A certain
beggar, named Lazarus, was placed
at his gate, full of sores, 21and
desiring to be fed with the crumbs
that[b] fell from the rich man's table.
Yes, even the dogs came and licked
his sores. 22It happened that the
beggar died, and that he was carried
away by the angels to Abraham's
bosom. The rich man also died, and
was buried. 23In hell[c], he lifted up
his eyes, being in torment, and saw
Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his
bosom. 24He called out and said,
'Father Abraham, have mercy on
me, and send Lazarus, that he may
dip the tip of his finger in water,
and cool my tongue. For I am in
anguish in this flame.'

25"But Abraham said, 'Son,
remember that you, in your
lifetime, received your good things,
and Lazarus, in like manner, bad
things. But now here he is
comforted and you are in anguish.
26Besides all this, between us and
you there is a great gulf fixed, that
those who want to pass from here
to you are not able, and that none
may cross over from there to us.'

27"He said, 'I ask you
therefore, father, that you would
send him to my father's house; 28for
I have five brothers, that he may
testify to them, so they won't also
come into this place of torment.'

29"But Abraham said to him,
'They have Moses and the
Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

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[a]16:13 Greek "Mammon," a transliteration of the Hebrew and Aramaic word.

[b]16:21 Text: A (D) E F G H K M P U W X Y Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0211 (f1) f13 28 33 69 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 1071 1241 1424 al. Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.d.f) vg syr(p.h) sa(Ms) bo(pt) arm eth geo goth slav; Or(gr,lat), Ad(lat). NU (p75 Aleph* B L 79* lat(b.c.e.ff2.i.l.q.r1) syr(s.c.pal) sa(Mss) bo(pt); Mcion(A), Cl) lacks "with the crumbs that" from haplography by homoioteleuton: twn-twn

[c]16:23 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol

30 "He said, 'No, father
Abraham, but if one goes to them
from the dead, they will repent.'

31 "He said to him, 'If they do
not listen to Moses and the
Prophets, neither will they be
persuaded if one rises from the
dead.'"

17 He said to the
disciples, "It is
impossible that no
occasions of stumbling should
come, but woe to him through
whom they come. 2 It would be
better for him if a millstone were
hung around his neck, and he were
thrown into the sea, rather than that
he should cause one of these little
ones to stumble. 3 Watch
yourselves. If your brother sins,[a]
rebuke him. If he repents, forgive
him. 4 And if he sins against you
seven times in the day, and seven
times[b] returns to you[c], saying, 'I
repent,' you must forgive him."

5 The apostles said to the
Lord, "Increase our faith."

6 The Lord said, "If you had
faith like a grain of mustard seed,
you would tell this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted, and be planted in the
sea,' and it would obey you. 7 But
who is there among you, having a
servant plowing or keeping sheep,
that will say, when he comes in
from the field, 'Come immediately
and sit down at the table'? 8 But will
he not say to him, 'Prepare my
supper, clothe yourself properly,
and serve me, while I eat and drink,
and afterward you can eat and
drink'? 9 Does he thank that servant
because he did the things that were
commanded?[d] 10 Even so you also,
when you have done all the things
that are commanded you, say, 'We
are unworthy servants. We have
done our duty.'"

11 It happened as he was on
his way to Jerusalem, that he was
passing along the borders of
Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he
entered into a certain village, ten
men who were lepers met him, who
stood[e] at a distance. 13 They lifted
up their voices, saying, "Jesus,
Master, have mercy on us."

14 When he saw them, he said
to them, "Go and show yourselves
to the priests." It happened that as
they went, they were cleansed.
15 One of them, when he saw that he
was healed, turned back, glorifying
God with a loud voice. 16 He fell on

[a] 17:3 NU (Aleph A B L W Theta Pi f1 1 892 1582 pc Lat vg syr(s.c.p.h.pal) sa bo arm geo1 goth slav; Cl, Bas). M TR (D E F G H K M U Y Delta Lambda Pi Chi Psi Omega f13 28 565 700 al Byz Lect(pt) lat(c.d.e.q.r1) vg(cl) bo(Mss) eth geo2; Ambr, Aug) add "against you"

[b] 17:4 M TR add "in the day"

[c] 17:4 M lacks "to you"

[d] 17:9 NU (p75 B L f1 1 28 1582 pc lat(a.e) (syr(s.c.pal) sa bo) {arm, geo1; Cyp}). M TR (A {D} G H K M S U W Y Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega {f13} 565 700 1424 pc Byz Lect syr(h) {Lat vg syr(p) geo2; Aug} add "I think not"

[e] 17:12 B F 157 579 read "stood up"

his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. [17]Jesus answered, "Weren't the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? [18]Were there none found who returned to give glory to God, except this stranger?" [19]Then he said to him, "Get up, and go your way. Your faith has healed you."

[20]Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; [21]neither will they say, 'Look, here.' or, 'Look, there.' for[a] the kingdom of God is within you."
[22]He said to the disciples, "The days will come, when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. [23]And they will tell you, 'Look, there.' or 'Look, here.' Do not go away, nor follow after them, [24]for as the lightning, when it flashes out of the one part under the sky, shines to the other part under the sky; so will the Son of Man be in his day.[b] [25]But first, he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. [26]As it happened in the days of Noah, even so will it be also in the days of the Son of Man. [27]They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the box-shaped ship, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. [28]Likewise, even as it happened in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; [29]but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from the sky, and destroyed them all. [30]It will be the same way in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. [31]In that day, he who will be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away. Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back. [32]Remember Lot's wife.[c] [33]Whoever seeks to keep[d] his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will preserve it. [34]I tell you, in that night there will be two people in one bed. The one will be taken, and the other will be left. [35]Two will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left. [36]Two will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left."[e]

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[a]17:21 M TR add "look"
[b]17:24 Some Mss lack "in his day" from homoioteleuton: ou-ou
[c]17:32 Genesis 19:26
[d]17:33 M TR read "save"
[e]17:36 Text: (D) U 124 579 700 1071* 1243 2174 Lect f13 latt(a.aur.b.c.d.(e).f.ff2.(l).q.r1(vid)) vg syr(s.c.p.h) (arm) eth(TH) slav; Diatess(arab.i.n) Ambr Aug. NU (p75 Aleph A B K L W X Delta Theta Pi Psi f1 28 33 35 565 892 1010 Byz vg(ms) cop(sa.bo) eth(pp) geo goth; Bas) lacks verse 36 from homoioteleuton: aphethesetai-aphethesetai. A scribe that went to the trouble of carefully rewording Matthew 24:40 to conform to the text near Luke 17:35 would not have arranged the text in a non-Matthean order. For examples of where Luke has a different order of text compared to Matthew, cf. Luke 6:27-32 vs. Matthew 5:42-46, and Luke 6:31-44 vs. Matthew 7:3-18

37 They, answering, asked
him, “Where, Lord?”

He said to them, “Where the
body is, there will the vultures also
be gathered together.”

18 He also spoke a
parable to them that
they must always
pray, and not give up, 2 saying,
“There was a judge in a certain city
who did not fear God, and did not
respect people. 3 A widow was in
that city, and she often came to
him, saying, ‘Give me justice
against my adversary.’ 4 He would
not for a while, but afterward he
said to himself, ‘Though I neither
fear God, nor respect people, 5 yet
because this widow bothers me, I
will give her justice, or else she will
wear me out by her continual
coming.’”

6 The Lord said, “Listen to
what the unrighteous judge says.
7 Won’t God avenge his chosen
ones, who are crying out to him day
and night, and yet he exercises
patience with them? 8 I tell you that
he will avenge them quickly.
Nevertheless, when the Son of Man
comes, will he find faith on the
earth?”

9 He spoke also this parable to
certain people who were convinced
of their own righteousness, and
who despised all others. 10 “Two
men went up into the temple to
pray; one was a Pharisee, and the
other was a tax collector. 11 The
Pharisee stood and prayed to
himself like this: ‘God, I thank you,
that I am not like other people,
extortioners, unrighteous,
adulterers, or even like this tax
collector. 12 I fast twice a week. I
give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But
the tax collector, standing far away,
would not even lift up his eyes to
heaven, but beat his breast, saying,
‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’
14 I tell you, this man went down to
his house justified rather than the
other; for everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but he
who humbles himself will be
exalted.”

15 Now they were also
bringing their babies to him, that he
might touch them. But when the
disciples saw it, they rebuked them.
16 Jesus summoned them, saying,
“Allow the little children to come
to me, and do not hinder them, for
the kingdom of God belongs to
such as these. 17 Truly, I tell you,
whoever does not receive the
kingdom of God like a little child,
he will in no way enter into it.”

18 A certain ruler asked him,
saying, “Good Teacher, what must
I do to inherit everlasting life?”

19 Jesus asked him, “Why do
you call me good? No one is good,
except one—God. 20 You know the
commandments: ‘Do not commit
adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not
steal,’ ‘Do not give false

testimony,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"[a]

21And he said, "I have kept all these things from my youth up."

22When Jesus heard it[b], he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have, and distribute it to the poor. You will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me."

23But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was very rich.
24And Jesus looked at him[c] and said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter into the kingdom of God. 25For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich person to enter into the kingdom of God."

26Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?"

27But he said, "The things which are impossible with humans are possible with God."

28And Peter said, "Look, we have left our own[d] things and followed you."

29He said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, 30who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the world to come, everlasting life."

31He took the twelve aside, and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written through the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be completed. 32For he will be delivered up to the non-Jews, will be mocked, treated shamefully, and spit on. 33They will scourge and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again."

34They understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not understand the things that were said. 35It happened, as he came near Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road, begging. 36Hearing a crowd going by, he asked what this meant. 37They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." 39Those who led the way rebuked him, that he should be quiet; but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me."

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[a]18:20 Exodus 20:12-16; Deuteronomy 5:16-20
[b]18:22 M TR read " these things" instead of "it"
[c]18:24 Text: Aleph B L f1 157 579 1241 pc syr(pal) sa bo geo). NU (A {D} K P W X Delta Theta Pi Psi 078 f13 33vid 700 892 al Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.(f).q) vg syr(s.c.p.h) (arm) (eth) slav; Diatess(syr, arm)) adds "became very sad"
[d]18:28 M TR read "all" instead of "our own"

40 Standing still, Jesus
commanded him to be brought to
him. When he had come near, he
asked him, 41 "What do you want
me to do?"

He said, "Lord, that I may see
again."

42 Jesus said to him, "Receive
your sight. Your faith has healed
you."

43 And immediately he
received his sight, and followed
him, glorifying God. All the
people, when they saw it, praised
God.

19 He entered and was
passing through
Jericho. 2 And look,
there was a man
named Zacchaeus. He was a chief
tax collector, and he was rich. 3 He
was trying to see who Jesus was,
and could not because of the crowd,
because he was short. 4 He ran on
ahead, and climbed up into a
sycamore tree to see him, for he
was to pass that way. 5 When Jesus
came to the place, he looked up and
saw him,[a] and said to him,
"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down,
for today I must stay at your
house." 6 He hurried, came down,
and received him joyfully. 7 And
when they saw it, they all
murmured, saying, "He has gone in
to lodge with a man who is a
sinner."

8 And Zacchaeus stood and
said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, half
of my goods I give to the poor. If I
have wrongfully exacted anything
of anyone, I restore four times as
much."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today,
salvation has come to this house,
because he also is a son of
Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man
came to seek and to save that which
was lost."

11 As they heard these things,
he went on and told a parable,
because he was near Jerusalem, and
they supposed that the kingdom of
God would be revealed
immediately. 12 He said therefore,
"A certain nobleman went into a far
country to receive for himself a
kingdom, and to return. 13 He called
ten servants of his, and gave them
ten mina coins,[b] and told them,
'Conduct business until I come.'
14 But his citizens hated him, and
sent an envoy after him, saying,
'We do not want this man to reign
over us.'

15 "It happened when he had
come back again, having received
the kingdom, that he commanded
these servants, to whom he had

[a] 19:5 Text: A E F G H M R S U W(supp) Gamma Delta Omega f13 33(vid) 69 118 124 157 346 700 788 892 Byz latt syr(p) goth. NU (Aleph B L T Theta f1 579 1241 syr(s.c) cop(sa.bo)) lacks "and saw him" from homoioarcton: ei-ei

[b] 19:13 10 minas was more than 3 years' wages for an agricultural laborer.

given the money, to be called to
him, that he might know what they[a]
had gained by conducting business.
16The first came before him,
saying, 'Lord, your mina has made
ten more minas.'

17"And he said to him, 'Well
done, good servant. Because you
were faithful with very little, you
will have authority over ten cities.'

18"The second came, saying,
'Your mina, Lord, has made five
minas.'

19"So he said to him, 'And
you are to be over five cities.'
20And another came, saying, 'Lord,
look, your mina, which I kept laid
away in a handkerchief, 21for I
feared you, because you are an
exacting man. You take up that
which you did not lay down, and
reap that which you did not sow.'

22"He said to him, 'Out of
your own mouth will I judge you,
you wicked servant. You knew that
I am an exacting man, taking up
that which I did not lay down, and
reaping that which I did not sow.
23Then why did you not deposit my
money in the bank, and at my
coming, I might have earned
interest on it?' 24He said to those
who stood by, 'Take the mina away
from him, and give it to him who
has the ten minas.'

25"They said to him, 'Lord,
he has ten minas.' 26'For I tell you
that to everyone who has, will more
be given; but from him who does
not have, even that which he has
will be taken away[b]. 27But bring
those enemies of mine who did not
want me to reign over them here,
and kill them before me.'"
28Having said these things, he went
on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29It happened, when he drew
near to Bethphage[c] and Bethany, at
the mountain that is called Olivet,
he sent two of the[d] disciples,
30saying, "Go your way into the
village on the other side, in which,
as you enter, you will find a colt
tied, whereon no one ever yet sat.
Untie it, and bring it. 31If anyone
asks you, 'Why are you untying it?'
say to him: 'Because the Lord
needs it.'"

32Those who were sent went
away, and found things just as he
had told them. 33As they were
untying the colt, its owners said to
them, "Why are you untying the
colt?" 34They said, "Because the
Lord needs it." 35They brought it to
Jesus. They threw their cloaks on
the colt, and set Jesus on them. 36As
he went, they spread their cloaks in
the way. 37As he was now getting
near, at the descent of the Mount of
Olives, the whole crowd of the
disciples began to rejoice and
praise God with a loud voice for all

[a]19:15 M TR read "any one"
[b]19:26 M TR add "from him"
[c]19:29 M reads "Bethsphage" instead of "Bethphage"
[d]19:29 M TR add/read "his"

the mighty works which they had seen, 38saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.[a] Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

39Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."

40He answered them, "I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out."

41When he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, 42saying, "If you, even you, had known today the things that make for peace. But now, they are hidden from your eyes. 43For the days will come on you, when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, surround you, hem you in on every side, 44and will dash you and your children within you to the ground. They will not leave in you one stone on another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

45And he entered into the temple, and began to drive out those who were selling and buying in it,[b] 46saying to them, "It is written, 'And my house will be[c] a house of prayer,'[d] but you have made it a 'den of robbers'."[e]

47He was teaching daily in the temple, but the chief priests and the scribes and the leaders among the people sought to destroy him. 48They could not find what they might do, for all the people hung on to every word that he said.

20 It happened on one of those days, as he was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the Good News, that the chief[f] priests and scribes came to him with the elders. 2They asked him, "Tell us: by what authority do you do these things? Or who is giving you this authority?"

3He answered them, "I also will ask you one question. Tell me: 4the baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from people?"

5They reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' 6But if we say, 'From people,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." 7They answered that they did not know where it was from.

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[a]19:38 Psalm 118:26
[b]19:45 Text: A C E G H K M R S U W Pi Omega 33 118 124 157 565 700 892 1071 al Byz Lat(aur.f) vg syr(s.c.p) goth. NU (Aleph B L 1 579 1241 pc f1 syr(pal) sa bo geo) lacks "and buying in it" from homoioteleuton: ntas-ntas. The wording is not identical to the parallels, and the support for the omission is chiefly from one locale
[c]19:46 M TR read "My house is"
[d]19:46 Isaiah 56:7
[e]19:46 Jeremiah 7:11
[f]20:1 M lacks "chief"

[8]Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

[9]He began to tell the people this parable. "A man[a] planted a vineyard, and rented it out to some farmers, and went on a journey for a long time. [10]At the proper season, he sent a servant to the farmers to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him, and sent him away empty. [11]He sent yet another servant, and they also beat him, and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. [12]He sent yet a third, and they also wounded him, and threw him out. [13]The lord of the vineyard said, 'What am I to do? I will send my beloved son. It may be that[b] they will respect him.'

[14]"But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. [c]Let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' [15]They threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do to them? [16]He will come and destroy these farmers, and will give the vineyard to others."

When they heard it, they said, "May it never be."

[17]But he looked at them, and said, "Then what is this that is written,

'The stone which the builders
rejected,
the same was made the chief
cornerstone?'[d]

[18]Everyone who falls on that stone
will be broken to
pieces;
but on whomever it falls, it
will crush him."[e]

[19]The chief priests and the scribes sought to lay hands on him that very hour, but they feared the people[f]—for they knew he had spoken this parable against them. [20]They watched him, and sent out spies, who pretended to be righteous, that they might trap him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the power and authority of the governor. [21]They asked him, "Teacher, we know that you say and teach what is right, and are not partial to anyone, but truly teach the way of God. [22]Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

[23]But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them,[g] [24]"Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription are on it?"

They answered, "Caesar's."

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[a]20:9 NU adds in brackets "certain"
[b]20:13 M TR add "seeing him"
[c]20:14 M TR read "Come, let us"
[d]20:17 Psalm 118:22
[e]20:18 Isaiah 8:14-15; Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45; Romans 9:32-33; 1Peter 2:8
[f]20:19 M lacks "the people"
[g]20:23 NU (Aleph B L f1 0266vid 157 230 579 892 1241 1424 pc lat(e) sa bo arm). M TR (A C D P W Delta Theta Psi f13 33 Byz Lat vg syr goth) add "Why do you test me", a possible harmonization to Matthew 22:18 or Mark 12:15

[25]He said to them, "Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

[26]They weren't able to trap him in his words before the people. And amazed at his answer, they fell silent. [27]Some of the Sadducees came to him, those who deny that there is a resurrection. [28]They asked him, "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies having a wife, and he is[a] childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up children for his brother. [29]There were therefore seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died childless. [30]The second[b] and [31]the third took her, and likewise the seven all left no children, and died. [32]Afterward the woman also died. [33]Therefore in the resurrection whose wife of them will she be? For the seven had her as a wife."

[34]Jesus said to them, "The people of this age marry and are given to someone to marry. [35]But those who are regarded as worthy of a place in that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given to someone to marry. [36]For they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels, and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. [37]But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord 'The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'[c] [38]Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him."

[39]Some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you speak well." [40]They did not dare to ask him any more questions.

[41]He said to them, "Why do they say that the Christ is David's son? [42]David himself says in the scroll of Psalms,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
[43]until I make your enemies
the footstool of your
feet."'[d]

[44]"David therefore calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"

[45]In the hearing of all the people, he said to his disciples, [46]"Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts; [47]who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers: these will receive greater condemnation."

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[a]20:28 M TR read "dies" instead of "is"

[b]20:30 NU (Aleph B D L 0266vid 157 892 1241pc lat(d.e) sa bo geo) M TR (A W Delta Theta Psi f1 f13 33 Byz Lat syr goth) add "took her as wife, and he died childless," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: os-os

[c]20:37 Exodus 3:6

[d]20:43 Psalm 110:1

21 He looked up, and saw the rich people who were putting their gifts into the treasury. 2He saw a certain poor widow casting in two lepta.[a] 3He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow put in more than all of them, 4for all these put in gifts[b] from their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had to live on."

5As some were talking about the temple and how it was decorated with beautiful stones and gifts, he said, 6"As for these things which you see, the days will come, in which there will not be left here one stone on another that will not be thrown down."

7They asked him, "Teacher, so when will these things be? What is the sign that these things are about to happen?"

8He said, "Watch out that you do not get led astray, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he[c],' and, 'The time is near.' Therefore do not follow them. 9When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified, for these things must happen first, but the end won't come immediately."

10Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11There will be great earthquakes, famines, and plagues in various places. There will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. 13It will turn out as a testimony for you. 14Settle it therefore in your hearts not to meditate beforehand how to answer, 15for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to withstand or to contradict. 16You will be handed over even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. They will cause some of you to be put to death. 17And you will be hated by everyone because of my name. 18But not a hair of your head will perish.

19"By your endurance you will win your lives.
20"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. 21Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let those who are in the midst of her depart. Let those who are in the country not enter it. 22For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse infants in those days. For there will be great distress in the land, and wrath to this people. 24And they

[a]21:2 literally, "two lepta." 2 lepta was about 1% of a day's wages for an agricultural laborer.

[b]21:4 M TR add "for God"
[c]21:8 Or, "I AM"

will fall by the edge of the sword
and be led captive into all the
nations. And Jerusalem will be
trampled down by non-Jewish
people until the times are fulfilled.
And there will be times[a] of the non-
Jewish people. 25And there will be
signs in the sun, and moon, and
stars, and on the earth distress of
nations in perplexity because of the
roaring of the sea and the waves;
26people will be fainting from fear,
and from expectation of the things
which are coming on the world, for
the powers of the heavens will be
shaken. 27Then they will see the
Son of Man coming in a cloud with
power and great glory. 28But when
these things begin to happen, look
up, and lift up your heads, because
your redemption is near."

29He told them a parable.
"See the fig tree, and all the trees.
30When they are already budding,
you see it and know by your own
selves that the summer is already
near. 31Even so you also, when you
see these things happening, know
that the kingdom of God is near.
32Truly I tell you, this generation
will not pass away until all things
are accomplished. 33Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words
will by no means pass away.

34"So be careful, or your
hearts will be loaded down with
carousing, drunkenness, and cares
of this life, and that day will come
on you suddenly. 35For it will come
like a snare on all those who dwell
on the surface of all the earth.
36Therefore be watchful all the
time, praying that you may be able[b]
to escape all these things that will
happen, and to stand before the Son
of Man."

37Every day Jesus was
teaching in the temple, and every
night he would go out and spend
the night on the mountain that is
called Olivet. 38All the people came
early in the morning to him in the
temple to hear him.

22 Now the feast of
unleavened bread,
which is called the
Passover, drew near. 2The chief
priests and the scribes sought how
they might kill him, for they feared
the people. 3Satan entered into
Judas, who was called[c] Iscariot,
who was numbered with the
twelve. 4He went away, and talked
with the chief priests and captains
about how he might deliver him to
them. 5They were glad, and agreed
to give him money. 6He consented,
and sought an opportunity to
deliver him to them in the absence

[a]21:24 Text: L 892 1241 syr(h(mg codd)) cop(bo), reading lit. "are fulfilled [the times. And there will be] times". NU (Aleph C N Theta 33 157 lat(c.e.f.ff2.i.q) sa? (-ou A E G H K M S U W(supp) Y Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 118 1071 1582 Byz) lacks bracketed from homoioarcton: kairoi-kairoi

[b]21:36 M TR read "counted worthy" instead of "able"

[c]22:3 M TR read "surnamed" instead of "called"

of the crowd. 7The day of unleavened bread came, on which the Passover lamb must be sacrificed. 8He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

9They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare?"

10He said to them, "Look, when you have entered into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house which he enters. 11Tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' 12He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there."

13They went, found things as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. 14When the hour had come, he reclined at the table, and the[a] apostles joined him. 15He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, 16for I say to you, I will not eat of it again[b] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17He received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, "Take this, and share it among yourselves, 18for I tell you, from now on[c] I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

19He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20Likewise, he took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.[d] 21But look, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. 22The Son of Man indeed goes, as it has been determined, but woe to that man through whom he is betrayed."

23They began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing. 24There arose also a contention among them, which of them was considered to be greatest. 25He said to them, "The kings of the nations lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called 'benefactors.' 26But not so with you. But one who is the greater among you, let him become as the younger, and one who is governing, as one who serves. 27For who is greater, one who sits at the table, or one who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? But I am in the midst of you as one who serves. 28But you are those who have

[a]22:14 M TR add "apostles"
[b]22:16 Text: E F G K M P S U X Gamma Delta Lambda Pi Omega 0279 f1 f13 69 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 892 1582 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.b.c.(d).e.f.ff2.i.(l).q.(r1)) vg arm eth (geo) slav; Or(lat). NU (p75vid Aleph B L H Theta 579 1241 seven lect lat(a) sa bo; Apo, Cyr, TiBos, Epiph) lacks "again," from homoioarcton: ou-ou
[c]22:18 M TR omit "from now on"
[d]22:20 1Co 11:23-25

continued with me in my trials. 29I confer on you a kingdom, even as my Father conferred on me, 30that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom,[a] and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

31.b"Simon, Simon, look, Satan has demanded to have you all, to sift you like wheat, 32but I prayed for you, that your faith would not fail. You, when once you have turned again, establish your brothers."

33He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

34He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will by no means crow today until[c] you deny that you know me three times."

35He said to them, "When I sent you out without money bag, and pack, and shoes, did you lack anything?"

They said, "Nothing."

36Then he said to them, "But now, whoever has a money bag must[d] take it, and likewise a pack. Whoever has none, must sell his cloak, and buy a sword. 37For I tell you that this which is written must still be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with transgressors.'[e] For that which concerns me has an end."

38They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

He said to them, "That is enough."

39He came out, and went, as his custom was, to the Mount of Olives. His disciples also followed him. 40When he was at the place, he said to them, "Pray that you do not enter into temptation."

41He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and he knelt down and prayed, 42saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

43And an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. 44Being in agony he prayed more earnestly. His sweat became

[a]22:30 Byz lacks "in my kingdom" from haplography: mou-mou
[b]22:31 NU (p75 B L T 1241 L1231 syr(s) sa bo geo; Bas(1/2)). M TR (Aleph D E F G H K M N Q S U W Delta Theta Lambda Pi PsiOmega f1 f13 565 788 1582 al Byz Lect Latt((a).aur.b.c.d.(e).f.(ff2).(i)(l).q.(r1)) vg syr((c).(p).h.(pal)) (bo(Mss)) arm (eth) slav; Bas(1/2), (Cyr(lem))) add "And the Lord said," possibly lost from haplography involving overbars: iel (Israel)-ks (Lord). P: "And Jesus said"
[c]22:34 M TR read "before"
[d]22:36 M reads "let him" instead of "must"
[e]22:37 Isaiah 53:12

like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.[a]

45When he rose up from his prayer, he came to the disciples, and found them sleeping because of grief, 46and said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

47While he was still speaking, look, a crowd came, and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. 48But Jesus said to him, "Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" 50A certain one of them struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

51But Jesus answered and said, "No more of this." Then he touched his ear and healed him. 52Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and elders, who had come against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53When I was with you in the temple daily, you did not stretch out your hands against me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

54They seized him, and led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed from a distance. 55When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard, and had sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56A certain servant girl saw him as he sat in the light, and looking intently at him, said, "This man also was with him."

57But he denied it,[b] saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

58After a little while someone else saw him, and said, "You also are one of them."

But Peter answered, "Man, I am not."

59After about one hour passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Truly this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean."

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[a]22:43-44 Text: Aleph* D E Fvid G H K L M Q X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0171vid f1 118 157 209 346 565 597 700 892* 1241 1582 al Byz Lect(1/2) Latt(a.aur.b.c.d.e.ff2.i.l.q.r1) vg(st.ww) syr(p.h.pal) bo(pt) eth slav; Diatess(arm), Ju, Ir(gr), Hipp, Or, Ps-Dion, Ar, Eusebian Canons, Did, Epiph, Chr, Theo, Nes, Thret. f13 also adds after Matthew 26:39, possibly for liturgical use. NU (p75 A B T W Lect(1/2) lat(f) syr(s) sa bo(Mss) arm geo; Gk and Lat Mss(acc. to Hilary), Ambr, Heir) brackets verses 43 and 44. Possibly edited out for doctrinal reasons. The very early patristic support and typically Lukan wording support the originality of the words

[b]22:57 M TR read "him"

60But Peter said, “Man, I do
not know what you are talking
about.” Immediately, while he was
still speaking, a rooster crowed.
61The Lord turned, and looked at
Peter. Then Peter remembered the
Lord’s word, how he said to him,
“Before the rooster crows today[a]
you will deny me three times.”
62And he[b] went out, and wept
bitterly.
63The men who held him began
mocking and beating him. 64And
having blindfolded him, they were
striking his face and kept asking
him[c], saying, “Prophesy, who is the
one who struck you?” 65They spoke
many other things against him,
insulting him.

66As soon as it was day, the
council of the elders of the people
gathered together, both[d] chief
priests and scribes, and they led
him away into their council, saying,
67“If you are the Christ, tell us.”

But he said to them, “If I tell
you, you won’t believe, 68and if I
ask, you will not answer me, or let
me go.[e] 69From now on, the Son of
Man will be seated at the right hand
of the power of God.”

70They all said, “Are you
then the Son of God?”

He said to them, “You say
that I am.”

71They said, “Why do we
need any more witness? For we
ourselves have heard from his own
mouth.”

23 The whole company
of them rose up and
brought him before
Pilate. 2They began to accuse him,
saying, “We found this man
subverting our[f] nation, forbidding
paying taxes to Caesar, and saying
that he himself is the Christ, a
king.”

3Pilate asked him, “Are you
the King of the Jews?”

He answered him, “You say
so.”

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[a]22:61 M TR omit “today”
[b]22:62 M TR read “Peter” instead of “he”
[c]22:64 Text: A(c) E G H N S U W(supp) X Delta Lambda Psi Omega f13 28 69 124 157 346 565 700 788 892 1071 Byz lat(aur.f.ff2.i.l.q) vg syr(h). NU (p75 Aleph B K L M T 1241 lat(b.c.e.r1) cop(bo)) lacks “they were striking his face and (kept asking) him” from homoioarcton: etupton autou-eperwtwn auton, with subsequent loss of auton
[d]22:65 M lacks “both”
[e]22:68 Text: A (D) E G H K M N S U (W) X Y Gamma Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0211 0233 f13 28 700 1071 al Byz Lect Latt((a).aur.b.c.d.(e).ff2.(i).(l). q.r1) vg syr(s.c.p.h) arm eth eth geo slav; Aug. NU (p75 Aleph B L T 1241 1278* bo; Cyr, Ambr) lacks “me, or let me go” from haplography by homoioteleuton: hte-hte. Some Mss lack “or let me go,” possibly from homoioarcton: apo-apo, with secondary adjustment
[f]23:2 M TR read “the” instead of “our”

4Pilate said to the chief
priests and the crowds, "I find no
basis for a charge against this
man."

5But they insisted, saying,
"He stirs up the people, teaching
throughout all Judea, beginning
from Galilee even to this place."
6But when Pilate heard it[a], he asked
if the man was a Galilean. 7When
he found out that he was in Herod's
jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,
who was also in Jerusalem during
those days.

8Now when Herod saw Jesus,
he was exceedingly glad, for he had
wanted to see him for a long time,
because he had heard[b] about him.
He hoped to see some miracle done
by him. 9He questioned him with
many words, but he gave no
answers. 10The chief priests and the
scribes stood, vehemently accusing
him. 11Herod with his soldiers
treated him with contempt and
mocked him. Dressing him in
luxurious clothing, they sent him
back to Pilate. 12Herod and Pilate
became friends with each other that
very day, for before that they were
enemies with each other.

13Pilate called together the
chief priests and the rulers and the
people, 14and said to them, "You
brought this man to me as one that
subverts the people, and see, I have
examined him before you, and
found no basis for a charge against
this man concerning those things of
which you accuse him. 15Neither
has Herod, for he sent him back to
us[c], and see, nothing worthy of
death has been done by him. 16I will
therefore chastise him and release
him." 17(Now he had to release one
prisoner to them at the feast.)[d]

18But they all shouted out
together, saying, "Away with this
man. Release to us Barabbas"
19(one who was thrown into prison
for a certain revolt in the city, and
for murder.)

20Then Pilate spoke to them
again, wanting to release Jesus,
21but they shouted, saying,
"Crucify. Crucify him."

22He said to them the third
time, "Why? What evil has this
man done? I have found no capital
crime in him. I will therefore
chastise him and release him."
23But they were urgent with loud
voices, asking that he might be

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[a]23:6 M TR read "Galilee" instead of "it"
[b]23:8 M TR add "many things"
[c]23:15 M TR reads "I sent him to you" instead of "he sent him back to us"
[d]23:17 Text: Aleph E F G H M (N) S U W X Y Gamma Delta (Theta) Lambda (Psi) Omega f1 f13 28 157 1071 al. Byz Lect Lat(aur.b.c.e.f.ff2. l.q.r1) vg syr((s.c.p)h) bo(pt) (sa(Mss)) arm (eth) geo slav; Eusebian Canons. NU (p75 A B K L T Pi 070 0211 892* 1241 1346* pc lat(a) vg(Ms) sa(Mss) bo(pt); Diatess(arab)) lacks "Now he had…feast" from homoioarcton: an-an. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540, 550 n25

crucified. And their voices, and those of the chief priests,[a] prevailed. [24]Pilate decreed that what they asked for should be done. [25]He released[b] him who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus up to their will.

[26]When they led him away, they grabbed one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and placed on him the cross, to carry it after Jesus. [27]A large crowd of the people followed him, including women who also mourned and lamented him. [28]But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. [29]For look, the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' [30]Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'[c] [31]For if they do these things in the green tree, what will be done in the dry?"

[32]There were also others, two criminals, led with him to be put to death. [33]When they came to the place that is called The Skull,[d] they crucified him there with the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

[34]And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."[e]

Dividing his garments among them, they cast lots. [35]The people stood watching. The rulers[f] also scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his Chosen One."

[36]The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering

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[a]23:23 Text: A D E F G H K M N P S U W X Gamma Delta Theta Psi Lambda Omega 0250 f1 f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 892 1582 al Byz Lect (lat(c.d.f)) syr((s).(c).p.h) bo(Ms) arm eth geo slav. NU (p75 Aleph B L 070 130 755 1241 Lat(a.aur.b.e.ff2) vg sa bo; Aug) lack "and those of the chief priests" from haplography: wn kai-wn kai. No parallel

[b]23:25 TR adds "to them"

[c]23:30 Hosea 10:8

[d]23:33 Latin "Calvary"

[e]23:34 Text: Aleph* A C E F G H K L M N Q S U X Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0250 f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 209 565 700 788 892 1071 1582 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.b.c.e.f.ff2.l.r1) vg syr(c.p.h.pal) bo(pt) arm eth geo slav; Diatess, Jac-Just(H), Ign, Ir(lat), Hipp, Cl, Or(lat), Eus, Ps-Ign, GrNy, Amph, Did, Chr, Cyr, Hes, Thret, Ambst, Hil, Ambr, Hier, Aug. Omit (NU double brackets): p75 B D* W Theta 070 0124 579 597 1241 lat(a.d) syr(s) sa bo(pt)), lack "Father, forgive…doing." The words may have been omitted from haplography: -n o de (to) -n di-, or for doctrinal reasons. The very early external support and typically Lukan vocabulary support the originality of the words. Cf. N. Eubank, JBL 129, no. 3 (2010): 521-536

[f]23:35 M TR add "with them"

him vinegar, 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

38An inscription was also written above him[a]: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39One of the criminals who hung there insulted him, saying, "Are you not[b] the Christ? Save yourself and us."

40But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42And he said, "Jesus,[c] remember me when you come into your kingdom."

43And he[d] said to him, "Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

44And it was now about noon,[e] and darkness came over the whole land[f] until three in the afternoon,[g] 45for the sun's light failed.[h] And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.
47When the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous man."[i] 48All the crowds that came together to see this, when they saw the things that were done, returned home beating their breasts. 49All his acquaintances, and the women who followed with him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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[a]23:38 M TR add "in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew"
[b]23:39 M TR read "If you are" instead of "Are you not"
[c]23:42 M TR read "And he said to Jesus, "Lord,"
[d]23:42 M TR read "Jesus" instead of "he"
[e]23:44 Lit. the sixth hour
[f]23:44 Amos 8:9
[g]23:44 Lit. the ninth hour
[h]23:45 NU (p75 Aleph C*(vid) L 070 0124 579 2542 L384(1/3) (~ten Lect) cop(sa.bo) slav; Or(Mss). Possibly the more difficult reading, which is very significant in textual criticism. For ekleipo as "fail, cease," rather than "eclipse," cf. Luke 16:9, 22:32; Hebrews 1:12. The support for ekleipo is rather weak, and from one locale. B and some lect have a different spelling. M TR ((A) D E G H K M Q R (S) U W X Y Gamma Delta (Theta) Pi Psi Omega 0117 0135 f1 f13 28 35 118 124 157 209 346 565 700 788 1241 1346 1424 2358 al Byz Lect Lat(a.aur.b.c.e.f.ff2.l.q) vg syr(s.c.p.pal) (arm) eth (geo); Diatess, Mcion(vid), Or(lat), Or(Mss), Tert, Jul, Ath, GrNaz) read "The sun was darkened." The early patristic and diverse Ms support is significant. Also in favor is that the word is an aorist passive in a string of aorists, and the sentence has a finite verbal construct on either side of the phrase.
[i]23:47 Cf. O. Daniel, A Harmony of the Four Gospels (1996), 207

50And look, a man named
Joseph, who was a member of the
council, a good and righteous man
51(he had not consented to their
counsel and deed), from
Arimathea[a], a city of the Judeans,
who was also waiting for the
kingdom of God: 52this man went to
Pilate, and asked for the body of
Jesus. 53He took it down, and
wrapped it in a linen cloth, and
placed him in a tomb that was cut
in stone, where no one had ever
been placed. 54It was the day of the
Preparation, and the Sabbath was
drawing near. 55The women, who
had come with him out of Galilee,
followed after, and saw the tomb,
and how his body was placed.
56They returned, and prepared
spices and ointments. On the
Sabbath they rested according to
the commandment.

24 But on the first day
of the week[b], at
early dawn, they[c]
came to the tomb, bringing the
spices which they had prepared.
2They found the stone rolled away
from the tomb. 3They entered in,
and did not find the body of the
Lord Jesus. 4It happened, while
they were greatly perplexed about
this, look, two men stood by them
in dazzling clothing. 5Becoming
terrified, they bowed their faces
down to the earth.

They said to them, "Why do
you seek the living among the
dead? 6He is not here, but is risen.
Remember what he told you when
he was still in Galilee, 7saying that
the Son of Man must be delivered
up into the hands of sinful men, and
be crucified, and the third day rise
again?"

8Then they remembered his
words. 9And returning from the
tomb, they told all these things to
the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now
they were Mary Magdalene and
Joanna and Mary the mother of
James and the other women with
them who told these things to the
apostles. 11These words seemed to
them to be nonsense, and they did
not believe them. 12But Peter got up
and ran to the tomb. Stooping and
looking in, he saw the strips of
linen[d] by themselves, and he
departed to his home, wondering
what had happened.
13And look, two of them were
going that very day to a village
named Emmaus, which was about
seven miles[e] from Jerusalem.
14They talked with each other about
all of these things which had
happened. 15It happened, while
they talked and questioned
together, that Jesus himself came
near, and went with them. 16But
their eyes were kept from
recognizing him. 17And he said to
them, "What are these words that
you are exchanging with each other

[a]23:51 Cf. Matthew 27:57 fn
[b]24:1 Lit. "on the first (day) of the sabbaths"
[c]24:1 M TR add "and some others"
[d]24:12 M TR add "lying"
[e]24:13 Or, about 11 kilometers. Lit. 60 stadia

as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.[a]

[18]One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things which have happened there in these days?"

[19]He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things concerning Jesus, the Nazarene, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; [20]and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. [21]But we were hoping that it was he who would redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. [22]Also, certain women of our company amazed us, having arrived early at the tomb; [23]and when they did not find his body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. [24]Some of us went to the tomb, and found it just like the women had said, but they did not see him."

[25]Then he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken. [26]Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter into his glory?" [27]Beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. [28]They drew near to the village, where they were going, and he acted like he would go further.

[29]They urged him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is almost evening, and the day is almost over."

He went in to stay with them. [30]It happened, that when he had sat down at the table with them, he took the bread and gave thanks. Breaking it, he gave to them. [31]Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished out of their sight. [32]And they said to one another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?" [33]They rose up that very hour, returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and those who were with them, [34]saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon." [35]They related the things that happened along the way, and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

[36]As they said these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be to you."

[37]But they were terrified and filled with fear, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

[a]24:17 M TR read "walk, and are sad?"

38 He said to them, "Why are
you troubled? Why do doubts arise
in your hearts? 39 See my hands and
my feet, that it is truly me. Touch
me and see, for a spirit does not
have flesh and bones, as you see
that I have." 40 When he had said
this, he showed them his hands and
his feet. 41 While they still did not
believe for joy, and wondered, he
said to them, "Do you have
anything here to eat?"

42 And they gave him a piece
of a broiled fish.[a] 43 And he took it
and ate in front of them. 44 And he
said to them, "This is what I told
you, while I was still with you, that
all things which are written in the
Law of Moses, the Prophets, and
the Psalms, concerning me must be
fulfilled."

45 Then he opened their
minds, that they might understand
the Scriptures. 46 He said to them,
"Thus it is written,[b] for the Christ to
suffer and to rise from the dead the
third day, 47 and that repentance
and[c] forgiveness of sins should be
preached in his name to all the
nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 And look, I send forth the
promise of my Father on you. But
wait in the city[d] until you are
clothed with power from on high."

50 He led them out as far as
Bethany, and he lifted up his hands,
and blessed them. 51 It happened,
while he blessed them, that he
departed from them, and was
carried up into heaven.[e] 52 They
worshiped him, and returned to
Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and

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[a] 24:42 NU (p75 Aleph A B D L W(supp) Pi 579 1079 1377* 2411 lat(d.e) syr(s) sa bo(pt); Or(vid), Ps-Ath). M TR ((E* H) K M N S U (X) Y (Delta Theta) Lambda Psi Omega f1 (f13) 33 565 892 al Byz Lect lat(b.q) (lat(aur.(c).ff2,l.r1) vg) syr(c.p.h*.pal) bo(pt) eth (arm geo slav); Ju, Cl, Tert, Amph, (CyrJ, Proc), Epiph, (Hier)) add "and some honeycomb," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai, or removed to harmonize to John 21:9, or an interpolation

[b] 24:46 M TR add "and thus it was necessary"

[c] 24:47 Text: A C D F H K L M N S U W(s) Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 28 33 157 180 565 597 700 892 1006 1071 1241 1243 1342 1505 Byz Lect lat(a.aur.de.f.ff2.l.q.r1) vg syr(s.h.pal); Hes). NU (Aleph B syr(p) cop(sa.bo)) reads "into/for

[d] 24:49 M TR add "of Jerusalem"

[e] 24:51 Text: p75 Aleph(2) A B C K L W X Delta Theta Pi Psi f1 f13 33 892 1241 al. Byz Lect lat(aur.c.f.q.r1) vg syr(p.h.pal) sa bo arm eth geo2 slav; Sev, (Hes), Aug(2/3). Aleph* D lat(a.b.d.e.ff2.l) syr(s) geo1; Aug(1/3) lack "and was carried up into heaven" from haplography: n kai a-n kai a

were continually in the temple, praising and[a] blessing God.[b]

John

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things were made through him, and apart from him nothing was made that has been made. [4]In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity. [5]The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it. [6]There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. [7]He came as a witness to testify about the light, that all might believe through him. [8]He was not the light, but was sent that he might testify about the light. [9]The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world.

[10]He was in the world, and the world was made through him, but the world did not recognize him. [11]He came to his own, and those who were his own did not receive him. [12]But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name, [13]who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. [14]And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, such glory as of the one and only of the Father, full of grace and truth. [15]John testified about him and shouted out, saying, "This was the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me, for he was before me.'" [16]For of his fullness we all received, and grace upon grace. [17]For the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18]No one has seen God at any time. The only Son,[c] who is at the Father's side,[d] has made him known.

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[a]24:53 Text: A C(2) F H K M S U W Gamma* Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 209 346 565 579 700 788 892 1071 1582 al Byz Lect lat(aur.c.f.q) vg syr(p.h) arm eth slav; Diatess, (Hesychius). NU (p75 Aleph B C* L syr(s.pal) sa bo geo) lacks "praising and," from homoioteleuton: ountes-ountes

[b]24:53 M TR add "Amen"

[c]1:18 Text: A E F G H K L M S U W X Y Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0141 f1 f13 118 157 565 579 700 788 892 1071 1241 1342 1582 al Byz Lect Latt(a.aur.b.c.e.f.ff2.l) vg syr(c.h.pal) arm eth geo1 slav; Ir(lat1/3), Tert, Hipp, Cl(pt), Or(lat1/2), Letter of Hymenaeus, Alex, Eust, Eus(4/7), Serapion(1/2), Ath, Fortunatianus, Bas(1/2), GrNaz, Chr, Thed, Cyr(1/4), Proc, Thret, JohnD. NU (p66 (p75) Aleph B C* L (33) 850 syr(p.h(mg)) (bo) geo2; (Cl(2/3)), Or(gr2/4), Did, Cyr(1/4), (Eus(3/7)), (Bas(1/2)), (GrNy), (Epiph), (Serapion(1/2)), (Cyril(2/4))) reads "God," a primitive transcriptional error in nomina sacra in the Alexandrian tradition.

[d]1:18 Lit., who is in the bosom of the Father

[19]And this is John's testimony, when the Jewish leaders[a] sent priests and Levites[b] from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

[20]And he confessed, and did not deny, but he confessed, "I am not the Christ."

[21]And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"[c] And he said, "I am not."[d] "Are you the Prophet?"[e] And he answered, "No."

[22]They said therefore to him, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

[23]He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'[f] as Isaiah the prophet said."

[24](Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) [25]And they asked him, "Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

[26]John answered them, saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands one whom you do not know. [27]He is the one who comes after me,[g] whose sandal strap I'm not worthy to loosen." [28]These things were done in Bethany[h] across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

[29]The next day, he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. [30]This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.'
[31]I did not know him, but for this reason I came baptizing in water so that he would be revealed to Israel." [32]And John testified, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him. [33]And I did not recognize him, but he who sent me to baptize in water, he said to me, 'On whomever you will see the

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[a]1:19 Greek ioudaioi. See Bratcher, R. J. "'The Jews' in the Gospel of John." The Bible Translator 26 (1975): 401-9
[b]1:19 Text: p66 p75 Aleph L Wsupp Delta 0141 f1 28 892* 1241 al. Byz Lect; Or(lem). NU (B C* 33 1071 pc lat(a.aur.b.c) syr(c.p.pal) sa bo arm eth geo slav; Chr(lem), Cyr) adds "to him"
[c]1:21 Malachi 4:5
[d]1:21 John humbly rejects the exalted title, but the Christ bestows it on him (Matthew 11:14). John performed the function of Elijah by doing what Elijah was to have done for the arrival of the Lord
[e]1:21 Deuteronomy 18:15, 18. The Prophet is identified as Jesus in Acts 3:22
[f]1:23 Isaiah 40:3
[g]1:27 NU (p5(vid) p66 p75 p119(vid) p120 (Aleph) (B) C* L T W(s) (Theta) (Psi) 083 0141 f1 33 579 1241 al lat(a.(b.l)) syr(s.c) sa bo; (Or)). M TR (A N X Delta (Psi) f13 397 565 Byz Lat vg syr((p).h) (bo(mss))) add "who is preferred before me," possibly lost from homoioarcton: o-o
[h]1:28 TR reads "Bethabara" instead of "Bethany"

Spirit descending, and remaining on him, this is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' [34]And I have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One of God."[a]

[35]Again, the next day, John was standing with two of his disciples, [36]and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Look, the Lamb of God." [37]And the two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38]And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

[39]He said to them, "Come, and you will[b] see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.[c] [40]One of the two who heard John, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [41]He first found his own brother, Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah." (which is translated, Christ). [42]He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John[d]. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated, Peter). [43]On the next day, he was determined to go out into Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." [44]Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. [45]Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote: Jesus of Nazareth,[e] the son of Joseph."

[46]And Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

[47]Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said about him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

[48]Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

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[a]1:34 Text: p106 Aleph* 187 218 228 1784 lat(b*.e.ff2*.11A) syr(s.c); Ambr, Aug. NU (p66 A B C E F G H N P L Delta Theta Psi 083 0141 0233vid f1 f13 33 565 700 al Byz Lect lat(aur.c.f.l.q) vg syr(p.h.pal(Mss)) bo arm eth geo slav; Or, Ast, Chr, Cyr, JnD) reads "Son" (huios) instead of "Chosen One" (eklektos). Some Mss have both readings together: lat(a.35*.48) vg(Mss) syr(pal(Mss)) sa read "Chosen One, the Son of God." Cf. Isaiah 42:1; Luke 9:35, 23:35; C. W. Skinner, "Son of God or God's Chosen One?" Bulletin for Biblical Research 25.3 (2015), 341-57

[b] 1:39 M TR lack "and you will" from homoioteleuton: esthe-esthe

[c]1:39 Lit. the tenth hour

[d]1:42 M TR read "Jonah" instead of "John"

[e]1:45 Isaiah 11:1 Hebrew "netzer"

Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered him,
"Rabbi, you are the Son of God.
You are King of Israel."

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I told you, 'I saw you underneath the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly,[a] I tell you,[b] you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

2 And the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the wedding. 3 And when the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it." 6 Now there were six stone water jars set there after the Jewish manner of purifying, containing two or three metretes[c] apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the water jars with water." They filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the ruler of the feast." So they took it. 9 When the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have drunk freely, then that which is worse. You have kept the good wine until now." 11 This beginning of his signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this, he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother and brothers, and his disciples; and they stayed there a few days. 13 The Jewish Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And he found in the temple those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, and the money changers sitting. 15 And he made a whip of cords, and threw all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables. 16 To those who sold the doves, he said, "Take these things out of here. Do not make my Father's house a marketplace." 17 His disciples remembered that it

[a] 1:51 Lit. "Amen, amen"
[b] 1:51 M TR add "hereafter"
[c] 2:6 2 to 3 metretes is about 20 to 30 U. S. Gallons, 16 to 25 imperial gallons, or 75 to 115 litres.

was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”[a]

18 The Jewish leaders therefore answered him, “What sign do you show us, seeing that you do these things?”

19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

20 The Jewish leaders therefore said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21 But he spoke of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he said this[b], and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in his name after seeing his signs which he did. 24 But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew everyone, 25 and because he did not need anyone to testify concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jewish people. 2 This man came to him at night, and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?”

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind[c] blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus answered and said to him, “How can these things be?”
10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I tell you, we speak that which we know, and testify of that which we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. 12 If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I

[a] 2:17 Psalm 69:9
[b] 2:22 TR adds “to them”
[c] 3:8 The same Greek word (pneuma) means wind, breath, and spirit.

tell you heavenly things? 13And no
one has ascended into heaven, but
he who descended out of heaven,
the Son of Man, who is in heaven.[a]
14And as Moses lifted up the
serpent in the wilderness, even so
must the Son of Man be lifted up,
15so that everyone who believes in
him[b] may have everlasting life.
16For God loved the world in this
way: He gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him
would not perish, but have
everlasting life. 17For God did not
send his Son into the world to judge
the world, but that the world should
be saved through him. 18The one
who believes in him is not judged,
but the one who does not believe
has been judged already, because
he has not believed in the name of
the only Son of God. 19And this is
the judgment, that the light has
come into the world, and people
loved the darkness rather than the
light, because their works were
evil. 20For everyone who does evil
hates the light, and does not come
to the light, so that his works will
not be exposed. 21But the one who
does the truth comes to the light,
that his works may be revealed, that
they have been done in God."

22After these things, Jesus
came with his disciples into the
land of Judea. He stayed there with
them, and was baptizing. 23Now
John also was baptizing in Aenon
near Salim, because there was
much water there. They came, and
were baptized. 24For John was not
yet thrown into prison. 25Now a
dispute arose between John's
disciples with a Jew[c] about
purification. 26And they came to
John, and said to him, "Rabbi, he
who was with you beyond the
Jordan, to whom you have testified,
look, he is baptizing, and everyone
is coming to him."

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[a]3:13 Text: A(c) E G H K M N S U Delta Theta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 050 f1 f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 565 579 700 788 1071 1582 al Byz Lect Latt(a.aur.b.c.(e).f.ff2.j.l.q.r1) vg syr((c).p.h.(pal)) bo(pt) arm eth geo1 slav; Hipp, Or(lat(2/4)), Ad(lat), Eust, Ps-Di, Amph, Epiph(1/4), Chr, PaulEm, Cyr(1/16), Hes, Thed(3/4), JohnD, which is lectio difficilior. NU (p66 p75 Aleph B L T W(supp) 083 086 33 1010 1241 1293 pc sa bo(pt) ach2 fay geo2; Diatess, Or(lat(2/4)), Eus, Adam, GrNaz, Apo, GyNy, Did, Epiph(3/4), Cyr(14/16), Thret(1/4)) lacks "who is in heaven," a primitive excision in the Alexandrian tradition due to the difficulty of the term. The inclusion forms a typical Johannine oxymoron (a paradoxical saying juxtaposed within the same context. e.g., 1:1; 3:17-18; 5:21-29; 9:39, 41; 12:47-48). Gk o wn with prepositional phrase is also notably Johannine. Cf. D. A. Black, The Text of John 3:13" GTJ 6.1 (1985), 49-66

[b]3:15 Or, "that whoever believes, will in him." NU ({p66} p75 {Aleph} B {L} T W(supp) 083 {086} 0141 {f1} {33 205 565} {lat(a)}; Cyr {GrNy(vid)}). M TR ({p63(vid)} Delta Theta Psi f13 28 700 1424 al Byz Lect it vg syr(c.p.h) bo(Ms) arm geo slav; Chr, Sev, Cyr(lem)) add "should not perish, but"

[c]3:25 TR reads "Jews" instead of "Jew"

27John answered, “No one
can receive anything, unless it has
been given to him from heaven.
28You yourselves bear me witness[a]
that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’
but, ‘I have been sent before him.’
29He who has the bride is the
bridegroom; but the friend of the
bridegroom, who stands and hears
him, rejoices greatly because of the
bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of
mine is now complete. 30He must
increase, but I must decrease. 31He
who comes from above is above all.
He who is from the earth belongs to
the earth, and speaks of the earth.
He who comes from heaven is
above all. 32What he has seen and
heard, of that he testifies; and no
one receives his witness. 33He who
has received his witness has set his
seal to this, that God is true. 34For
he whom God has sent speaks the
words of God; for he[b] does not give
the Spirit by measure. 35The Father
loves the Son, and has given all
things into his hand. 36Whoever
believes in the Son has everlasting
life, but whoever refuses to believe
in the Son won’t see life, but the
wrath of God remains on him.”

4 Therefore when the
Lord[c] knew that the
Pharisees had heard,
“Jesus was making and baptizing
more disciples than John”
2(although Jesus himself did not
baptize, but his disciples), 3he left
Judea, and departed again[d] into
Galilee. 4He needed to pass through
Samaria. 5So he came to a city of
Samaria, called Sychar, near the
parcel of ground that Jacob gave to
his son, Joseph. 6Jacob’s well was
there. Jesus therefore, being tired
from his journey, sat down by the
well. It was about noon.[e]

7A woman of Samaria came to
draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give
me a drink.” 8For his disciples had
gone away into the city to buy food.

9The Samaritan woman
therefore said to him, “How can
you, being a Jew, ask for a drink
from me, a Samaritan woman?”
(For Jews have no dealings with
Samaritans.)

10Jesus answered her, “If you
knew the gift of God, and who it is
who says to you, ‘Give me a drink,’
you would have asked him, and he
would have given you living
water.”

11The woman said to him,
“Sir, you have nothing to draw
with, and the well is deep. From

[a]3:28 M reads “testify” instead of “bear me witness”
[b]3:34 M TR read “God” instead of “he”
[c]4:1 Text: p66(c) p75 A B C E F G H K L M S U W(s) Delta Pi Psi Omega 083 0141 28 33 124 157 579 700 788 892 1071 1342 1505 Byz lat(f.q) syr(s) cop(sa.bo(Ms) (eth) geo slav; Cyr. NU (p66* Aleph D Theta Lambda 086 f1 118 205 565 1010 1241 1342 1582 lat(a.aur.b.c.d.e.ff2.j.l.r1) vg syr(c.p.h) cop(bo.fay) arm; Epiph, Chr) reads “Jesus”
[d]4:3 M lacks “again”
[e]4:6 Lit. the sixth hour

where do you get that living water?
12 Are you greater than our father,
Jacob, who gave us the well, and
drank of it himself, as did his
children, and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered her,
"Everyone who drinks of this water
will thirst again, 14 but whoever
drinks of the water that I will give
him will never thirst again; but the
water that I will give him will
become in him a well of water
springing up to everlasting life."

15 The woman said to him,
"Sir, give me this water, so that I do
not get thirsty, neither come all the
way here to draw."

16 He said to her, "Go, call
your husband, and come here."

17 The woman answered and
said to him,[a] "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You said
well, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you
have had five husbands; and he
whom you now have is not your
husband. This you have said truly."

19 The woman said to him,
"Sir, I perceive that you are a
prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped in
this mountain, and you say that in
Jerusalem is the place where people
ought to worship."

21 Jesus said to her, "Woman,
believe me, the hour comes, when
neither in this mountain, nor in
Jerusalem, will you worship the
Father. 22 You worship that which
you do not know. We worship that
which we know; for salvation is
from the Jews. 23 But the hour
comes, and now is, when the true
worshippers will worship the
Father in spirit and truth, for the
Father seeks such to be his
worshippers. 24 God is spirit, and
those who worship him must
worship in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said to him, "I
know that Messiah comes," (he
who is called Christ). "When he has
come, he will declare to us all
things."

26 Jesus said to her, "I am he,
the one who speaks to you." 27 At
this, his disciples came. They were
surprised that he was speaking with
a woman; yet no one said, "What
are you looking for?" or, "Why do
you speak with her?" 28 So the
woman left her water pot, and went
away into the city, and said to the
people, 29 "Come, see a man who
told me everything that I did. Can
this be the Christ?"

30 They went out of the city,
and were coming to him. 31 In the
meanwhile, the disciples urged
him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But he said to them, "I have
food to eat that you do not know
about."

[a] 4:17 M TR omit "to him"

33 The disciples therefore said
one to another, "Has anyone
brought him something to eat?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My
food is to do the will of him who
sent me, and to accomplish his
work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are
yet four months until the harvest?'
Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes
and see the fields, that they are
white for harvest already. 36 He who
reaps receives wages, and gathers
fruit to everlasting life; that both he
who sows and he who reaps may
rejoice together. 37 For in this the
saying is true, 'One sows, and
another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap
that for which you have not
labored. Others have labored, and
you have entered into their labor."

39 From that city many of the
Samaritans believed in him
because of the word of the woman,
who testified, "He told me
everything that I did." 40 So when
the Samaritans came to him, they
asked him to stay with them. He
stayed there two days. 41 Many
more believed because of his word.
42 They said to the woman, "Now
we believe, not because of your
speaking; for we have heard for
ourselves, and know that this is
indeed the[a] Savior of the world."

43 After the two days he
departed from there to Galilee.
44 For Jesus himself testified that a
prophet has no honor in his own
country. 45 So when he came into
Galilee, the Galileans received him,
having seen all the things that he
did in Jerusalem at the feast, for
they also went to the feast. 46 Jesus
came therefore again to Cana of
Galilee, where he made the water
into wine. There was a certain
nobleman whose son was sick at
Capernaum. 47 When he heard that
Jesus had come out of Judea into
Galilee, he went to him, and
pleaded with him that he would
come down and heal his son, for he
was close to death. 48 Jesus
therefore said to him, "Unless you
see signs and wonders, you will in
no way believe."
49 The nobleman said to him, "Sir,
come down before my child dies."
50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way.
Your son lives." The man believed
the word that Jesus spoke to him,
and he went his way. 51 As he was
now going down, his servants met
him,[b] saying that his son was alive.[c]
52 So he inquired of them the hour
when he began to get better. They
said therefore to him, "Yesterday at
one in the afternoon,[d] the fever left
him." 53 So the father knew that it
was at that hour in which Jesus said
to him, "Your son lives." He
believed, as did his whole house.
54 This is again the second sign that
Jesus did, having come out of Judea
into Galilee.

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[a] 4:42 M TR add "the Christ"
[b] 4:51 M TR add "and reported"
[c] 4:51 M TR read "saying, Your son lives"
[d] 4:52 Lit. the seventh hour

5 After these things, there was a Jewish festival,[a] and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [2]Now in Jerusalem by the sheep area[b] there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew Beth Hesda,[c] having five porches. [3]In these lay a[d] multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed.[4e]

[5]A certain man was there, who had been sick for thirty-eight years. [6]When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been sick for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to be made well?"

[7]The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am on my way, someone else steps down ahead of me."

[8]Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up your mat, and walk."

[9]Immediately, the man was made well, and took up his mat and walked.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day. [10]So the Jewish leaders said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is not lawful for you to carry the mat."

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[a]5:1 Possibly Purim

[b]5:2 Gk: probatike, meaning "of sheep," a possible ellipse which has been thought to suggest a place, market, gate or pool

[c]5:2 Greek Bethesda for Aramaic Beth Hesda, pronounced Beth Khesda, meaning "House of Mercy/Grace." In Hebrew the name would be Beth Hesed, but by the late Second Temple era the Hebrew language had assimilated many Aramaic words. The Greek language had lost the /h/ sound by c. 400 BC. Cf. Joshua 10:10 Beth Horon > Bethoron (LXX); Numbers 32:36 Beth Haran > Baitharon (LXX). Text: A C K N X Delta Theta 078 0141 f1 f13 28 118 124 157 565 579 700 892 1071 1342 al Byz lat(f.q) vg(Mss) syr(c.p.h(mg).pal) arm geo slav; Diatess(ar), Or, Amph, Did, Chr, Cyr(lem). NU (Aleph 0211 L 33 713 (lat(b.e.ff2*.l)); (Eus)) reads "Bethzatha." Some Mss (p66 "Bedsaida") p75 B T W Psi ("Bessaida") 0125 2737 lat(aur.c) vg Delta(lat) syr(h) cop(sa.bo); Tert, Jerome, PilgrimBord) read "Bethsaida." The latter may be the result of a metathesis: Bethesda > Bethseda > Bethsaida. Josephus calls the name of the northeast corner of the temple Bezetha or Bezatha (Wars, 5:151; 5:246), while Eusebius in Onomastikon calls the pool Bezatha, which may suggest the reading Bethzatha is a scribal modernization

[d]5:3 M TR add "great"

[e]5:3b-4 NU (p66 p75 Aleph B C* T 0141 157 821 lat(q) syr(c) sa bo(pt)). Some Mss (arm geo vg) have 5:3b but lack 5:4. M TR (E F G H Delta Theta Psi 078 0233 f1 f13 213 397 565 579 892 1071 1241 Byz Lect lat(c.e.ff2) vg syr(p.pal.) bo(pt) eth(pp) slav; Diatess, Chr, Cyr) add "waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel {of the Lord} went down at certain times into the pool, and stirred up the water. Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made whole of whatever disease he had." p75 B al also lack Luke 22:43 which also mentions an angel

[11]But he answered them,
"The one who made me well, that
one said to me, 'Take up your mat,
and walk.'"

[12]Then they asked him, "Who
is the man who said to you to pick
it up and walk?[a]"

[13]But the one who was healed
did not know who it was, for Jesus
had withdrawn, a crowd being in
the place.

[14]Afterward Jesus found him
in the temple, and said to him, "See,
you are made well. Sin no more, so
that nothing worse happens to
you."

[15]The man went away, and
told the Jewish leaders that it was
Jesus who had made him well.
[16]For this cause the Jewish leaders
persecuted Jesus,[b] because he did
these things on the Sabbath. [17]But
he[c] answered them, "My Father is
still working, so I am working,
too." [18]For this cause therefore the
Jewish leaders sought all the more
to kill him, because he not only
broke the Sabbath, but also called
God his own Father, making
himself equal with God. [19]Jesus
therefore answered them, "Truly,
truly, I tell you, the Son can do
nothing of himself, but what he
sees the Father doing. For whatever
things he does, these the Son also
does likewise. [20]For the Father
loves the Son, and shows him all
things that he himself does. He will
show him greater works than these,
so that you may marvel. [21]For as the
Father raises the dead and gives
them life, even so the Son also
gives life to whom he desires. [22]For
the Father judges no one, but he has
given all judgment to the Son,
[23]that all may honor the Son, even
as they honor the Father. Whoever
does not honor the Son does not
honor the Father who sent him.

[24]"Truly, truly, I tell you, he
who hears my word, and believes
him who sent me, has everlasting
life, and does not come into
judgment, but has passed out of
death into life. [25]Truly, truly, I tell
you, the hour comes, and now is,
when the dead will hear the Son of
God's voice; and those who hear
will live. [26]For as the Father has life
in himself, even so he gave to the
Son also to have life in himself.
[27]He also gave him authority to
execute judgment, because he is the
Son of Man. [28]Do not be amazed at
this, for the hour comes, in which
all that are in the tombs will hear
his voice, [29]and will come out;
those who have done good, to the
resurrection of life; and those who
have done evil, to the resurrection
of judgment.[d] [30]I can of myself do
nothing. As I hear, I judge, and my
judgment is righteous; because I do

[a]5:12 M TR read "you, Take up your mat, and walk"
[b]5:16 M TR add "and sought to kill him"
[c]5:17 M TR read "Jesus"
[d]5:29 Daniel 12:2

not seek my own will, but the will of the One[a] who sent me.

31"If I testify about myself, my witness is not valid. 32It is another who testifies about me. I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true. 33You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. 34But the testimony which I receive is not from man. However, I say these things that you may be saved. 35He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36But the testimony which I have is greater than that of John, for the works which the Father gave me to accomplish, the very works that I do, testify about me, that the Father has sent me. 37The Father himself, who sent me, has testified about me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. 38You do not have his word living in you; because you do not believe him whom he sent.

39You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have everlasting life; and these are they which testify about me. 40But you are unwilling to come to me so that you may have life. 41I do not receive glory from people. 42But I know you, that you do not have God's love in yourselves. 43I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?[b]

45"Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you, even Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote about me.[c] 47But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

6 After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2A large crowd followed him, because they saw the[d] signs which he did on those who were sick. 3Jesus went up into the mountain, and he sat there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the Jewish festival, was near. 5Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and

[a]5:30 M TR reads "my Father" instead of "the One"
[b]5:44 NU (Aleph A D K L Delta Theta Pi Psi f1 f13 33 579 1241 al Byz Lect Lat(aur.c.d.e.f.ff2.j.l.q.r1) vg syr(c.p.h.pal) bo(pt) eth geo slav(Ms); Or, Bas, GrNy, Eva). Some Mss (p66 p75 B W lat(a.b) sa pbo bo(pt) ach2 arm; Cyr(1/5)) lack "God" from homoioteleuton: ou-ou
[c]5:46 E.g., Genesis 3:15 (Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8); Genesis 22:8 (John 1:29); Exodus 12:21 (1 Co 5:7); Leviticus 16:15-17 (Hebrews 9:12); Leviticus16:27 (Hebrews 13:11, 12); Numbers 9:12 (John 19:33, 36); Numbers 21:9 (John 3:14-18); Deuteronomy 18:15 (John 6:14, 7:40; Acts 3:22-23)
[d]6:2 M TR: "his"

seeing that a large crowd was coming to him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?" 6This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

7Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone of them may receive a little."

8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?"

10Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in that place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11Jesus took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to[a] those who were sitting down; likewise also of the fish as much as they desired. 12When they were filled, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the broken pieces which are left over, that nothing be lost." 13So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. 14When therefore the people saw the sign which he did, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who comes into the world." 15Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew again[b] to the mountain by himself.
16When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17and they entered into the boat, and were going over the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The sea was tossed by a great wind blowing. 19When therefore they had rowed about three or four miles,[c] they saw Jesus walking on the sea,[d] and drawing near to the boat; and they were afraid. 20But he said to them, "It is I[e]. Do not be afraid." 21They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat. Immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

22On the next day, the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except one[f], and that Jesus had not entered with his disciples into the boat, but his disciples had gone away alone. 23Other boats

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[a]6:11 Text: Aleph(2) D E F G H K M S U Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Psi Omega f13 28 69 124 700 1071 1342 1424 al Byz lat(b.d.e.g1.j) syr(s) ac2 bo(Mss) eth(pp); Cyr. NU (p28(vid) p66 p75 Aleph* A B L N W Pi 063 0141 f1 33 118* 565 579 1241 1346* 1582 al lat(a.c.f.ff2.q) vg syr(c.p.h) sa pbo bo arm goth) lacks "the disciples, and the disciples to," from haplography: tois-tois

[b]6:15 M lacks "again"

[c]6:19 Or, 5 to 6 kilometers. Lit. 25 to 30 stadia

[d]6:19 Job 9:8, Psalm 107:29

[e]6:20 Or, "I AM"

[f]6:22 M TR add "in which his disciples had embarked"

from Tiberias came near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24When the crowd therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats, and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

26Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. 27Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed him."

28They said therefore to him, "What must we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

30They said therefore to him, "What then do you do for a sign, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you do? 31Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness. As it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven[a] to eat.'"[b]

32Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread out of heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

34They said therefore to him, "Lord, always give us this bread."
35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. 36But I told you that you have seen me, and yet you do not believe. 37All those whom the Father gives me will come to me. Him who comes to me I will in no way throw out. 38For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39This is the will of him[c] who sent me, that of all he has given to me I should lose nothing, but should raise him up at the last day. 40This is the will of my Father,[d] that everyone who sees the Son, and believes in him, should have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

41The Jewish people therefore murmured concerning

[a]6:31 Greek and Hebrew use the same word for "heaven," "the heavens," "the sky," and "the air"
[b]6:31 Exodus 16:4; Nehemiah 9:15; Psalm 78:24-25
[c]6:39 M TR read "my Father" instead of "him"
[d]6:40 M TR read "the one who sent me" instead of "my Father"

him, because he said, "I am the bread which came down out of heaven." [42]They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"
[43]Therefore Jesus answered them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. [44]No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day. [45]It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.'[a] Therefore everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to me. [46]Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He has seen the Father. [47]Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes[b] has everlasting life. [48]I am the bread of life. [49]Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. [50]This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, that anyone may eat of it and not die. [51]I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I will give for the life of the world[c] is my flesh."

[52]The Jews therefore argued with one another, saying, "How can this one give us flesh to eat?"

[53]Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. [54]He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day. [55]For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. [56]He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. [57]As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he who feeds on me, he will also live because of me. [58]This is the bread which came down out of heaven—not as the fathers ate[d], and died. He who eats this bread will live forever." [59]He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

[60]Therefore many of his disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying. Who can listen to it?"

[61]But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? [62]Then what if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? [63]It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and are life. [64]But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him. [65]He said, "For this cause have I said to you that no one can come

[a]6:45 Isaiah 54:13
[b]6:47 M TR add "in me," possibly lost from homoioarcton: e-e, or it is an addition from context
[c]6:51 M TR add "which I will give"
[d]6:58 M TR read "our fathers ate the manna, and died" instead of "the fathers ate, and died"

to me, unless it is given to him by the[a] Father."

66At this, many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You do not also want to go away, do you?"

68Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of everlasting life. 69We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.[b]"

70Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" 71Now he spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he who would betray him, being one of the twelve.

7 After these things, Jesus was walking in Galilee, for he would not walk in Judea, because the Jewish leaders sought to kill him. 2Now the Jewish festival, the Feast of Tabernacles, was near. 3So his brothers said to him, "Depart from here, and go into Judea, that your disciples also may see your works that you are doing. 4For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." 5For even his brothers did not believe in him.[c]
6Jesus therefore said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. 7The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify about it, that its works are evil. 8You go up to the feast. I am not yet[d] going up to this feast, because my time is not yet fulfilled."

9After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee. 10But when his brothers had gone up to the feast,

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[a]6:65 M TR: "my Father"
[b]6:69 NU (p75 Aleph B C* D L W 397 lat(d) sa(Ms) pbo bo(Ms)). M TR (N Delta Theta Psi 0250 f13 213 799 Byz lat(f.ff2.q.r1) syr(c.p.h.pal) bo(Mss) eth geo2 goth slav; Chr, Cyr(comm.)) reads "Christ, the Son of the living God." Vg (Theta* 0141 f1 33 565 1010 it syr(s) arm geo1; VicR) reads "Christ, the Son of God." p66 sa(Mss) bo ach2; Cyr(lem) read "Christ, the Holy One of God." In the latter, "Christ" could have been lost from haplography: o-o. Cf. Matthew 16:16
[c]7:5 Psalm 69:8
[d]7:8 Text: p66 p75 B E F G H L N S T U W X Gamma Delta Theta Lambda Psi Omega 070 0105 0141 0250 f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 180 597 700 788 892 1243 1342 1424 1505 al Byz Lect lat(f.j.q.27.29) vg(Mss) syr(p.h.pal) sa pbo ach2 goth; Bas, and NA25. NU (Aleph D K M Pi 1071 1241 al some lect lat(a.aur.b.c.d.e.ff2) vg syr(s.c) bo arm eth geo slav; Diatess, Pophyry, Epiph, Chr, Cyr) reads ouk "not," which is chiefly a Western reading. Since there is another oupw ("not yet") in the verse, the first instance here may have been changed for stylistic reasons. In many Mss of the gospels there is an interchange between oupw and ou[k]. The external support for the text reading is early and in all text types. Cf. C. C. Caragounis, "Jesus, his brothers and the journey to Jerusalem (Jo 7:8-10)" Svensk Exegetisk Arsbok 63 (1998)

then he also went up, not publicly, but as it were in secret. [11]The Jewish leaders therefore sought him at the feast, and said, “Where is he?” [12]There was much murmuring among the crowds concerning him. Some said, “He is a good man.” But others said, “Not so, but he leads the crowd astray.” [13]Yet no one spoke openly of him for fear of the Jewish leaders. [14]But when it was now the midst of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught. [15]Then the Jewish leaders were astonished, saying, “How does this man know such writings, having never been educated?”

[16]Jesus therefore answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. [17]If anyone desires to do his will, he will know about the teaching, whether it is from God, or if I am speaking from myself. [18]He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. [19]Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you keeps the Law? Why do you seek to kill me?”

[20]The crowd answered, “You have a demon. Who seeks to kill you?”

[21]Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you are all amazed. [22]Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a boy. [23]If a boy receives circumcision on the Sabbath, that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me, because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath? [24]Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

[25]Therefore some of them of Jerusalem said, “Is not this he whom they seek to kill? [26]Look, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is[a] the Christ? [27]However we know where this man comes from, but when the Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.”

[28]Jesus therefore called out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know me, and know where I am from. I have not come of myself, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know. [29]I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.”

[30]They sought therefore to take him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. [31]But many in the crowd believed in him. They said, “When the Christ comes, he won’t do more signs than those which this man has done, will he?” [32]The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning him, and the

[a]7:26 M TR add “truly”

chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

33Then Jesus said, "I will be with you a little while longer, then I go to him who sent me. 34You will seek me, but won't find; and where I am, you cannot come."

35The Jewish leaders therefore said among themselves, "Where will this man go that we won't find him? Will he go to the Diaspora among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36What is this word that he said, 'You will seek me, but won't find; and where I am, you cannot come'?"

37Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water." 39But he said this about the Spirit, which those believing in him were to receive. For the[a] Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40Some[b] of the crowd therefore, when they heard these[c] words, said, "This is truly the Prophet."[d] 41Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "What, does the Christ come out of Galilee?[e] 42Hasn't the Scripture said that the Christ comes of the offspring of David,[f] and from Bethlehem,[g] the village where David was?" 43So there arose a division in the crowd because of him. 44Some of them would have arrested him, but no one laid hands on him. 45The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring him?"

46The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man."[h]

47The Pharisees therefore answered them, "You are not also led astray, are you? 48Have any of the rulers believed in him, or of the Pharisees? 49But this crowd that

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[a]7:39 NU (p66(c) p75 Aleph N* T Theta Psi 849 vg(st) cop(sa.bo(pt)) arm geo1; Or(gr.lat 1/6), PsD, Cyr(3/9), Hes). Most Mss (p66* E G H L M N(c) S U W(supp) X Y Gamma Delta Lambda Omega 0105 0141 f1 f13 28 33 69 118 124 157 180 205 565 579 700 788 1006 1010 1241 1243 1292 1342 1505 Byz Lect eth; Or(lat 4/6); Mc, Chr, Cyr(6/9), Thret) add "Holy"

[b]7:40 M TR: "Many"

[c]7:40 M TR lack "these" from haplography: wn-wn

[d]7:40 Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22

[e]7:41 Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:13-16

[f]7:42 2 Samuel 7:12

[g]7:42 Micah 5:2

[h]7:46 Text: (p66*) (Aleph*) X Delta Theta Psi 0105vid 0141 f1 f13 28 33 118 124 157 565 579 700 788 1071 1342 al Byz Lect lat(e.f.(ff2).q.r1) vg syr((c).(s).(p).h.(pal)) sa pbo ac2 arm eth geo goth slav; Ast, Chr. NU (p66(c) p75 Aleph(2) B L T W 849 1582 vg(Ms) bo; Or) lacks "this man" from haplography: anthropos-anthropos

does not know the Law is accursed."

[50]Nicodemus (he who came to him before[a], being one of them) said to them, [51]"Does our Law judge a man, unless it first hears from him personally and knows what he does?"
[52]They answered him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search, and see that no prophet comes from Galilee.[b]" [53]Then everyone went to his own house,

8 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. [2]Now very early in the morning, he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him,[c] and he sat down and taught them. [3]Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought[d] a woman taken in adultery, and having set her in the midst, [4]they said to him, "Teacher, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act. [5]Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such.[e] So what do you say?" [6]Now they said this to test him, that they might have something to accuse him of. But Jesus stooped down, and wrote on the ground with his finger.[f] [7]But when they continued asking him, he looked up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her." [8]And again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.
[9]But when they heard it,[g] they went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last, and he[h] was left alone, with the woman where she was, in the middle. [10]Then Jesus, standing up,[i] said to her, "Woman,[j] where are they[k]? Did no one condemn you?"
[11]And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and[l] sin no more."[m]

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[a]7:50 M TR add "by night"
[b]7:52 However, cf. Isaiah 9:1 and Matthew 4:13-16. The prophets Jonah (Gath Hepher, 2 Kings 14:25) and Elijah (Thisbe, 1Kings 17:1) come from the Galilee region
[c]8:2 M lacks "to him"
[d]8:3 M TR add "to him"
[e]8:5 Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22
[f]8:6 M TR add "not taking notice"
[g]8:9 M TR add "being convicted by their conscience"
[h]8:9 M TR add "Jesus"
[i]8:10 M TR add "and having seen no one but the woman"
[j]8:10 M lacks "Woman" from homoioteleuton: h-h
[k]8:10 M TR read "your accusers" instead of "they"
[l]8:11 Text: E F G H K S Lambda 28 124 579 1342 Byz(pt) lat(aur.e) vg. NU (M S U Gamma Omega f1 700 892 1071 1342 1582 Byz(pt) lat(c.d.r1) syr(pal) cop(bo) arm) reads "Go. From now on"
[m]7:53-8:11 Text: include vv 7:53-8:11 D E (F gap 7:28-8:10a) G H K M S U V Gamma (Lambda 047 omit 7:53-8:2) (Pi gap 8:6b-39a) Omega 0233 28 118 124 180 205 579 597 700 892 1006 1010 1071 1243 1292 1342 1505 Byz (Lect(pt)) lat(aur.c.d.e.ff2.j.r1) vg(st.ww) syr(p(Mss).h(Ms).pal) cop(bo(pt)) slav(Mss(mg)); DidAp(vid) ConstAp(vid) Mss(acc. to Did) Ambst Ambr PacB Ruf Greek and

[12]Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world.[a] He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

[13]The Pharisees therefore said to him, "You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid."

[14]Jesus answered them, "Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from, and where I am going; but you do not know where I came from, or where I am going. [15]You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. [16]Even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me. [17]It's also written in your Law that the testimony of two people is valid.[b] [18]I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me."

[19]They said therefore to him, "Where is your Father?"

Jesus answered, "You know neither me, nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." [20]Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. [21]Jesus said therefore again to them, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sins. Where I go, you cannot come."

Latin Mss(acc. to Hier) Hier FauMil Aug // omit vv 7:53-8:11 p39(vid) p66 p75 Aleph A(vid) B C(vid) L (w/ prolonged blank space) N T W (w/ blank page) X Y Delta (w/ prolonged blank space) Theta Psi 070(vid) 0141 0211 0250 33 157 565 1241 1424 Lect(pt) lat(a.f.l.q) syr(s.c.p.h) cop(sa.pbo.bo(pt).ac2) arm(Mss) geo goth slav(Mss); Diatess Mss(acc. to Aug).
The various relocations of 7:53-8:11 (e.g., John 21:24/25 (f1), Lk 21:38 (f13)) in some Mss come from the 10th century and later, and may be either lection-related or attempts to restore the lost text.
Among the text critical reasons to not prefer the shorter reading is if that which was omitted could have seemed "offensive to pious ears" (B. Metzger, TNT, 115), which has been suggested to have been the cause for the missing verses since Ambrose (4th cent.) and Augustine (5th).
Further evidence is the Johannine vocabulary in the verses: (1) "sin no more" (meketi hamartane): John 8:11, cf. John 5:14, (2) "this they said" (touto de elegen/eipen): John 8:6, cf. John 6:6, 7:39, 21:19, (3) historic present agousin ("brought"): John 8:3, cf. John 9:13, 18:28, (4) vocative gunai ("woman"): John 8:10, cf. John 2:4, 4:21, 19:26, 20:13, 15, (5) scornful use of "this" (outos): John 8:4, cf. John 6:52, 7:15, 9:29, 18:30.
The internal and external evidence subsequently suggests the authenticity of 7:53-8:11 as part of John's original composition.
J.D. Punch, "The Piously Offensive Pericope Adulterae" in PACR (2016), 7-31; A. Wilson, "The Adulteress and Her Accusers" in DFTT (2014), 124-143; J. P. Heil, Biblica 72 (1991), 182-191; idem, Eglise et Theologie 25 (1994), 361-366
[a]8:12 Isaiah 60:1
[b]8:17 Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15

[22]The Jewish leaders therefore said, "Will he kill himself, that he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'"

[23]He said to them, "You are from beneath. I am from above. You are of this world. I am not of this world. [24]I said therefore to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am[a] he, you will die in your sins."

[25]They said therefore to him, "Who are you?"

Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. [26]I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you. However he who sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these I say to the world."

[27]They did not understand that he spoke to them about the Father. [28]Jesus therefore said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing of myself, but as the[b] Father taught me, I say these things. [29]He who sent me is with me. The Father hasn't left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

[30]As he spoke these things, many believed in him. [31]Jesus therefore said to those Judeans who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. [32]You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."[c]

[33]They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free?'"

[34]Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. [35]A slave does not live in the house forever. A son remains forever. [36]So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. [37]I know that you are Abraham's descendants, yet you seek to kill me, because my word finds no place in you. [38]I say the things which I have seen with my Father; and you also do the things which you have heard from[d] your father."

[39]They answered him, "Our father is Abraham."

Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. [40]But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. [41]You do the works of your father."

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[a]8:24 Or, "I AM"
[b]8:28 M TR read "my" instead of "the"
[c]8:32 Psalm 119:45
[d]8:38 M TR read "seen with" instead of "heard from"

They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father, God.”

42 Therefore Jesus said to them, “If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. For I have not come of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand my speech? Because you cannot hear my word. 44 You are of your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own; for he is a liar, and its father. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 He who is of God hears the words of God. For this cause you do not hear, because you are not of God.”

48 Then the Judeans answered him, “Do not we say well that you are a Samaritan, and have a demon?”

49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 But I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks and judges. 51 Truly, truly, I tell you, if a person keeps my word, he will never see death.”

52 Then the Judeans said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets; and you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste of death.’ 53 Are you greater than our father, Abraham, who died? The prophets died. Who do you make yourself out to be?”

54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say ‘He is our God.’ 55 You have not known him, but I know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be like you, a liar. But I know him, and keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day. He saw it, and was glad.”

57 The Judeans therefore said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I tell you, before Abraham came into existence, I AM.[a]”

59 Therefore they took up stones to throw at him, but Jesus was concealed, and went out of the temple.[b]

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[a] 8:58 Greek: ego eimi. Cf. Exodus 3:14 LXX

[b] 8:59 NU (p66 p75 Aleph* B D W Theta* 849 pc Lat vg syr(s) sa pbo bo(Ms) ac2 arm geo1; Or(vid)). Aleph(1) C L N X Psi 070 0141 0211 33 892 1241 al. syr(p.h.pal) bo (eth) geo2 slav; Ath add “and having gone through the midst he started going, and so passed by,” possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai.

9 And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2]And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

[3]Jesus answered, “Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but, that the works of God might be revealed in him. [4]We[a] must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work. [5]While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” [6]When he had said this, he spat on the ground, made mud with the saliva, anointed the blind man’s eyes with the mud, [7]and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam[b]” (which means “Sent”). So he went away, washed, and came back seeing. [8]The neighbors therefore, and those who saw that he was a beggar[c] before, said, “Is this not the one who used to sit and beg?” [9]Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “He looks like him.”

He said, “I am he.” [10]They therefore were asking him, “How were your eyes opened?”

[11]He answered, “A man called Jesus made mud, anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to[d] Siloam, and wash.’ So I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

[12]Then they asked him, “Where is he?”

He said, “I do not know.”

[13]They brought him who had been blind to the Pharisees. [14]Now it was a Sabbath on the day[e] when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15]Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and I see.”

[16]Some therefore of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was division among them. [17]Therefore they asked the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

[18]The Jewish leaders therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight, [19]and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

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[a]9:4 M TR read “I” instead of “We”
[b]9:7 Siloam is Gk for Heb. Shiloah, cf. Isaiah 8:6. Shiloah means “to be sent, to send, to let go,” cf. Genesis 45:23, 2Kings 2:2
[c]9:8 M TR read “blind” instead of “a beggar”
[d]9:11 M TR add “the pool of”
[e]9:14 M TR omit “on the day”

[20]His parents answered them, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; [21]but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. He is of age. Ask him. He will speak for himself." [22]His parents said these things because they feared the Jewish leaders; for the Jewish leaders had already agreed that if anyone would confess him as the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. [23]Therefore his parents said, "He is of age. Ask him."

[24]So they called the man who was blind a second time, and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."

[25]He therefore answered, "I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know: that though I was blind, now I see."

[26]They said to him[a], "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

[27]He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You do not also want to become his disciples, do you?"

[28]They insulted him and said, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29]We know that God has spoken to Moses. But as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

[30]The man answered them, "How amazing. You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. [31]We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does his will, he listens to him.[b] [32]Since the world began it has never been heard of that anyone opened the eyes of someone born blind. [33]If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

[34]They answered him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" They threw him out.

[35]Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and finding him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man[c]?"

[36]He answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?"

[37]Jesus said to him, "You have both seen him, and it is he who speaks with you."

[38]He said, "Lord, I believe." and he worshiped him.

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[a]9:26 M TR add "again"

[b]9:31 Psalm 66:18, Proverbs 15:29; 28:9

[c]9:35 NU (p66 p75 Aleph B D W 397 lat(d) syr(s) sa bo(Ms) pbo ac2 mf eth; Or)). M TR (A K L X Delta Theta Psi 0124 f1 f13 33 565 1241 pc Byz Lect Lat vg syr(p.h.pal) bo(Mss) arm geo goth slav; Or(Mss), TheoH, Chr, Cyr) read "God" instead of "Man"

39 Jesus said, "I came into this
world for judgment, that those who
do not see may see; and that those
who see may become blind."

40 Those of the Pharisees who
were with him heard these things,
and said to him, "Are we also
blind?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you
were blind, you would have no sin;
but since you say, 'We see,' your[a]
sin remains.

10 "Truly, truly, I tell
you, one who does
not enter by the door
into the sheepfold, but climbs up
some other way, the same is a thief
and a robber. 2 But one who enters
in by the door is the shepherd of the
sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the
gate for him, and the sheep listen to
his voice. He calls his own sheep by
name, and leads them out.
4 Whenever he brings out his own
sheep, he goes before them, and the
sheep follow him, for they know
his voice. 5 They will by no means
follow a stranger, but will flee from
him; for they do not know the voice
of strangers." 6 Jesus spoke this
parable to them, but they did not
understand what he was telling
them.

7 Jesus therefore said to them
again, "Truly, truly, I tell you, I am
the sheep's door. 8 All who came
before me are thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not listen to them.
9 I am the door. If anyone enters in
by me, he will be saved, and will go
in and go out, and will find pasture.
10 The thief only comes to steal, kill,
and destroy. I came that they may
have life, and may have it
abundantly. 11 I am the good
shepherd.[b] The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep. 12 He
who is a hired hand and not a
shepherd, who does not own the
sheep, sees the wolf coming and
leaves the sheep and runs away;
and the wolf snatches them and
scatters them. 13 And the hired hand
flees[c] because he is a hired hand
and the sheep means nothing to
him. 14 I am the good shepherd. I
know my own, and my own know
me[d]; 15 even as the Father knows
me, and I know the Father. I lay
down my life for the sheep. 16 I have
other sheep, which are not of this
fold.[e] I must bring them also, and

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[a] 9:41 M TR read "Therefore your" instead of "your"

[b] 10:11 Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:11-12,15,22

[c] 10:13 Text: A(c) E F G K M S U X Gamma Delta Lambda Pi Psi Omega 0141 0250vid f13 28 69 118 124 157 346 565 700 788 1071 1342 al Byz Lat(a.b.c.f.ff2.g1.l.q) vg syr(p.h) goth; Cyr. NU (p44vid p45 p66 p75 Aleph A*vid B D L (W) Theta 0211 1 33 (579) 1241 al. L253 lat(d.e) syr(s.pal) sa bo arm eth) lacks "And the hired hand flees" from an early haplography: ei o-ei o. Since the sentence is incomplete without the words, several modern translations based on NU add "He flees"

[d] 10:14 M TR read "I'm known by my own" instead of "my own know me"

[e] 10:16 Isaiah 56:8

they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd. 17Therefore the[a] Father loves me, because I lay down my life,[b] that I may take it again. 18No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. I received this commandment from my Father."

19A[c] division arose again among the Jewish people because of these words. 20Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane. Why do you listen to him?" 21Others said, "These are not the sayings of one possessed by a demon. It is not possible for a demon to open the eyes of the blind, is it?"[d]

22At that time Hanukkah[e] took place in Jerusalem. 23It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's porch. 24The Jewish leaders therefore came around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."
25Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, these testify about me. 26But you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep.[f] 27As I said to you,[g] my sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28I give everlasting life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all.[h] No one is able to snatch them out of the[i] Father's hand. 30I and the Father are one."

31Therefore the Jewish leaders took up stones again to stone him. 32Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the[j] Father. For which of those works do you stone me?"

33The Jewish leaders answered him, "We do not stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy: because you, being a man, make yourself God."

34Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you

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[a]10:17 M TR: "my"
[b]10:17 Isaiah 53:7-8
[c]10:19 M TR add "Therefore"
[d]10:21 Exodus 4:11
[e]10:22 Or, "time the Dedication." Gk egkainia, known in Hebrew as Hanukkah, a festival of the rededication of the temple in 164 BC
[f]10:26 M TR add "as I told you"
[g]10:27 Text: p66* A D E F G S U X Gamma Delta Lambda Psi Omega f1 f13 565 700 892(supp) Byz lat(a.b.e.f.ff2.q) syr cop(pbo.bo(pt)) goth. NU (p66(c) p75 Aleph B K L W Theta 0141 33 1241 L844 lat(aur.c.g1) vg cop(sa.bo(pt).ac2.ly)) lacks "As I said to you" from homoioteleuton: emon-humin
[h]10:29 Text: p66 Delta 0141 f1 33 565 1424 pc Byz Lect sa; Ps-Ath, (Chr),(Cyr), Thret. NU (B* Latt vg bo; Tert, Hil, Ambr, Hier) reads "That which my Father has given to me is greater than all"
[i]10:29 M TR: "my"
[j]10:32 M TR: "my"

are gods?'[a] 35If he called them
gods, to whom the word of God
came (and the Scripture cannot be
broken), 36do you say of him whom
the Father sanctified and sent into
the world, 'You blaspheme,'
because I said, 'I am the Son of
God?' 37If I do not do the works of
my Father, do not believe me. 38But
if I do them, though you do not
believe me, believe the works; that
you may know and understand[b] that
the Father is in me, and I in the
Father."

39Now[c] they sought again to
seize him, and he went out of their
hand. 40He went away again
beyond the Jordan into the place
where John was baptizing at first,
and there he stayed. 41Many came
to him. They said, "John indeed did
no sign, but everything that John
said about this man is true." 42And
many believed in him there.

11 Now a certain man
was sick, Lazarus
from Bethany, of the
village of Mary and her sister,
Martha. 2It was that Mary who had
anointed the Lord with ointment,
and wiped his feet with her hair,
whose brother, Lazarus, was sick.
3The sisters therefore sent to him,
saying, "Lord, look, the one you
love is sick." 4But when Jesus
heard it, he said, "This sickness is
not to death, but for the glory of
God, that God's Son may be
glorified by it." 5Now Jesus loved
Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
6When therefore he heard that he
was sick, he stayed two days in the
place where he was. 7Then after
this he said to the disciples, "Let us
go into Judea again."

8The disciples told him,
"Rabbi, the Jewish leaders were
just trying to stone you, and are you
going there again?"

9Jesus answered, "Are there
not twelve hours of daylight? If
anyone walks in the day, he does
not stumble, because he sees the
light of this world. 10But if anyone
walks in the night, he stumbles,
because the light is not in him."
11He said these things, and after
that, he said to them, "Our friend,
Lazarus, has fallen asleep, but I am
going so that I may awake him out
of sleep."

12Then the disciples said to
him[d], "Lord, if he has fallen asleep,
he will recover."

13Now Jesus had spoken of
his death, but they thought that he
spoke of taking rest in sleep. 14So
Jesus said to them plainly then,
"Lazarus is dead. 15I am glad for

[a]10:34 Psalm 82:6: As messengers of the word of God (v.35), and as children of God (Psalm 82:6). Cf. also Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 32:8, 32:43; Job 1:6, 38:7; Psalm 89:6, 89:26; Isaiah 41:23; Luke 3:38

[b]10:38 M TR read "believe" instead of "understand"

[c]10:39 Some Mss lack "Now" from homoioteleuton: oun-oun

[d]11:12 M TR read "His disciples said" instead of "The disciples said to him"

your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. Nevertheless, let us go to him."

16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us go also, that we may die with him."
17 So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles[a] away. 19 Many of the Jewish people had come to[b] Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Then when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house. 21 Therefore Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died. 22 Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. 26 And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who comes into the world."

28 And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary, her sister, secretly, saying, "The Teacher is here, and is calling you."

29 When she heard this, she arose quickly, and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still[c] in the place where Martha met him. 31 Then the Judeans who were with her in the house, and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.[d] 32 Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Judeans weeping who came with her, he was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, 34 and said, "Where have you put him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus wept.

36 The Judeans therefore said, "See how he loved him." 37 But

[a] 11:18 Or, 2.8 kilometers. Lit. 15 stadia
[b] 11:19 M TR add "those around"
[c] 11:30 M TR omit "still"
[d] 11:31 M TR reads "saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

some of them said, “Could not this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have also kept this man from dying?”

38So Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

40Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see God’s glory?”

41So they took away the stone[a]. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, “Father, I thank you that you listened to me. 42I know that you always listen to me, but because of the crowd that stands around I said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” 43When he had said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”

44The man who had died came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth.

Jesus said to them, “Free him, and let him go.”

45Therefore many of the Judeans, who came to Mary and had seen the things which he did, believed in him. 46But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done. 47The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, “What are we doing? For this man does many signs. 48If we leave him alone like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”

49But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, 50nor do you consider that it is advantageous for you[b] that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.” 51Now he did not say this of himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, 52and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. 53So from that day on they plotted to kill him. 54Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Judeans, but departed from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim; and stayed there with his disciples.

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[a]11:41 NU (p59vid p66 p75vid Aleph B C L W Theta Psi 0233 33 157 1241 lat vg syr(s.p) sa ac2 arm). M TR (Delta 0141 f13 700 1424 Byz) add “from the place where the dead was lying”

[b]11:50 M TR: “us”

[55]Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. [56]Then they sought for Jesus and spoke one with another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think—that he is not coming to the feast at all?" [57]Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might arrest him.

12 Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was,[a] whom Jesus[b] raised from the dead. [2]So they prepared a dinner for him there; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. [3]Mary, therefore, took a pound[c] of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. [4]Then Judas Iscariot,[d] one of his disciples, who would betray him, said, [5]"Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii,[e] and given to the poor?" [6]Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the money box, used to steal what was put into it. [7]But Jesus said, "Leave her alone, that she may keep[f] this for the day of my burial. [8]For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

[9]A large crowd therefore of the Judeans learned that he was there, and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. [10]But the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus also, [11]because on account of him many of the Jewish people went away and believed in Jesus.

[12]On the next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, [13]they took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet him, and were shouting, "Hosanna[g]. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,[h] the King of Israel."

[14]And Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it is written, [15]"Do not be afraid,[i] daughter of Zion. Look, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt."[j] [16]His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about him, and that they

[a]12:1 M TR add "who had been dead"
[b]12:1 M TR omit "Jesus"
[c]12:3 a Roman pound of 12 ounces, or about 340 grams
[d]12:4 M TR add "Simon's son"
[e]12:5 300 denarii was about a year's wages for an agricultural laborer.
[f]12:7 M TR read "alone. She has kept" instead of "alone, that she may keep"
[g]12:13 "Hosanna" means "save us" or "help us, we pray."
[h]12:13 Psalm 118:25-26
[i]12:15 Cf. Isaiah 54:4
[j]12:15 Zechariah 9:9

had done these things to him. 17The crowd therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, was testifying about it. 18For this cause also the crowd went and met him, because they heard that he had done this sign. 19The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "See how you accomplish nothing. Look, the whole[a] world has gone after him."

20Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast. 21These, therefore, came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." 22Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn, Andrew came with Philip, and they told Jesus. 23And Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25He who loves his life loses[b] it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to everlasting life. 26If anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this cause I came to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name."

Then there came a voice out of the sky, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29The crowd therefore, who stood by and heard it, said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

30Jesus answered, "This voice hasn't come for my sake, but for your sakes. 31Now is the judgment of this world. Now the prince of this world will be cast out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to myself." 33But he said this, signifying by what kind of death he should die. 34The crowd answered him, "We have heard out of the law that the Christ remains forever.[c] Then how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up?' Who is this Son of Man?"

35Jesus therefore said to them, "Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness does not overtake you. He who walks in the

[a]12:19 Text: D L Q X Theta Psi 0141 0211 f13 33 124 157 346 788 892 1424 al Latt(a.b.c.e.f.ff2.g1.q) vg syr(s.p.h**.pal) ac bo arm. NU (p66* Aleph A B E G H K M S U W Gamma Delta Lambda Pi Omega 28 118 565 579 700 1342 1582 al Byz sa ac2 goth) lacks "whole" from haplography: os_o-os_o

[b] 12:25 M TR read "will lose it" instead of "loses it"

[c]12:34 Isaiah 9:7; Daniel 2:44 (but see also Isaiah 53:8)

darkness does not know where he is going. [36]While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light." Jesus said these things, and he departed and hid himself from them. [37]But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they did not believe in him, [38]that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke,

"Lord, who has believed our
report, and to whom has the arm
of the Lord been revealed?"[a]

[39]For this cause they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,

[40]He has[b] blinded their eyes and
hardened their heart,
lest they should see with
their eyes,
and understand with their
heart,
and turn,[c]
and I would heal them.[d]

[41]Isaiah said these things because[e] he saw his glory, and spoke of him.[f] [42]Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed in him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue, [43]for they loved praise from people more than praise from God.

[44]Then Jesus shouted out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me, but in him who sent me. [45]And he who sees me sees him who sent me. [46]I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in the darkness. [47]And if anyone hears my words and does not keep them[g], I do not judge him. For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. [48]He who rejects me, and does not accept my words, has one who judges him. The word that I spoke will judge him on the last day. [49]For I spoke not from myself, but the Father who sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. [50]I know that his commandment is everlasting life. The things therefore which I speak, even as the Father has said to me, so I speak."

13 Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that his time had come that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [2]And during[h] the evening meal, the devil had already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, [3]Because he[i] knew that the Father had given all

[a]12:38 Isaiah 53:1
[b]12:40 Syr reads "They have" instead of "He has"
[c]12:40 Or, "repent" or "change their ways"
[d]12:40 An allusion to Isaiah 6:10 with some quotation
[e]12:41 M TR read "when" instead of "because"
[f]12:41 Isaiah 6:1
[g]12:47 M TR read "believe" instead of "keep them"
[h]13:2 M TR read "After" instead of "During"
[i]13:3 M reads "Jesus" instead of "he"

things into his hands, and that he
came forth from God, and was
going to God, [4]arose from the meal,
and removed his outer garments.
He took a towel, and wrapped a
towel around his waist. [5]Then he
poured water into the basin, and
began to wash the disciples' feet,
and to wipe them with the towel
that was wrapped around him.
[6]Then he came to Simon Peter. He
said to him, "Lord, do you wash my
feet?"

[7]Jesus answered him, "You
do not know what I am doing now,
but you will understand later."

[8]Peter said to him, "You will
never wash my feet."

Jesus answered him, "If I do
not wash you, you have no part
with me."

[9]Simon Peter said to him,
"Lord, not my feet only, but also
my hands and my head."

[10]Jesus said to him,
"Someone who has bathed only
needs to have his feet washed, but
is completely clean. You are clean,
but not all of you." [11]For he knew
him who would betray him,
therefore he said, "You are not all
clean." [12]So when he had washed
their feet, put his outer garment
back on, and sat down again, he
said to them, "Do you know what I
have done to you? [13]You call me,
'Teacher' and 'Lord.' You say so
correctly, for so I am. [14]If I then, the
Lord and the Teacher, have washed
your feet, you also ought to wash
one another's feet. [15]For I have
given you an example, that you also
should do as I have done to you.
[16]Truly, truly, I tell you, a servant is
not greater than his master, neither
one who is sent greater than he who
sent him. [17]If you know these
things, blessed are you if you do
them. [18]I do not speak concerning
all of you. I know whom I have
chosen. But that the Scripture may
be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread[a]
has lifted up his heel against me.'[b]
[19]I am telling you this now before it
happens, so that when it does
happen you may believe that I am
he. [20]Truly, truly, I tell you, he who
receives whomever I send, receives
me; and he who receives me,
receives him who sent me."

[21]When Jesus had said this,
he was troubled in spirit, and
testified, "Truly, truly, I tell you
that one of you will betray me."

[22]The disciples looked at one
another, perplexed about whom he
spoke. [23]One of his disciples,
whom Jesus loved, was reclining
against Jesus' chest. [24]Simon Peter
therefore motioned to him to
inquire who it was he was talking
about.

[a]13:18 M TR read "bread with me" instead of "my bread"

[b]13:18 Psalm 41:9

[25]He, leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' chest, asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

[26]Jesus therefore answered, "It is he to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. [27]After the piece of bread, then Satan entered into him.

Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

[28]Now none of those reclining knew why he said this to him. [29]For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus said to him, "Buy what things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. [30]Therefore, having received the piece of bread, he went out immediately; and it was night.

[31]When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. [32]If God has been glorified in him,[a] God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. [33]Little children, I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me, and as I said to the Jewish leaders, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I tell you. [34]A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. [35]By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

[36]Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow afterwards."

[37]Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

[38]Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I tell you, the rooster won't crow until you have denied me three times.

14 "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. [2]In my Father's house are many rooms. If it weren't so, I would have told you; for I go[b] to prepare a place for you. [3]And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may

[a]13:32 NU (Aleph(2) A C(2) E F G H K M S U Y Delta Theta Lambda Psi Omega f13 28 33 565 al. Byz Lat(aur(c).e.f.ff2(c).q.r1) vg syr(p) sa bo(pt) goth; Or. Some Mss (p66 Aleph* B C* D L W X Pi f1 lat(a.aur*.b.c.d.ff2*.l.11A.29.47) vg(Mss) syr(s.h) ac2 mf bo(pt)) lack "If God has…him" from haplography: en autw-en autw

[b]14:2 M TR read "I am going" instead of "for I go"

be there also. 4And you know the way[a] where I am going."

5Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

6Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

9Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, and still you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?' 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his[b] works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me; or else believe[c] because of the works themselves. 12Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and he will do greater works than these, because I am going to the[d] Father. 13And whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If you ask me[e] anything in my name, I will do it. 15If you love me, you will[f] keep my commandments. 16I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Helper,[g] that he may be with you forever,—17the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive; because it neither sees him nor knows him; but you know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you. 18I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. 19Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more; but you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. 20In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21The one who has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him."

22Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him. 24He who does not love me

[a]14:4 M TR adds "and you know"
[b]14:10 M TR read "the" instead of "his"
[c]14:11 M TR add "me"
[d]14:12 M TR: "my"
[e]14:14 M TR omit "me"
[f]14:15 M TR omit "you will"
[g]14:16 Greek parakleton: Helper, Counselor, Intercessor, Advocate, and Comfortor.

does not keep my words. The word
which you hear is not mine, but the
Father's who sent me. 25All this I
have spoken to you while I am still
with you. 26But the Helper, the
Holy Spirit, whom the Father will
send in my name, he will teach you
all things, and will remind you of
all that I said to you. 27Peace I leave
with you. My peace I give to you. I
do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your heart be
troubled, neither let it be afraid.
28You heard how I told you, 'I am
going away, and I will come to
you.' If you loved me, you would
rejoice that[a] I am going to the[b]
Father; for the Father is greater than
I. 29Now I have told you before it
happens so that, when it happens,
you may believe. 30I will not speak
with you much longer, for the ruler
of this world is coming, and he has
no hold on me. 31But that the world
may know that I love the Father,
and as the Father commanded me,
so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

15 "I am the true vine,
and my Father is the
gardener. 2Every
branch in me that does not bear
fruit, he takes away. Every branch
that bears fruit, he prunes, that it
may bear more fruit. 3You are
already clean because of the word
which I have spoken to you.
4Remain in me, and I in you. As the
branch cannot bear fruit by itself,
unless it remains in the vine, so
neither can you, unless you remain
in me. 5I am the vine. You are the
branches. He who remains in me,
and I in him, the same bears much
fruit, for apart from me you can do
nothing. 6If anyone does not remain
in me, he is thrown out as a branch,
and withers; and they gather them,
throw them into the fire, and they
are burned. 7If you remain in me,
and my words remain in you,[c] ask
whatever you desire, and it will be
done for you.

8"In this is my Father
glorified, that you bear much fruit
and so prove to be my disciples.
9Even as the Father has loved me, I
also have loved you. Remain in my
love. 10If you keep my
commandments, you will remain in
my love; even as I have kept my
Father's commandments, and
remain in his love. 11I have spoken
these things to you, that my joy
may be[d] in you, and that your joy
may be made full.

12"This is my commandment,
that you love one another, even as I
have loved you. 13Greater love has
no one than this, that someone lays
down his life for his friends. 14You
are my friends, if you do whatever
I command you. 15No longer do I
call you servants, for the servant
does not know what his master is
doing. But I have called you
friends, for everything that I heard
from my Father I have made known
to you. 16You did not choose me,

[a]14:28 M TR add "I said"
[b]14:28 M TR read "my" instead of "the"
[c]15:7 M TR add "you will"
[d]15:11 M TR read "may abide" instead of "may be"

but I chose you, and appointed you,
that you should go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit should remain;
that whatever you will ask of the
Father in my name, he may give it
to you.

17"I command these things to
you, that you may love one another.
18If the world hates you, you know
that it has hated me before it hated
you. 19If you were of the world, the
world would love its own. But
because you are not of the world,
since I chose you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you.
20Remember the word that I said to
you: 'A servant is not greater than
his master.'[a] If they persecuted me,
they will also persecute you. If they
kept my word, they will keep yours
also. 21But all these things will they
do to you because of my name,
because they do not know him who
sent me. 22If I had not come and
spoken to them, they would not
have had sin; but now they have no
excuse for their sin. 23He who hates
me hates my Father also. 24If I had
not done among them the works
which no one else did, they would
not have had sin. But now have
they seen and also hated both me
and my Father. 25But this happened
so that the word may be fulfilled
which is written in their law, 'They
hated me without a cause.'[b]

26"When the Helper[c] has
come, whom I will send to you
from the Father, the Spirit of truth,
who proceeds from the Father, he
will testify about me. 27And you
will also testify, because you have
been with me from the beginning.

16 "I have said all these
things to you so that
you may be kept
from stumbling. 2They will put you
out of the synagogues, but an hour
is coming when whoever kills you
will think that he is offering a
service to God. 3They will do these
things because they have not
known the Father or me. 4But I
have told you these things, so that
when their[d] hour comes, you may
remember that I told you about
them. I did not tell you these things
from the beginning, because I was
with you. 5But now I am going to
him who sent me, and none of you
asks me, 'Where are you going?'
6But because I have told you these
things, sorrow has filled your heart.
7Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It
is to your advantage that I go away,
for if I do not go away, the Helper
won't come to you. But if I go, I
will send him to you. 8When he has
come, he will convict the world
about sin, and about righteousness,
and about judgment; 9about sin,
because they do not believe in me;
10about righteousness, because I am
going to the[e] Father, and you won't

[a]15:20 John 13:16
[b]15:25 Psalms 35:19; 69:4
[c]15:26 Greek parakletos: Helper, Counselor, Advocate, Intercessor, and Comfortor.
[d]16:4 M reads "the" instead of "their"
[e]16:10 M TR: "my"

see me any more; 11about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged.

12"I have yet many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. 13However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own; but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you things that are coming. 14He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine, and will declare it to you. 15All things that the Father has are mine; that is why I said that he takes of mine, and will declare it to you. 16A little while, and you will no longer see me. Again a little while, and you will see me.[a]"

17Some of his disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me;' and, 'Because I go to the Father?'" 18They kept asking, "What is this that he says, 'A little while?' We do not know what he is saying."

19Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Do you inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, 'A little while, and you won't see me, and again a little while, and you will see me?' 20Truly, truly, I tell you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21A woman, when she gives birth, has pain, because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she does not remember the anguish any more, for the joy that a human being is born into the world. 22Therefore you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

23"And in that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly I tell you, whatever you may ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24Until now, you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. 25I have spoken these things to you in figures of speech. The[b] hour is coming when I will no more speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26In that day you will ask in my name, and I am not saying to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf, 27for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from God.[c] 28I came forth from the Father and have come into the

[a]16:16 NU (p5 p66 Aleph B D L W 0141 0250 1071 *pc* it sa ac2 bo(pt); Or). M TR (A Delta Theta Psi f1 f13 068 33 Byz Lat vg syr pbo bo(pt) arm eth goth) add "because I go to the Father". Cf. v. 10, 17

[b]16:25 M TR read "But the"

[c]16:27 Syr reads "Father" instead of "God"

world. Again, I leave the world,
and go to the Father."

29 His disciples said to him,
"Look, now you are speaking
plainly and not in any figure of
speech. 30 Now we know that you
know all things and do not need
anyone to question you. By this we
believe that you came forth from
God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do
you now believe? 32 Look, the time
is coming, and has[a] come, that you
will be scattered, everyone to his
own place, and you will leave me
alone. But I am not alone, because
the Father is with me. 33 I have told
you these things, that in me you
may have peace. In the world you
have oppression; but cheer up. I
have overcome the world."

17 Jesus said these
things, and lifting up
his eyes to heaven,
he said, "Father, the time has come.
Glorify your Son, that your Son
may also glorify you; 2 even as you
gave him authority over all flesh,
he will give everlasting life to all
whom you have given him. 3 This is
everlasting life, that they may know
you, the only true God, and him
whom you sent, Jesus Christ. 4 I
glorified you on the earth by
accomplishing the work which you
have given me to do. 5 Now, Father,
glorify me with your own self with
the glory which I had with you
before the world existed. 6 I
revealed your name to the people
whom you have given me out of the
world. They were yours, and you
have given them to me. They have
kept your word. 7 Now they have
known that all things whatever you
have given me are from you, 8 for
the words which you have given me
I have given to them, and they
received them, and knew for sure
that I came forth from you, and they
have believed that you sent me. 9 I
pray for them. I do not pray for the
world, but for those whom you
have given me, for they are yours.
10 All things that are mine are yours,
and yours are mine, and I am
glorified in them. 11 I am no more in
the world, but they are in the world,
and I am coming to you. Holy
Father, keep them through your
name which you have given me,
that they may be one, even as we
are. 12 While I was with them[b], I
kept them in your name[c] which you
have given me, and I guarded them,
and not one of them perished,
except the son of destruction, that
the Scripture might be fulfilled.
13 But now I come to you, and I say
these things in the world, that they
may have my joy made full in
themselves. 14 I have given them
your word. The world hated them,
because they are not of the world,
even as I am not of the world. 15 I
pray not that you would take them
from the world, but that you would
keep them from the evil one.
16 They are not of the world even as
I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify

[a] 16:32 M TR add "now'
[b] 17:12 M TR add "in the world"
[c] 17:12 M TR add "Those whom"

them in the[a] truth. Your word is truth.[b] 18As you sent me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world. 19For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20Not for these only do I pray, but for those also who believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be[c] in us; that the world may believe that you sent me. 22The glory which you have given me, I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one; 23I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them, even as you loved me. 24Father, I desire that they also whom you have given me be with me where I am, that they may see my glory, which you have given me, for you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25Righteous Father, the world hasn't known you, but I knew you; and these knew that you sent me. 26I made known to them your name, and will make it known; that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them."

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples over the wadi of the Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. 2Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3Judas then, having taken a detachment of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. 4Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were happening to him, went forth, and said to them, "Who are you looking for?"

5They answered him, "Jesus the Nazorean."

Jesus said to them, "I AM."

Judas also, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6When therefore he said to them, "I AM," they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7Again therefore he asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

They said, "Jesus the Nazorean."

8Jesus answered, "I told you that I AM. If therefore you seek me, let these go their way," 9that the word might be fulfilled which he spoke, "Of those whom you have given me, I have lost none."[d]

10Simon Peter therefore, having a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11Jesus therefore said

[a]17:17 M TR: "your"
[b]17:17 Psalm 119:142
[c]17:21 M TR add "one"
[d]18:9 John 6:39

to Peter, "Put the sword into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup which the[a] Father has given me?"

12So the detachment, the commanding officer, and the officers of the Jewish leaders, seized Jesus and bound him, 13and led him to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jewish leaders that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. 15Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; 16but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought in Peter. 17Then the maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?"

He said, "I am not."

18Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a fire of coals, for it was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter was with them, standing and warming himself. 19The high priest therefore asked Jesus about his disciples, and about his teaching. 20Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jewish people come together[b]. I said nothing in secret. 21Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard what I spoke to them; surely they know what I said."

22When he had said this, one of the officers standing by slapped Jesus with his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest like that?"

23Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, testify of the evil; but if well, why do you beat me?"

24Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas, the high priest. 25Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

He denied it, and said, "I am not."

26One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of him whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

27Peter therefore denied it again, and immediately the rooster crowed.

28They led Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium.

[a]18:11 M TR: "my"

[b]18:20 M TR read "where the Jews always meet" instead of "where all the Jewish people come together"

It was early, and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. [29]Pilate therefore went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

[30]They answered him, "If this man weren't an evildoer, we would not have delivered him up to you."

[31]Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."

Therefore the Jewish leaders said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," [32]that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying by what kind of death he should die.

[33]Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

[34]Jesus answered him, "Do you say this by yourself, or did others tell you about me?"

[35]Pilate answered, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me. What have you done?"

[36]Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight, that I would not be delivered to the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is not from here."

[37]Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this reason I have been born, and for this reason I have come into the world, that I should testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

[38]Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

When he had said this, he went out again to the Jewish leaders, and said to them, "I find no basis for a charge against him. [39]But you have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Therefore do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

[40]Then they[a] shouted again, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 So Pilate then took Jesus, and flogged him. [2]The soldiers twisted thorns into a crown, and put it on his head, and dressed him in a purple garment. [3]And they kept coming up to him and[b] saying, "Greetings, King of

[a]18:40 M TR add "all"

[b]19:3 NU (p60(vid) p66(vid) p90(vid) Aleph B L N U W Theta Lambda Pi

the Jews." and they struck him with their hands.

[4]Then Pilate went out again, and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

[5]Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And he said to them, "Look, here is the man."

[6]When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they shouted, saying, "Crucify. Crucify."

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him."

[7]The Jewish leaders answered him, "We have a law, and by that[a] law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God."

[8]When therefore Pilate heard this saying, he was more afraid. [9]He entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. [10]Pilate therefore said to him, "Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and have power to crucify you?"

[11]Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all against me, unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered me to you has greater sin."

[12]At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, saying, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."
[13]When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement," but in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." [14]Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, at about noon.[b] He said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, here is your King."
[15]They shouted, "Away with him. Away with him. Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Should I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

[16]So then he delivered him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus.[c] [17]And he went out, carrying

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[a]19:7 M TR: "our"

[b]19:14 Lit. the sixth hour

[c]19:16 NU (B L X Psi 0141 0290 lat(a.aur.b.c.e.ff2.n.r1) (syr(pal(Mss))

the cross himself, to the place called "The Place of a Skull,[a]" which is called in Hebrew, "Golgotha," [18]where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the middle. [19]Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. There was written, "JESUS THE NAZOREAN, THE KING OF THE JEWS." [20]Therefore many Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. [21]The chief priests of the Jewish people therefore said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'he said, I am King of the Jews.'"

[22]Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

[23]Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his clothes and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top throughout. [24]Then they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says,

"They divided my clothes among
themselves, and
for my clothing they cast a
lot."[b]

Therefore the soldiers did these things. [25]But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26]Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, look, your son." [27]Then he said to the disciple, "Look, your mother." From that hour, the disciple took her to his own home.

[28]After this, Jesus, knowing[c] that all things were now finished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I am thirsty."[d] [29]A vessel full of sour wine was set there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop, and held it at his mouth. [30]When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." He bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

[31]Therefore the Jewish leaders, because it was the Preparation Day, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special one), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

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[a]19:17 Latin: Calvary

[b]19:24 Psalm 22:18

[c]19:28 M reads "seeing" instead of "knowing"

[d]19:28 Psalm 22:15; Psalm 69:21

[32]Therefore the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with him; [33]but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. [34]However one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. [35]He who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, that you may believe. [36]For these things happened, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "A bone of him will not be broken."[a] [37]Again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they pierced."[b]

[38]After these things, Joseph of Arimathea[c], being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jewish leaders, asked of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission. He came therefore and took away his body[d]. [39]Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.[e] [40]So they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, according to Jewish burial practice. [41]Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden. In the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever yet been placed. [42]Then because of the Jewish Preparation Day (for the tomb was nearby) they put Jesus there.

20 Now on the first day of the week[f], Mary Magdalene went early, while it was still dark, to the tomb, and saw the stone taken away from the tomb. [2]Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him."

[3]Therefore Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went toward the tomb. [4]They both ran together. The other disciple outran Peter, and came to the tomb first. [5]Stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths lying, yet he did not enter in. [6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and entered into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying, [7]and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself. [8]So then the other disciple who came first to the tomb also entered in, and he saw and believed. [9]For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.[g] [10]So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

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[a]19:36 Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12; Psalm 34:20
[b]19:37 Zechariah 12:10
[c]19:38 Cf. Matthew 27:57 fn
[d]19:38 M TR read "the body of Jesus" instead of "his body"
[e]19:39 Or, 32.5 kg. Lit. 100 litrai
[f]20:1 Lit. "on the first (day) of the sabbaths"
[g]20:9 Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:11 (DSS LXX)

[11]But Mary was standing outside at the tomb weeping. So, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb, [12]and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. [13]They told her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have put him." [14]When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, and did not know that it was Jesus.

[15]Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

She, supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him away."

[16]Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Hebrew,[a] "Rabboni." which is to say, "Teacher."

[17]Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to the[b] Father; but go to my brothers, and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

[18]Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord,"[c] and that he had said these things to her. [19]When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week[d], and when the doors were locked where the disciples were,[e] for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be to you."

[20]When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad when they saw the Lord. [21]Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." [22]When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]Whoever's sins you forgive, they are forgiven them. Whoever's sins you retain, they have been retained."

[24]But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the

[a]20:16 M TR omit "in Hebrew"
[b]20:17 M TR: "my"
[c]20:18 M TR read "that she had seen the Lord" instead of "I have seen the Lord"
[d]20:19 Lit. "the first (day) of the sabbaths"
[e]20:19 M TR add "assembled"

nails, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

[26]After eight days again his disciples were inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being locked, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be to you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and observe my hands. Reach out your hand, and put it into my side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

[28]Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God."

[29]Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me[a], you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed."

[30]Therefore Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; [31]but these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

21 After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself this way. [2]Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. [3]Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing."

They told him, "We are also coming with you." They[b] went out, and entered into the boat. That night, they caught nothing. [4]But when day had already come, Jesus stood on the beach, yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5]Jesus therefore said to them, "Children, have you anything to eat?" They answered him, "No."

[6]And he said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some."

They cast it therefore, and now they weren't able to draw it in for the multitude of fish. [7]That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord." So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around him (for he was naked), and threw himself into the sea. [8]But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards[c] away), dragging the net full of fish. [9]So when they got out on the land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish placed on it, and bread. [10]Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

[11]Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of great fish, one hundred fifty-three; and

[a]20:29 TR adds "Thomas"
[b]21:3 M TR add "immediately"
[c]21:8 Or, 90 meters. Lit. 200 cubits

even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." None of the disciples dared inquire of him, "Who are you?" knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Then Jesus came and took the bread, gave it to them, and the fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus was revealed to his disciples, after he had risen from the dead. 15 So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John,[a] do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

18 Truly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself, and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you, and carry you where you do not want to go."

19 Now he said this, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus sincerely loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' chest at the evening meal and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray You?" 21 Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me." 23 This saying therefore went out among the brothers, that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?" 24 This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true. 25 There are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they would all be written, I suppose that even the world itself would not have room for the books that would be written.

[a] 21:15 M TR read "Jonah." Also in verses 16 and 17.

Acts

1 The first account[a] I wrote, Theophilus, concerned all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, 2until the day in which he was received up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3To these he also showed himself alive after he suffered, by many proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking about God's kingdom. 4Being assembled together with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. 5For John indeed baptized in water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6Therefore, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be my witnesses[b] in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest part of the earth."

9When he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While they were looking steadfastly into the sky as he went, look, two men stood by them in white clothing, 11who also said, "You men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who was received up from you into the sky will come back in the same way as you saw him going into the sky."

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13When they had come in, they went up into the upper room, where they were staying; that is Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. 14All these with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer[c], along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

15In these days, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers[d] (and the number of names was about one hundred twenty), and said, 16"Brothers, it was necessary that

[a]1:1 Or, "word," "treatise," "book". Greek: Logos
[b]1:8 M TR read "witnesses to me" instead of "my witnesses"
[c]1:14 M TR add "and petition"
[d]1:15 M TR read "disciples" instead of "brothers"

this Scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to those who took Jesus. 17For he was numbered with us, and received his portion in this ministry. 18Now this man obtained a field with the reward for his wickedness, and falling headfirst his body burst open, and all his intestines gushed out. 19It became known to everyone who lived in Jerusalem that in their language that field was called 'Hakel-Dema,' that is, 'The field of blood.' 20For it is written in the scroll of Psalms,

'Let his habitation be made
desolate,
and let no one dwell in it;'[a]

and,

'Let another take his office.'[b]

21"Of the men therefore who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John, to the day that he was received up from us, of these one must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

23They put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24They prayed, and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all people, show which one of these two you have chosen 25to take part in this ministry and office of apostle from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." 26They drew lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2 Now when the day of Pentecost[c] had come, they were all together[d] in one place. 2Suddenly there came from the sky a sound like the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3Tongues like fire appeared and were distributed to them, and one sat on each of them. 4They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak out. 5Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout people from every nation under the sky. 6When this sound was heard, the crowd came together, and were bewildered, because everyone heard them speaking in his own language. 7They were all amazed and marveled, saying[e], "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8How do we hear, everyone in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, 10Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabians: we hear them speaking in our tongues the mighty works of God." 12They

[a]1:20 Psalm 69:25
[b]1:20 Psalm 109:8
[c]2:1 Hebrew: "Shavu`ot"
[d]2:1 M TR read "with one accord" instead of "together"
[e]2:7 M TR add "to one another"

were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, "What does this mean?" 13Others, mocking, said, "They are filled with new wine."

14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spoke out to them, "You men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. 15For these are not drunk, as you suppose, seeing it is only nine in the morning.[a] 16But this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'And it will be in the last days,
says God, that I will pour out my
Spirit on all flesh; and your sons
and your daughters will prophesy,
and your young men will see
visions, and your old men will
dream dreams. 18And even on my
servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those
days, and they will prophesy.

19And I will show wonders in the
sky above,
and signs on the earth
beneath;
blood, and fire, and billows
of smoke.
20The sun will be turned into
darkness,
and the moon into blood,
before the great and glorious
day of the Lord comes.
21And it will be that whoever
will call on the name
of the Lord will be
saved.'[b]

22"Men of Israel, hear these words. Jesus the Nazorean, a man approved by God to you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as you yourselves know, 23him, being delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God,[c] by the hand of lawless men, crucified and killed; 24whom God raised up, having freed him from the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. 25For David says concerning him,
'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand,
that I should not be
shaken.
26Therefore my heart was glad,
and my tongue
rejoiced,
and moreover my flesh also
will dwell in hope;
27because you will not abandon
my soul in Sheol,[d]
neither will you allow your
Holy One to see
decay.
28You made known to me the
paths of life.
You will make me full of joy
in your presence.'[e]
29"Brothers, I may tell you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that

[a]2:15 Lit. the third hour
[b]2:21 Joel 2:28-32
[c]2:23 M TR add "you have taken"
[d]2:27 Greek: "Hades"
[e]2:28 Psalm 16:8-11

God had sworn with an oath to him
that one from the fruit of his body[a]
would sit on his throne,[b] 31he
foreseeing this spoke about the
resurrection of the Christ, that
neither was he[c] abandoned in
Sheol, nor did his flesh see decay.[d]
32This Jesus God raised up, to
which we all are witnesses. 33Being
therefore exalted by the right hand
of God, and having received from
the Father the promise of the Holy
Spirit, he has poured out this, which
you[e] see and hear. 34For David did
not ascend into the heavens, but he
says himself,
'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit by
my right hand,
35until I make your enemies
a footstool for your
feet."'[f]

36"Let all the house of Israel
therefore know certainly that God
has made him both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified."

37Now when they heard this,
they were acutely distressed, and
said to Peter and the rest of the
apostles, "Brothers, what should
we do?"

38Peter said to them, "Repent,
and be baptized, every one of you,
in the name of Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your[g] sins, and you
will receive the gift of the Holy
Spirit. 39For to you is the promise,
and to your children, and to all who
are far off, even as many as the
Lord our God will call to himself."
40With many other words he
testified, and exhorted them,
saying, "Save yourselves from this
crooked generation."

41Then those who[h] received
his word were baptized. There were
added that day about three
thousand souls. 42They continued
steadfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of
bread, and prayer. 43Fear came on
every soul, and many wonders and
signs were done through the
apostles.[i] 44All who believed were
together, and had all things in
common. 45They sold their
possessions and goods, and
distributed them to all, according as
anyone had need. 46Day by day,
continuing steadfastly with one
accord in the temple, and breaking
bread at home, they took their food
with gladness and singleness of

[a]2:30 NU (Aleph A B C 81 1175 lat(ar.c.dem.gig.p.ph.r.ro.t.w) vg syr(p.pal) sa bo arm eth; Ir(lat), Eus, Cyr). D 36 307 453 pc mae slav (cf. M TR (P 614 945 1409 al Byz Lect lat(d) syr(h); Or, Chr), which adds before kata, to) add "according to the flesh, he would raise up the Christ," possibly lost by homoioarcton: ka-ka

[b]2:30 Cf. 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 132:11

[c]2:31 M TR: "his soul"

[d]2:31 Psalm 16:10

[e]2:33 M TR add "now"

[f]2:35 Psalm 110:1

[g]2:38 M TR omit "your"

[h]2:41 M TR add "gladly"

[i]2:43 Some Mss (E 33 104 *pc* syr(p)) add "in Jerusalem." Vg (p74 Aleph A C {Psi} 1175 2495 one lat vg {bo mae} geo) adds "in Jerusalem; and great fear was on all. And"

heart, [47]praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to their number[a] day by day those who were being saved.

3 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, at three in the afternoon.[b] [2]A certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was being carried, whom they put daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful,[c] to ask gifts for the needy of those who entered into the temple. [3]Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive gifts for the needy. [4]Peter, fastening his eyes on him, with John, said, "Look at us." [5]He listened to them, expecting to receive something from them. [6]But Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, that I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, get up[d] and walk." [7]He took him by the right hand, and raised him up. Immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength. [8]Leaping up, he stood, and began to walk. He entered with them into the temple, walking, leaping, and praising God. [9]All the people saw him walking and praising God. [10]They recognized him, that it was he who used to sit begging for gifts for the needy at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. [11]And as he[e] held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

[12]When Peter saw it, he responded to the people, "You men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why do you fasten your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him walk? [13]The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up, and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had determined to release him. [14]But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a man who was a murderer to be granted to you, [15]and killed the Originator of life, whom God raised from the dead, to which we are witnesses. [16]By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which is through him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

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[a]2:47 M TR read "the church" instead of "their number"
[b]3:1 Lit. the ninth hour
[c]3:2 Greek: "horaios" meaning "beautiful." Hebrew: "Yafeh." Aramaic: "shapirah"
[d]3:6 NU (A (C) E (H) P Psi (049 056) 095 (33 35) 81 1175 1241 (1739) 1891 al Byz Lect Latt(ar.c.dem.e.gig.h.p.r.ro.w) vg syr(p.h) bo mae arm eth geo slav; Ir(lat), Or(lat), Eus, Bas, Chr, Thret). A few Mss (Aleph B D lat(d) sa, lack "get up," a possible deletion to harmonize to immediate context
[e]3:11 M TR read "the lame man who was healed" instead of "he"

17 "Now, brothers, I know that
you did this in ignorance, as did
also your rulers. 18 But the things
which God announced by the
mouth of all his prophets, that the
Christ should suffer, he thus
fulfilled.

19 "Repent therefore, and turn
again, that your sins may be blotted
out, so that there may come times
of refreshing from the presence of
the Lord, 20 and that he may send
Jesus, the Christ who was ordained
for you before, 21 whom heaven
must receive until the times of
restoration of all things, which God
spoke long ago by the mouth of[a] his
holy prophets. 22 For Moses indeed
said to the fathers, 'The Lord your[b]
God will raise up a prophet for you
from among your brothers, like me.
You must listen to him in all things
whatever he says to you. 23 It will
be, that every soul that will not
listen to that prophet will be utterly
destroyed from among the people.'[c]
24 Yes, and all the prophets from
Samuel and those who followed
after, as many as have spoken, they
also told of these days. 25 You are
the children of the prophets, and of
the covenant which God made with
our fathers, saying to Abraham,
'And through your offspring all the
families of the earth will be
blessed.'[d] 26 God, having raised up
his Servant,[e] sent him to you first,
to bless you, in turning away
everyone of you from your
wickedness."

4 As they spoke to the
people, the priests and
the captain of the
temple and the Sadducees came to
them, 2 being upset because they
taught the people and proclaimed in
Jesus the resurrection from the
dead. 3 They laid hands on them,
and put them in custody until the
next day, for it was now evening.
4 But many of those who heard the
word believed, and the number of
the men came to be about five
thousand.

5 It happened in the morning,
that their rulers, elders, and scribes
were gathered together in
Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest
was there, with Caiaphas, John,
Alexander, and as many as were
relatives of the high priest. 7 When
they had stood them in the middle
of them, they inquired, "By what
power, or in what name, have you
done this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the
Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers
of the people, and elders[f], 9 if we are
examined today concerning a good
deed done to a crippled man, by
what means this man has been
healed, 10 be it known to you all, and
to all the children of Israel, that in
the name of Jesus Christ the

[a] 3:21 M TR add "all"
[b] 3:22 M reads "our" instead of "your"
[c] 3:23 Leviticus 23:29; Deuteronomy 18:19
[d] 3:25 Genesis 22:18; 26:4; 28:14
[e] 3:26 M TR add "Jesus"
[f] 4:8 M TR add "of Israel"

Nazorean, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, in him does this man stand here before you whole. 11This one is the stone which was regarded as worthless by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.[a] 12And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that is given among people by which we must be saved."

13Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they were amazed. They recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14Seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16saying, "What should we do with these men? Because indeed a notable miracle has been done through them, as can be plainly seen by all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17But so this does not spread any further among the people, let us severely[b] threaten them, that from now on they do not speak to anyone in this name." 18They called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge for yourselves, 20for we cannot help telling the things which we saw and heard."

21When they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people; for everyone glorified God for that which was done. 22For the man on whom this miracle of healing was performed was more than forty years old.
23Being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24When they heard it, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, "Lord, you are the God who[c] made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them. 25You said through the Holy Spirit,[d] through the mouth of our father David your servant:

'Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
26The kings of the earth take a
stand,

[a]4:11 An allusion to Psalm 118:22. Cf. Matthew 21:42
[b]4:17 Text: E Hsupp P Psi 056 33 88 614 1241 1243 1505 2344 2495 al Byz syr(h); Chr. NU (p74vid Aleph A B D 1175 1739 Latt vg sa bo arm eth: Bas) lacks "severely," from an early homoioarcton: apeile-apeile
[c]4:24 Text: D E H P Psi 049 056 0142 323 945 1175 1241 1505 1611 1739 1891 al Byz Lect lat(e.gig.p) vg(Mss) syr(p.h) geo slav; Hes, (Chr). NU (p74 Aleph A B 2495 lat(c.dem.ph.ro.w) bo; (Hil), (Aug)) lacks "[are] the God, [who]" from haplography: o-o
[d]4:25 M TR lack "Holy Spirit"

and the rulers take council
together,
against the Lord, and against
his Anointed One.'[a]

27"For truly, in this city[b]
against your holy servant, Jesus,
whom you anointed, both Herod
and Pontius Pilate, with the non-
Jews and the people of Israel, were
gathered together 28to do whatever
your hand and your council
foreordained to happen. 29Now,
Lord, look at their threats, and grant
to your servants to speak your word
with all boldness, 30while you
stretch out your hand to heal; and
that signs and wonders may be
done through the name of your holy
Servant Jesus."

31When they had prayed, the
place was shaken where they were
gathered together. They were all
filled with the Holy Spirit, and they
spoke the word of God with
boldness. 32And the full number of
those who believed were of one
heart and soul. Not one of them
claimed that anything of the things
which he possessed[c] was his own,
but they had all things in common.
33With great power, the apostles
gave their testimony of the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus.
Great grace was on them all. 34For
neither was there among them any
who lacked, for as many as were
owners of lands or houses sold
them, and brought the proceeds of
the things that were sold, 35and put
them at the apostles' feet, and
distribution was made to each,
according as anyone had need.
36Joseph[d], who by the apostles was
surnamed Barnabas (which is
translated, Son of Encouragement),
a Levite, a native of Cyprus by
birth, 37having a field, sold it, and
brought the money and put it at the
apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man
named Ananias[e], with
Sappirah, his wife, sold
a possession, 2and kept back part
of the price, his wife also being aware
of it, and brought a certain part, and
put it at the apostles' feet. 3But
Peter said, "Ananias, why has
Satan filled your heart to lie to the
Holy Spirit, and to keep back part
of the price of the land[f]? 4While
you kept it, did not it remain your
own? After it was sold, was not it
in your power? How is it that you
have conceived this thing in your
heart? You have not lied to people,
but to God."

5Ananias, hearing these
words, fell down and died. Great
fear came on all who heard it[g]. 6The
young men arose and wrapped him
up, and they carried him out and
buried him. 7About three hours
later, his wife, not knowing what
had happened, came in. 8Peter

[a]4:26 Psalm 2:1-2
[b]4:27 M TR omit "in this city"
[c]4:32 M reads "of their belongings" instead of "the things which he possessed"
[d]4:36 M TR: "Josi"
[e]5:1 Hebrew: "Hananiah"
[f]5:3 M TR add "for yourself"
[g]5:5 M TR add "these things"

answered her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much.”

She said, “Yes, for so much.”

9But Peter asked her, “How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.”

10She fell down immediately at his feet, and died. The young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. 11Great fear came on the whole church, and on all who heard these things. 12By the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. They were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. 13None of the rest dared to join them, however the people honored them. 14More believers were added to the Lord, crowds of both men and women. 15They even carried out the sick into the streets, and put them on cots and mats, so that as Peter came by at the least his shadow would fall on some of them. 16Crowds also came together from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing sick people, and those who were tormented by unclean spirits: and they were all healed.

17But the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy, 18and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public custody. 19But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night, and brought them out, and said, 20“Go stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.”

21When they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and those who were with him, and called the council together, and all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22But the officers who came did not find them in the prison. They returned and reported, 23“We found the prison shut and locked, and the guards standing before the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”

24Now when the[a] captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these words, they were very perplexed about them and what might become of this. 25One came and told them, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are in the temple, standing and teaching the people.” 26Then the captain went with the officers, and brought them without violence, for they were afraid that the people might stone them.
27When they had brought them, they set them before the council. The high priest questioned them,

[a]5:24 M TR add “high priest the”

[28]saying, "Did we not[a] strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood on us."

[29]But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than people. [30]The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed, hanging him on a tree. [31]God exalted him with his right hand to be a Leader and a Savior, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. [32]We are[b] witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

[33]But they, when they heard this, were furious, and wanted[c] to kill them. [34]But one stood up in the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, honored by all the people, and commanded to put the men[d] out for a little while. [35]He said to them, "You men of Israel, be careful concerning these men, what you are about to do. [36]For before these days Todah rose up, making himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nothing. [37]After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the enrollment, and drew away some people after him. He also perished, and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad. [38]Now I tell you, withdraw from these men, and leave them alone. For if this counsel or this work is of human origin, it will be overthrown. [39]But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them[e], and you would be found even to be fighting against God."

[40]They agreed with him. Summoning the apostles, they beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. [41]They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name[f].

[42]Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ.

6 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the

[a]5:28 Text: Aleph(2) D E H(supp) 049 056 181 307 323 453 614 945 1243 1409 1678 1739 1891 2344 Byz Lect lat(e.h.p.w) syr(p.h) cop(sa(Mss) arm eth slav; Bas, Chr, Cyr(1/3). p74* A B 1175 lat(ar.c.d.dem.gig.ph.ro) vg cop(sa(Ms).bo.mae) geo; Cyr(2/3) lack "not"

[b]5:32 M TR add "His"

[c]5:33 M TR read "plotted" instead of "wanted"

[d]5:34 M TR: "apostles"

[e]5:39 M TR read "you are not able to overthrow it" instead of "you will not be able to overthrow them"

[f]5:41 M adds "of Jesus"

Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service. 2So the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not appropriate for us to forsake the word of God and serve tables. 3Therefore select from among you, brothers, seven men of good report, full of the[a] Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word."

5And these words pleased the whole gathering. They chose Stephen,[b] a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch; 6whom they set before the apostles. When they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7The word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8Stephen, full of grace[c] and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. 9But some of those who were of the synagogue called "The Libertines," and of the Cyrenians, of the Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia and Asia arose, disputing with Stephen. 10They weren't able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." 12They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes, and came against him and seized him, and brought him in to the council, 13and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking blasphemous words against this holy place and the Law. 14For we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazorean will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." 15All who sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face like it was the face of an angel.

7 The high priest said, "Are these things so?"
2He said, "Brothers and fathers, listen. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia,[d] before he lived in Haran, 3and said to him, 'Go out from your land and from your relatives, and come into a land which I will show you.'[e] 4Then he came out of the land of the Kasdim, and lived in Haran. From there, after his father died, he moved him into this land, where you are now living. 5He gave him

[a]6:3 NU (p8 p74 Aleph B D 614 1175 lat(gig.p) vg(st.ww) syr(h) bo). M TR (A C* E Psi 33 1241 1739 al lat(h.t.w) sa mae) add "Holy"
[b]6:5 Gk: Stephanos
[c]6:8 NU (p8 p45vid p74 Aleph A B D 0175 33 323 1739 al lat syr(p) sa bo). M TR (Byz syr(h); GrNy) read "faith" instead of "grace"
[d]7:2 The country between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. This Gk name is often used in the LXX for Aram Naharaim
[e]7:3 Genesis 12:1

no inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on. He promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him, when he still had no child. 6But God spoke in this way, 'His descendants will live as strangers in a foreign land, and that they will be slaves and mistreated, for four hundred years. 7But I will judge the nation to which they will be in bondage,' said God, 'and after that will they come out,[a] and serve me in this place.[b]' 8He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.
9"The patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt; and God was with him, 10and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He made him governor over Egypt and all his house. 11Now a famine came over all the land of[c] Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers found no food. 12But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers the first time. 13On the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. 14Then Joseph sent, and summoned Jacob, his father, and all his relatives, seventy-five souls.[d] 15Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, himself and our fathers, 16and they were brought back to Shechem, and placed in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver from the children of Hamor in[e] Shechem.[f]

17"But as the time of the promise came close which God had made[g] to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, 18until 'there arose a different king over Egypt[h], who did not know Joseph.'[i] 19The same took advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers, and forced them to throw out their babies, so that they would not stay alive. 20At that time Moses was born, and was exceedingly handsome. He was nourished three months in his father's house. 21When he was thrown out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and reared him as her own son. 22Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He was

[a]7:7 Genesis 15:13-14
[b]7:7 Exodus 3:12
[c]7:11 Text: E H P 049 056 33 323 614 1241 1243 1505 1611 2344 al Byz lat(d.gig.p) vg(Mss) syr(h) eth; Chr. NU (p45 p74 Aleph A B C Psi 1175 pc) lacks "the land of" from homoioteleuton: en-en
[d]7:14 Exodus 1:5
[e]7:16 M TR read "the father of " instead of "in"
[f]7:16 In Genesis 12:6-7 Abraham built an altar in Shechem, which would have required the purchase of land, apparently from the sons of Hamor. A descendant of the latter also named Hamor sold land in Shechem to Jacob in Genesis 33:19.
[g]7:17 M TR read "sworn" instead of "made"
[h]7:18 M TR omit "over Egypt"
[i]7:18 Exodus 1:8

mighty in his[a] words and works.
23But when he was forty years old,
it came into his heart to visit his
brothers, the children of Israel.
24Seeing one of them suffer wrong,
he defended him, and avenged him
who was oppressed, striking the
Egyptian. 25He supposed that his
brothers understood that God, by
his hand, was giving them
deliverance; but they did not
understand.

26"The day following, he
appeared to them as they fought,
and urged them to be at peace
again, saying, 'Men, you are
brothers. Why do you wrong one
another?' 27But he who did his
neighbor wrong pushed him away,
saying, 'Who made you a ruler and
a judge over us? 28Do you want to
kill me, as you killed the Egyptian
yesterday?'[b] 29Moses fled at this
saying, and became a stranger in
the land of Midian, where he
became the father of two sons.

30"When forty years were
fulfilled, an angel[c] appeared to him
in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in
a flame of fire in a bush. 31When
Moses saw it, he wondered at the
sight. As he came close to see, a
voice of the Lord came,[d] 32'I am the
God of your fathers, the God of
Abraham, and[e] of Isaac, and of
Jacob.'[f] Moses trembled, and dared
not look. 33The Lord said to him,
'Take your sandals off of your feet,
for the place where you stand is
holy ground. 34I have surely seen
the affliction of my people that is in
Egypt, and have heard their
groaning. I have come down to
deliver them. Now come, I will
send you to Egypt.'[g]

35"This Moses, whom they
refused, saying, 'Who made you a
ruler and a judge?'—God has sent
him as both a ruler and a deliverer
by the hand of the angel who
appeared to him in the bush. 36This
man led them out, having worked
wonders and signs in Egypt, in the
Red Sea,[h] and in the wilderness for
forty years. 37This is that Moses,
who said to the children of Israel,
'God[i] will raise up a prophet for
you from among your brothers, like
me[j].'[k] 38This is he who was in the
assembly in the wilderness with the
angel that spoke to him on Mount
Sinai, and with our fathers, who
received words of life[l] to give to us,
39to whom our fathers would not be
obedient, but rejected him, and

[a]7:22 M TR read "in" instead of "his"
[b]7:28 Exodus 2:14
[c]7:30 M TR add "of the Lord"
[d]7:31 M TR add "to him"
[e]7:32 NU (p74 Aleph A B C Psi 614 al vg(Mss) syr sa(Mss). M TR (D E 33 1739 Byz lat co) add (and before Jacob) "the God"
[f]7:32 Exodus 3:6
[g]7:34 Exodus 3:5,7-8,10
[h]7:36 The Red Sea is the later Greek name. Earlier known in Hebrew as yam soph, "Sea at the End." Cf. Exodus 10:19
[i]7:37 M reads "The Lord our God" instead of "God"
[j]7:37 TR adds "him shall you hear"
[k]7:37 Deuteronomy 18:15
[l]7:38 M reads "a living word" instead of "words of life"

turned back in their hearts to Egypt,
40 saying to Aaron, ‘Make us gods
that will go before us, for as for this
Moses, who led us out of the land
of Egypt, we do not know what has
become of him.’[a] 41 They made a
calf in those days, and brought a
sacrifice to the idol, and rejoiced in
the works of their hands. 42 But God
turned, and gave them over to
worship the host of heaven,[b] as it is
written in the book of the prophets,
‘Did you offer to me sacrifices and
offerings
forty years in the wilderness,
O house of Israel?
43 You took up the tabernacle of
Moloch,
and the star of your god
Rephan,
the images that you made to
worship them.
Therefore I will exile you beyond
Babylon.’[c]

44 “Our fathers had the tabernacle of
the testimony in the wilderness,
even as he who spoke to Moses
commanded him to make it
according to the pattern that he had
seen; 45 which also our fathers, in
their turn, brought in with Joshua
when they entered into the
possession of the nations, whom
God drove out before the face of
our fathers, to the days of David,
46 who found favor in the sight of
God, and asked to find a habitation
for the God[d] of Jacob. 47 But
Solomon built him a house.
48 However, the Most High does not
dwell in temples made with hands,
as the prophet says,
49 ‘Heaven is my throne,
and the earth a footstool for
my feet.
What kind of house will you build
me?’ says the Lord;
‘or what is the place of my
rest?
50 Did not my hand make all these
things?’[e]

51 “You stiff-necked and
uncircumcised in heart and ears,
you always resist the Holy Spirit.
As your fathers did, so you do.
52 Which of the prophets did not
your fathers persecute? They killed
those who foretold the coming of
the Righteous One, of whom you
have now become betrayers and
murderers. 53 You received the Law
as it was ordained by angels, and
did not keep it.”

54 Now when they heard these
things, they were furious, and they
ground their teeth at him. 55 But he,
being full of the Holy Spirit, looked

[a] 7:40 Exodus 32:1
[b] 7:42 This idiom could also be translated “angelic beings,” “heavenly bodies,” “stars”

[c] 7:43 Amos 5:25-27. They were taken as far as the cities of the Medes (2 Kings 17:6)

[d] 7:46 Text: Aleph(2) A C E P Psi 056 33 81 323 945 1175 1241 1243 1505 1611 1739 1891 2344 al Byz lat(ar.c.dem.e.gig.h.p.ph.ro.w) vg syr(p.h) sa(Mss) bo mae arm eth geo slav; Chr, Hes. NU (p74 Aleph* B D H O 049 2344 lat(d) sa(Ms)) reads “house”
[e] 7:50 Isaiah 66:1-2

up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. 56And he said, "Look, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."[a]

57But they shouted out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed at him with one accord. 58They threw him out of the city, and stoned him. The witnesses placed their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59They stoned Stephen as he called out, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60He kneeled down, and shouted out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

8 Saul was consenting to his death. A great persecution arose against the church which was in Jerusalem in that day. They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles. 2Devout men buried Stephen, and lamented greatly over him. 3But Saul ravaged the church, entering into every house, and dragged both men and women off to prison. 4Therefore those who were scattered abroad went around proclaiming the word. 5Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. 6The crowds listened with one accord to the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard and saw the signs which he did. 7For unclean spirits came out of many of those who had them. They came out, crying with a loud voice. Many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. 8There was great joy in that city.

9But there was a certain man, Simon by name, who used to practice sorcery in the city, and amazed the people of Samaria, making himself out to be some great one, 10to whom they all listened, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is that power of God which is called Great.[b]" 11They listened to him, because for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. 12But when they believed Philip as he preached good news concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13Simon himself also believed. Being baptized, he continued with Philip. Seeing signs and great[c] miracles occurring, he was amazed.

14Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15who, when they had come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit; 16for he had not yet fallen upon any of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus[d]. 17Then they laid

[a]7:56 Daniel 7:13
[b]8:10 M TR lack kaloumenh "which is called" from haplography by sight confusion: u h-nh
[c]8:13 M TR omit "great"
[d]8:16 M TR read "Christ Jesus" instead of "the Lord Jesus"

their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18Now when Simon saw that the[a] Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19saying, "Give me also this power, that whomever I lay my hands on may receive the Holy Spirit." 20But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money. 21You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22Repent therefore of this, your wickedness, and ask the Lord[b] if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity."

24Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that none of the things which you have spoken happen to me."

25They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the Good News to many villages of the Samaritans. 26But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise, and go toward the south to the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert."

27And he arose and went. And look, there was a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Kandake,[c] the queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge over all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28and he was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go and join up with that chariot."
30And running near, Philip heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31He said, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32Now the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this,

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he does not open his mouth.

[a]8:18 NU (Aleph A(c) B cop(sa.mae); Apos. Const.). Other Mss (p45 p74 A* C D E H L Psi 049 056 33 69 81 323 1175 1241 1243 1505 1611 1646 1739 Byz Latt(ar.c.d.dem.e.gig.p.ph.r.ro.l.w) syr(p.h) cop(bo) arm eth geo slav; Bas, Amph, Chr) add "Holy"

[b]8:22 M TR read "God" instead of "Lord"

[c]8:27 Some evidence suggests that the term is a title rather than a proper name, meaning "queen" or "royal woman," possibly queen Amantitere (22-41 AD)

33 In his[a] humiliation his justice
was taken away.[b]
Who will declare His
generation?
For his life is taken from the
earth."[c]

34 The eunuch answered Philip, "Who is the prophet talking about? About himself, or about someone else?"
35 Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture, preached to him Jesus. 36 And as they went on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What is keeping me from being baptized?" 37 And he said to him, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."[d] 38 Then he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any more, for he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. Passing through, he preached the Good News to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea.

9 But Saul, still breathing threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he traveled, it happened that he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. 4 And he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?[e]"

5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise up, and enter into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the

[a] 8:33 NU (C E H L P Psi 049 056 33vid 81 1175 1241 al Byz vg(Mss) syr(p.h) sa bo arm eth) cf. Isaiah 53:8 LXX(L). p74 Aleph A B 103 629 1642* 1739 Latt vg; Ir(lat) lack "his," possibly from harmonization to Isaiah 53:8 LXX(SB) cf. TCGNT
[b] 8:33 NU (Aleph A B C 1646 vg syr(h)). M TR (p74 E H L P 049 056 33 614 1739 al. Byz it vg(Mss) syr(p) sa bo arm; Ir(lat)) add "and"
[c] 8:33 Isaiah 53:7,8
[d] 8:37 Text: (E lat(e) Philip) 36 307 323 453 610 945 1678 1739 1891 2818 lat(ar.c.dem.(e).gig.l.p.ph.ro.t.w) syr(h) cop(mae) arm eth(th) geo slav; Ir, Cyp, Ambr, Pac, Chrom, Aug, Spec. NU (p45 p74 Aleph B C H L P Psi 049 056 33(vid) 81 1175 1241 1243 2344 Byz Lect vg(ww.st) syr(p) cop(sa.bo) eth(pp); Chr) lacks verse from haplography by a graphic confusion: -nai e > n kai e
[e] 9:4 TR adds "It is hard for you to kick against the goads." Cf. Acts 26:14

sound, but seeing no one. [8]Saul arose from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could not see anything. They led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. [9]He was without sight for three days, and neither ate nor drank.

[10]Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Look, it's me, Lord."

[11]The Lord said to him, "Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus. For look, he is praying, [12]and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in, and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight."

[13]But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he did to your saints at Jerusalem. [14]Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

[15]But the Lord said to him, "Go your way, for he is my chosen vessel to bear my name before the nations and kings, and the children of Israel. [16]For I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake."

[17]Ananias departed, and entered into the house. Laying his hands on him, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me, that you may receive your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit." [18]Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he received his sight. He arose and was baptized. [19]He took food and was strengthened. He[a] stayed several days with the disciples who were at Damascus. [20]Immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus[b], that he is the Son of God. [21]All who heard him were amazed, and said, "Is not this he who in Jerusalem made havoc of those who called on this name? And he had come here intending to bring them bound before the chief priests."

[22]But Saul increased more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ. [23]When many days were fulfilled, the Jews conspired together to kill him, [24]but their plot became known to Saul. They watched the gates both day and night that they might kill him, [25]but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket. [26]When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he

[a]9:19 M TR: "Saul"

[b]9:20 M TR read "Christ" instead of "Jesus"

was a disciple. 27But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28He was with them coming in and going out[a] in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.[b] 29He spoke and disputed against the Hellenists, but they were seeking to kill him. 30When the brothers knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him off to Tarsus. 31So the church[c] throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, and were built up. They were multiplied, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

32It happened, as Peter went throughout all those parts, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, because he was paralyzed. 34Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." Immediately he arose. 35All who lived at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which when translated, means Dorcas).[d] This woman was full of good works and acts of mercy which she did. 37It happened in those days that she fell sick, and died. When they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. 38As Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men[e] to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to us[f]. 39Peter got up and went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40Peter put them all out, and kneeled down and prayed. Turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41He gave her his hand, and raised her up. Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43It happened, that he stayed many days in Joppa with one Simon, a tanner.

10 Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2a devout man, and one who feared God with all his house, who gave gifts for the needy generously to the people, and always prayed to God. 3At about three in the afternoon,[g] he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God

[a]9:28 M lacks "and going out"
[b]9:29 M adds "Jesus"
[c]9:31 M TR: "churches"
[d]9:36 "Dorcas" is Greek for "Gazelle"
[e]9:38 M reads "messengers" instead of "two men"
[f]9:38 M TR: "them"
[g]10:3 Lit. the ninth hour

coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius."
4He, fastening his eyes on him, and being frightened, said, "What is it, Lord?" He said to him, "Your prayers and your gifts to the needy have gone up for a memorial before God. 5Now send men to Joppa, and bring one[a] Simon who is surnamed Peter. 6He lodges with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.[b]"

7When the angel who spoke to him[c] had departed, he called two of his household servants and a devout soldier of those who waited on him continually. 8Having explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. 9Now on the next day as they were on their journey, and got close to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray at about noon. 10He became hungry and desired to eat, but while they were preparing, he fell into a trance. 11He saw heaven opened and a certain container descending to him, like a great sheet let down[d] by four corners on the earth, 12in which were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth,[e] crawling creatures and birds of the sky. 13A voice came to him, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat."

14But Peter said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean."

15A voice came to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed, you must not call unclean." 16This was done three times, and immediately the vessel was received up into heaven. 17Now while Peter was very perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, look, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood before the gate, 18and called and asked whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, was lodging there. 19While Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three[f] men seek you. 20But arise, get down, and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

21Peter went down to the men,[g] and said, "Look, I am the one whom you seek. Why have you come?"

22They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous man and one who fears God, and well spoken of by all the Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to invite you to his house, and to listen to what you say." 23So he called them in and lodged them. On the next day he[h] arose and went out with

[a]10:5 M TR lacks "one" from homoioteleuton: -na to -na
[b]10:6 TR adds "This one will tell you what it is necessary for you to do"
[c]10:7 M TR: "Cornelius"
[d]10:11 M TR add "tied"
[e]10:12 M TR add "wild beasts"
[f]10:19 M lacks "three"
[g]10:21 TR adds "which were sent to him from Cornelius"
[h]10:23 M TR: "Peter"

them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. 24On the next day he[a] entered into Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and his near friends. 25When it happened that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, fell down at his feet, and worshiped him. 26But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up. I myself am also a man." 27And as he talked with him, he went in and found many gathered together. 28He said to them, "You yourselves know how it is an unlawful thing for a man who is a Jew to join himself or come to one of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean. 29Therefore also I came without complaint when I was sent for. I ask therefore, why did you send for me?"

30Cornelius said, "Four days ago[b] until this hour, at three in the afternoon,[c] I was praying in my house, and look, a man stood before me in bright clothing, 31and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your gifts to the needy are remembered in the sight of God. 32Send therefore to Joppa and summon Simon, who is surnamed Peter. He lodges in the house of Simon, a tanner,[d] by the seaside.'[e] 33Therefore I sent to you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God to hear all things that have been commanded you by the Lord.[f]"

34And Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God does not show favoritism; 35but in every nation he who fears him and works righteousness is acceptable to him. 36The word which[g] he sent to the children of Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all—37that spoken word you yourselves know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses of everything he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they also[h] killed

[a]10:24 M TR read "they"
[b]10:30 NU (p74 Aleph A* B C 81 945 1739 vg bo (arm) eth geo). M TR (p50 D E P Psi 33vid 614 1241 2495 Byz Lect it syr sa mae) add "I was fasting"
[c]10:30 Lit. the ninth hour
[d]10:32 Or, Simon Berseus
[e]10:32 NU (p45.74 Aleph A B 36 81 453 vg bo). M TR (C D E Psi 1739 Byz it syr(p.h.pal) (sa mae) arm (eth) geo; Chr) add "When he comes, he will speak to you"
[f]10:33 M TR read "God" instead of "the Lord"
[g]10:36 NU (p74 Aleph* C D E P Psi 945 1241 2495 pc Byz Lect lat(e) syr(p.h) geo slav; CyrJ, Chr. Aleph(1) A B 81 614 1739 L1178 Lat vg sa bo mae arm eth; Hipp, Ath, CyrA lack "which" from haplography by homoioteleuton: on-on
[h]10:39 TR lacks "also"

by hanging on a tree. 40God raised
him up the third day, and gave him
to be revealed, 41not to all the
people, but to witnesses who were
chosen before by God, to us, who
ate and drank with him after he rose
from the dead. 42He commanded us
to preach to the people and to
testify that this is the one who is
appointed by God as the judge of
the living and the dead. 43All the
prophets testify about him, that
through his name everyone who
believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins."

44While Peter was still
speaking these words, the Holy
Spirit fell on all those who heard
the word. 45They of the
circumcision who believed were
amazed, as many as came with
Peter, because the gift of the Holy
Spirit was also poured out on the
non-Jewish people. 46For they
heard them speaking in other
tongues and magnifying God.

Then Peter answered, 47"Can
anyone withhold the water, that
these who have received the Holy
Spirit as well as we should not be
baptized?" 48He commanded them
to be baptized in the name of Jesus
Christ.[a] Then they asked him to
stay some days.

11 Now the apostles
and the brothers
who were in Judea
heard that the non-Jewish people
had also received the word of God.
2When Peter had come up to
Jerusalem, those who were of the
circumcision contended with him,
3saying, "You went in to
uncircumcised men, and ate with
them."

4But Peter began, and
explained to them in order, saying,
5"I was in the city of Joppa praying,
and in a trance I saw a vision: a
certain container descending, like it
was a great sheet let down from
heaven by four corners. It came as
far as me. 6When I had looked
intently at it, I considered, and saw
the four-footed animals of the
earth, wild animals, crawling
creatures, and birds of the sky. 7I
also heard a voice saying to me,
'Rise, Peter, kill and eat.' 8But I
said, 'Not so, Lord, for nothing
unholy or unclean has ever entered
into my mouth.' 9But a voice
answered[b] the second time out of
heaven, 'What God has cleansed,
do not call unclean.' 10This was
done three times, and all were
drawn up again into heaven. 11And
look, immediately three men stood
before the house where we were,
having been sent from Caesarea to
me. 12The Spirit told me to go with
them, without discriminating[c].
These six brothers also
accompanied me, and we entered
into the man's house. 13He told us
how he had seen the angel standing
in his house, and saying to him,

[a]10:48 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "Jesus Christ"
[b]11:9 M TR add "me"
[c]11:12 M TR read "doubting nothing" instead of "without discriminating"

‘Send to Joppa, and get Simon,
whose surname is Peter, 14who will
speak to you words by which you
will be saved, you and all your
house.’ 15As I began to speak, the
Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on
us at the beginning. 16I remembered
the word of the Lord, how he said,
‘John indeed baptized in water, but
you will be baptized in the Holy
Spirit.’[a] 17If then God gave to them
the same gift as us, when we
believed in the Lord Jesus Christ,
who was I, that I could withstand
God?”

18When they heard these
things, they held their peace, and
glorified God, saying, “Then God
has also granted to the non-Jews
repentance to life.”
19They therefore who were
scattered abroad by the oppression
that arose about Stephen traveled as
far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and
Antioch, speaking the word to no
one except to Jews only. 20But there
were some of them, men of Cyprus
and Cyrene, who, when they had
come to Antioch, spoke to the
Greeks,[b] proclaiming the good
news of the Lord Jesus. 21The hand
of the Lord was with them, and a
great number believed and turned
to the Lord. 22And the report
concerning them was heard by the
church in Jerusalem, so they sent
Barnabas to[c] Antioch, 23who, when
he had come, and had seen the
grace of God, was glad. He
exhorted them all, that with
purpose of heart they should
remain true to the Lord. 24For he
was a good man, and full of the
Holy Spirit and of faith, and many
people were added to the Lord.

25Barnabas went out to
Tarsus to look for Saul. 26When he
had found him, he brought him to
Antioch. It happened, that for a
whole year they were gathered
together with the church, and
taught many people. The disciples
were first called Christians[d] in
Antioch.

27Now in these days,
prophets came down from
Jerusalem to Antioch. 28One of
them named Agabus stood up, and
indicated by the Spirit that there
should be a great famine all over
the world, which also happened in
the days of Claudius[e]. 29As any of
the disciples had plenty, each
determined to send relief to the
brothers who lived in Judea;
30which they also did, sending it to
the elders by the hands of Barnabas
and Saul.

12 Now about that
time, Herod the king
stretched out his
hands to oppress some of the
church. 2He killed James, the

[a]11:16 Acts 1:5
[b]11:20 Or, “Hellenists,” someone who spoke Greek
[c]11:22 Text: p74 Aleph B 81 1739 vg syr(p) cop(bo). NU (D E Psi 33 1241 Byz lat(gig.p) syr(h) cop(sa.mae)) add (bracketed) “to travel”
[d]11:26 Or, “followers of Christ”
[e]11:28 M TR add “Caesar”

brother of John, with the sword. 3When he saw that it pleased the Jewish people, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This was during the days of unleavened bread. 4When he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5Peter therefore was kept in the prison, but constant prayer was made by the church to God for him. 6The same night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains. Guards in front of the door kept the prison.

7And look, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side, and woke him up, saying, "Stand up quickly." His chains fell off from his hands. 8The angel said to him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." He did so. He said to him, "Put on your cloak, and follow me." 9And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he saw a vision. 10When they were past the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened to them by itself. They went out, and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

11When Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I truly know that the Lord has sent out his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from everything the Jewish people were expecting." 12Thinking about that, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13And when Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14When she recognized Peter's voice, she did not open the gate for joy, but ran in, and reported that Peter was standing in front of the gate.

15They said to her, "You are crazy." But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." 16But Peter continued knocking. When they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. 17But he, beckoning to them with his hand to be silent, declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. He said, "Tell these things to James, and to the brothers." Then he departed, and went to another place.

18Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. 19When Herod had sought for him, and did not find him, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be put to death. He went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there. 20Now Herod was very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. They came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus, the king's personal aide, their friend, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. 21On an appointed

day, Herod dressed himself in royal clothing, and[a] sat on the throne, and gave a speech to them. 22But the crowd shouted, "The voice of a god, and not of a man." 23Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.

24But the word of God grew and multiplied. 25Barnabas and Saul returned to[b] Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their service, also taking with them John whose surname was Mark.

13 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them."

3Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. 5When they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They had also John as their attendant. 6When they had gone through the whole[c] island as far as Paphos, they found a certain man, a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus,[d] 7who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. 8But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith. 9But Saul, who is also called Paul[e], filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, 10and said, "Full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11Now, look, the hand of the Lord is on you, and you will be blind, unable to see the sun for a time."

Immediately a mist and darkness fell on him. He went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia, and John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem. 14But they, passing on from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia. They went into the

[a]12:21 Some Mss (Aleph B lat(p) vg) lack "and," possibly from homoioarcton: ka-ka
[b]12:25 TR reads "from" instead of "to"
[c]13:6 M TR omit "whole"
[d]13:6 Syr reads "Bar-Shuma" instead of "Bar-Jesus"
[e]13:9 Greek: Paulos

synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down. 15After the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, speak."

16Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen. 17The God of this people Israel[a] chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they stayed as foreigners in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm, he led them out of it. 18For a period of about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. 19When he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. 20All this took about four hundred and fifty years.[b] And after these things he gave them judges, until Samuel the prophet. 21Afterward they asked for a king, and God gave to them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22When he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, to whom he also testified, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' 23From this man's offspring, according to his promise,[c] God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,[d] 24before his coming, when John had first preached the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.[e] 25As John was fulfilling his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. But look, one comes after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.' 26Brothers, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, the word of this salvation is sent out to us[f]. 27For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know him, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28Though they found no cause for death, they still asked Pilate to have him killed. 29When they had fulfilled all things that were written about him, they took him down from the tree, and placed him in a tomb. 30But God raised him from the dead, 31and he was seen for many days by those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses to the people. 32We bring you good news of the promise made to the fathers, 33that God has fulfilled for us, their children, in that he raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second psalm,

'You are my Son.
Today I have become your Father.'[g]

[a]13:17 M omits "Israel"
[b]13:20 E.g., 400 years of slavery in Egypt + 40 years of wilderness sojourn + 7 years of conquest of Canaan = 447 years, which is "about 450 years"
[c]13:23 Psalm 132:11
[d]13:23 M reads "salvation" instead of "a Savior, Jesus"
[e]13:24 M reads "to Israel" instead of "to all the children of Israel"
[f]13:26 M TR read "you" instead of "us"
[g]13:33 Psalm 2:7

34"Concerning that he raised
him up from the dead, now no more
to return to corruption, he has
spoken thus: 'I will give to you the
faithful sacred things of David.'[a]
35Therefore he says also in another
psalm, 'You will not allow your
Holy One to see decay.'[b] 36For
David, after he had in his own
generation served the counsel of
God, fell asleep, and was placed
with his fathers, and saw decay.
37But he whom God raised up saw
no decay. 38Be it known to you
therefore, brothers, that through
this man is proclaimed to you
forgiveness of sins, 39and by him
everyone who believes is justified
from all things, from which you
could not be justified by the Law of
Moses. 40So beware, lest what is
said in the Prophets should come
about:
41'Look, you scoffers, and be
amazed, and perish; for I am
working a work in your days, a
work[c] which you will not believe, if
one tells it to you.'"[d]

42So when they went out
they[e] urged them to speak about
these things on the next Sabbath.
43Now when the synagogue broke
up, many of the Jews and of the
devout proselytes followed Paul
and Barnabas; who, speaking to
them, urged them to continue in the
grace of God. 44The next Sabbath
almost the whole city was gathered
together to hear the word of the
Lord.[f] 45But when the Jews saw the
crowds, they were filled with
jealousy, and contradicted the
things which were spoken by Paul,
and reviled him.

46Paul and Barnabas spoke
out boldly, and said, "It was
necessary that God's word should
be spoken to you first. Since indeed
you thrust it from you, and judge
yourselves unworthy of everlasting
life, look, we turn to the non-Jewish
people. 47For so has the Lord
commanded us, saying,
'I have set you as a light to the
nations,
that you may bring salvation
to the farthest part of
the earth.'"[g]
48As the non-Jewish people heard
this, they were glad, and glorified
the word of the Lord. As many as
were appointed to everlasting life
believed.[h] 49The Lord's word was
spread abroad throughout all the
region. 50But the Jews stirred up the
devout women of prominence and
the chief men of the city, and stirred
up a persecution against Paul and
Barnabas, and threw them out of
their borders. 51But they shook off

[a]13:34 Or, "the faithful kindnesses of David," a rubric for the Christ. Isaiah 55:3 LXX. Cf. P.J. Gentry and S. J. Wellum, Kingdom Through Covenant, 418-21
[b]13:35 Psalm 16:10
[c]13:41 M lacks "a work"
[d]13:41 Habakkuk 1:5
[e]13:42 M TR read "the Jews went out of the synagogue, the non-Jews" instead of "they went out they"
[f]13:44 M TR read "God" instead of "the Lord"
[g]13:47 Isaiah 49:6
[h]13:48 God appoints, but our responsibility is to believe

the dust of their feet against them, and came to Iconium. [52]The disciples were filled with joy with the Holy Spirit.

14 It happened in Iconium that they entered together into the Jewish synagogue, and so spoke that a great number of both of Jews and of Greeks believed. [2]But the disbelieving[a] Jews stirred up and embittered the souls of the non-Jewish people against the brothers. [3]Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. [4]But the population of the city was divided. Some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. [5]When some of both the non-Jewish people and the Jews, with their rulers, made a violent attempt to mistreat and stone them, [6]they became aware of it, and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, Derbe, and the surrounding region. [7]There they preached the Good News.

[8]At Lystra a certain man sat, without strength in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. [9]He was listening to Paul speaking, who, fastening eyes on him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, [10]said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." He leaped up and walked. [11]When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the language of Lycaonia, "The gods have come down to us in human form." [12]They called Barnabas "Jupiter," and Paul "Mercury," because he was the chief speaker. [13]The priest of Jupiter, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and would have made a sacrifice along with the crowds. [14]But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they tore their clothes, and sprang into the crowd, crying out, [15]"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the sky and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them; [16]who in the generations gone by allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. [17]Yet he did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling your[b] hearts with food and gladness."

[18]Even saying these things, they hardly stopped the crowds from making a sacrifice to them. [19]But some Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.

[20]But as the disciples stood around him, he rose up, and entered into the city. On the next day he

[a]14:2 Or, "disobedient"

[b]14:17 M TR: "our"

went out with Barnabas to Derbe.
21When they had preached the
Good News to that city, and had
made many disciples, they returned
to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,
22confirming the souls of the
disciples, exhorting them to
continue in the faith, and that
through many afflictions we must
enter into the kingdom of God.
23When they had appointed elders
for them in every church, and had
prayed with fasting, they
commended them to the Lord, on
whom they had believed.

24They passed through
Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia.
25When they had spoken the word
in Perga, they went down to Attalia.
26From there they sailed to Antioch,
from where they had been
committed to the grace of God for
the work which they had fulfilled.
27When they had arrived, and had
gathered the church together, they
reported all the things that God had
done with them, and that he had
opened a door of faith to the
nations. 28And they stayed with the
disciples a long time.

15 Some men came
down from Judea
and taught the
brothers, "Unless you are
circumcised after the custom of
Moses, you cannot be saved."
2Therefore when Paul and
Barnabas had no small discord and
discussion with them, they
appointed Paul and Barnabas, and
some others of them, to go up to
Jerusalem to the apostles and elders
about this question. 3They, being
sent on their way by the church,
passed through both Phoenicia and
Samaria, describing in detail the
conversion of the non-Jewish
people. They caused great joy to all
the brothers. 4When they had come
to Jerusalem, they were received by
the church and the apostles and the
elders, and they reported all things
that God had done with them.

5But some of the sect of the
Pharisees who believed rose up,
saying, "It is necessary to
circumcise them, and to command
them to keep the Law of Moses."

6The apostles and the elders
were gathered together to see about
this matter. 7When there had been
much discussion, Peter rose up and
said to them, "Brothers, you know
that a good while ago God made a
choice among you[a], that by my
mouth the nations should hear the
word of the Good News, and
believe. 8God, who knows the
heart, testified about them by
giving the Holy Spirit, just like he
did to us. 9He made no distinction
between us and them, cleansing
their hearts by faith. 10Now
therefore why do you tempt God,
that you should put a yoke on the
neck of the disciples which neither
our fathers nor we were able to
bear? 11But we believe that we are
saved through the grace of the Lord
Jesus, just as they are."

[a]15:7 M TR: "us"

12 And all the people kept
quiet, and they listened to Barnabas
and Paul reporting what signs and
wonders God had done among the
nations through them. 13 After they
were silent, James answered,
"Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon
has reported how God first visited
the nations, to take out of them a
people for his name. 15 This agrees
with the words of the prophets. As
it is written,
16 'After these things I will return;[a]
and I will rebuild the
tabernacle of David
that has fallen,
and I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,
17 that the rest of humanity
may seek after the
Lord,
and all the nations who are
called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these
things
18 known from long ago.'[b]

19 "Therefore my judgment is
that we do not trouble those from
among the non-Jewish people who
turn to God, 20 but that we write to
them that they abstain from things
defiled by idols, from sexual
immorality, from what is strangled,
and from blood. 21 For Moses from
generations of old has in every city
those who proclaim him, being read
in the synagogues every Sabbath."

22 Then it seemed good to the
apostles and the elders, with the
whole church, to choose men out of
their company, and send them to
Antioch with Paul and Barnabas:
Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas,
chief men among the brothers.
23 They wrote these things by their
hand:

"The apostles, the elders, and
the brothers, to the non-Jewish
brothers who are in Antioch, Syria,
and Cilicia: greetings. 24 Because
we have heard that some who went
out from us have troubled you with
words, unsettling your souls,[c] to
whom we gave no commandment;
25 it seemed good to us, having
come to one accord, to choose out
men and send them to you with our
beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 who
have risked their lives for the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have
sent therefore Judas and Silas, who
themselves will also tell you the
same things by word of mouth.
28 For it seemed good to the Holy
Spirit, and to us, to lay no greater
burden on you than these necessary
things: 29 that you abstain from
things sacrificed to idols, from
blood, from things strangled, and
from sexual immorality, from
which if you keep yourselves, it
will be well with you. Farewell."
30 So, when they were sent off, they
came to Antioch, and having
gathered the congregation together,

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[a] 15:16 Jeremiah 12:15
[b] 15:17 Amos 9:11-12. M TR add "to God is all his works"
[c] 15:24 NU (p33 p45vid p74 Aleph A B D 33 81 1175 pc vg sa bo). M TR (C E Psi 1739 Byz (gig) syr arm eth (geo); Ir(lat) (Chr)) add "saying, You must be circumcised and keep the Law." Cf. vs 1, 5

they delivered the letter. 31When
they had read it, they rejoiced over
the encouragement. 32Judas and
Silas, also being prophets
themselves, encouraged the
brothers with many words, and
strengthened them. 33After they had
spent some time there, they were
sent back with greetings from the
brothers to those that had sent them
forth. 34However, Silas decided to
remain there.[a] 35And Paul and
Barnabas stayed in Antioch,
teaching and proclaiming the word
of the Lord, with many others also.

36After some days Paul said
to Barnabas, "Let us return now
and visit our brothers in every city
in which we proclaimed the word
of the Lord, to see how they are
doing." 37Barnabas planned to take
John, who was called Mark, with
them also. 38But Paul did not think
that it was a good idea to take with
them someone who had withdrawn
from them in Pamphylia, and did
not go with them to do the work.
39Then the contention grew so
sharp that they separated from each
other. Barnabas took Mark with
him, and sailed away to Cyprus,
40but Paul chose Silas, and went
out, being commended by the
brothers to the grace of the Lord.[b]
41He went through Syria and
Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

16 He came also to
Derbe and Lystra.
And look, a certain
disciple was there,
named Timothy, the son of a
Jewish woman who believed; but
his father was a Greek. 2The
brothers who were at Lystra and
Iconium gave a good testimony
about him. 3Paul wanted to have
him go out with him, and he took
and circumcised him because of the
Jews who were in those parts; for
they all knew that his father was a
Greek. 4As they went on their way
through the cities, they delivered
the decrees to them to keep which
had been ordained by the apostles
and elders who were at Jerusalem.
5So the churches were strengthened
in the faith, and increased in
number daily.

6When they had gone
through the region of Phrygia and
Galatia, they were forbidden by the
Holy Spirit to speak the word in
Asia. 7When they had come
opposite Mysia, they tried to go
into Bithynia, but the Spirit of
Jesus[c] did not allow them. 8Passing
by Mysia, they came down to
Troas. 9A vision appeared to Paul
in the night. There was a man of
Macedonia standing, begging him,
and saying, "Come over into
Macedonia and help us." 10When
he had seen the vision, immediately
we sought to go out to Macedonia,

[a]15:34 Text: C (autous) E H L P 049 056 33 1175 1739 al. lat(c) syr(h*) sa bo(Mss) arm eth geo slav. NU (p74 Aleph A B E P Psi 81 1241 2495 Byz two lat vg syr(p) bo) lacks "However, Silas decided…there," from haplography: autous-autou

[b]15:40 M TR read "God" instead of "the Lord"

[c]16:7 M TR omit "Jesus"

concluding that the Lord had called us to proclaim the Good News to them. 11Then, setting sail from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis; 12and from there to Philippi, which is a principle city of that district of Macedonia, a colony. We were staying some days in this[a] city.

13On the Sabbath day we went forth outside of the gate[b] by a riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer[c], and we sat down, and spoke to the women who had come together. 14A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one who worshiped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened to listen to the things which were spoken by Paul. 15When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and stay." So she persuaded us.

16It happened, as we were going to prayer, that a certain girl having a spirit of Python[d] met us, who brought her masters much gain by fortune telling. 17She followed Paul and us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you[e] the way of salvation." 18She was doing this for many days.

But Paul, becoming greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out at once. 19But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20When they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men, being Jews, are agitating our city, 21and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to accept or to observe, being Romans."

22The crowd rose up together against them, and the magistrates tore their clothes off of them, and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23When they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely, 24who, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and secured their feet in the stocks.

25But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison

[a]16:12 M reads "that very city" instead of "this city"
[b]16:13 M TR read "city" instead of "gate"
[c]16:13 M TR read "prayer was customarily to be" instead of "where we supposed there was a place of prayer"
[d]16:16 Or, "divination"
[e]16:17 M TR "us"

were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosened. [27]The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. [28]But Paul shouted loudly, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

[29]He called for lights and sprang in, and, fell down trembling before Paul and Silas, [30]and brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"
[31]They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus,[a] and you will be saved, you and your household." [32]They spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house.

[33]He took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was immediately baptized, he and all his household. [34]He brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his household, having believed in God.

[35]But when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, "Let those men go."

[36]The jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore come out, and go in peace."

[37]But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, without a trial, men who are Romans, and have cast us into prison. Do they now release us secretly? No indeed. Let them come themselves and bring us out."

[38]The sergeants reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, [39]and they came and apologized to them. When they had brought them out, they asked them to depart from the city. [40]They went out of the prison, and entered into Lydia's house. When they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. [2]Paul, as was his custom, went in to them, and for three Sabbath days reasoned with them from the Scriptures, [3]explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

[a]16:31 NU (p74(vid) p127 Aleph A B 33 81 1243 2344 lat(gig) vg bo). Many Mss (C D E H L P Psi 049 056 88 323 614 945 1175 1241 1505 1611 1739 1891 2495 syr sa) add "Christ"

4Some of them were persuaded, and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the prominent women. 5But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, [a] took along some wicked men from the marketplace, and gathering a crowd, set the city in an uproar. Assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them out to the people. 6When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and certain brothers before the rulers[b] of the city, crying, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7whom Jason has received. These all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8The crowd and the rulers of the city were troubled when they heard these things. 9When they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. 10The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroea. When they arrived, they went into the Jewish synagogue.
11Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. 12Many of them therefore believed; also of the prominent Greek women, and not a few men. 13But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Beroea also, they came there likewise, inciting and disturbing[c] the crowds. 14Then the brothers immediately sent out Paul to go as far as[d] to the sea, and Silas and Timothy still stayed there. 15But those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens. Receiving a commandment to Silas and Timothy that they should come to him very quickly, they departed.

16Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw the city full of idols. 17So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who met him. 18Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also were conversing with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign deities," because he preached Jesus and the resurrection.

19They took hold of him, and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by you? 20For you bring certain strange things to our ears. We want to know therefore what these things mean." 21Now all the Athenians and the strangers living there spent

[a] 17:5 M reads "who were unpersuaded " instead of "being moved with jealousy"
[b] 17:6 Gk "Politarchs"
[c] 17:13 M TR lack "and disturbing" from homoioteleuton: -ontes to -ontes
[d] 17:14 M TR read "as though by" instead of "as far as"

their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

22 Paul stood in the middle of the Areopagus, and said, "You men of Athens, I perceive that you are very religious in all things. 23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you. 24 The God who made the world and all things in it, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands, 25 neither is he served by human[a] hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself gives to all life and breath, and all things. 26 He made from one blood[b] every nation of the human race to dwell on all the surface of the earth, having determined appointed seasons, and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 that they should seek God,[c] if perhaps they might reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 'For in him we live, and move, and have our being.'[d] As some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.'[e] 29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold, or silver, or stone, engraved by human art and design. 30 The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked. But now he commands that all people everywhere should repent, 31 because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; of which he has given assurance to everyone by raising him from the dead."

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, "We want to hear you again concerning this."

33 Thus Paul went out from among them. 34 But some people joined with him, and believed, among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

18 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth. 2 He found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, who had recently come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla,

[a] 17:25 M TR read "men's" instead of "human"

[b] 17:26 Text: D E H L P 049 056 0142 88 326 436 614 945 1241 1243 1505 1611 al Byz Lect lat(ar.d.e.gig) syr(p.h) arm geo slav; Ir(lat), Chr, Thret. NU (p74 Aleph A B 33 81 1739 al. L1178 lat(c.dem.p.ph.ro.w) vg sa(Mss) bo (eth); Cl) lacks aimatos "blood," possibly lost by homoioteleuton: os-os (TCGNT). The word aimatos is supported by "a wide range of early versions and patristic witnesses," and two text-types, and "is not a very natural gloss on enos" (TCGNT).

[c] 17:27 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "God"

[d] 17:28 Epimenides, Cretica

[e] 17:28 Aratus, Phaenomena 5

because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome. He came to them, [3]and because he practiced the same trade, he lived with them and worked, for by trade they were tent makers. [4]He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks. [5]But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the word[a], testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. [6]When they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook out his clothing and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads. I am clean. From now on, I will go to the non-Jewish people."

[7]He departed there, and went into the house of a certain man named Titius[b] Justus, one who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. [8]Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house. Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized. [9]The Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; [10]for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

[11]He lived there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. [12]But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, [13]saying, "This one persuades people to worship God contrary to the law."

[14]But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked crime, you Jews, it would be reasonable that I should bear with you; [15]but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves. For I do not want to be a judge of these matters." [16]He drove them from the judgment seat.

[17]Then they all took hold of Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. But none of these things were of concern to Gallio.

[18]Paul, having stayed after this many more days, took his leave of the brothers, and sailed from there for Syria, together with Priscilla and Aquila. He shaved his head in Cenchreae, for he had a vow. [19]They[c] came to Ephesus, and he left them there; but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. [20]When they asked him to stay[d] a longer time, he declined; [21]but taking his

[a]18:5 NU (p74 Aleph A B D E Psi 33 614 1505 pc lat syr(p.h) sa bo (eth); Bas Thret). M TR (1739 Byz arm geo) read "Spirit" instead of "word"
[b]18:7 M TR omit "Titius"
[c]18:19 M TR read "He" instead of "They"
[d]18:20 M TR add "with them"

leave of them, and saying,[a] "I will return again to you if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

22When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch. 23Having spent some time there, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia, and Phrygia, in order, strengthening all the disciples. 24Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus. He was mighty in the Scriptures. 25This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus[b], although he knew only the baptism of John. 26He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside, and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

27When he had determined to pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him. When he had come, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; 28for he powerfully refuted the Jews, publicly showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

19 It happened that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper country, came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples. 2He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They said to him, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3He said, "Into what then were you baptized?"

They said, "Into John's baptism."

4Paul said, "John indeed baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one who would come after him, that is, in Jesus."

5When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke with other tongues and prophesied. 7They were about twelve men in all. 8He entered into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for a period of three months, reasoning and persuading about the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9But when some were hardened and disobedient,

[a]18:21 NU (p74 Aleph A B E 33 1505 1739 al vg arm geo). M TR (D Psi Byz lat(gig.w) syr(p.h)) add "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem, but"

[b]18:25 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "Jesus"

speaking evil of the Way before the crowd, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10This continued for two years, so that all those who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul, 12so that even handkerchiefs[a] or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and the evil spirits went out. 13But some of the itinerant Jews, exorcists, took on themselves to invoke over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I[b] adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14There were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did this.

15The evil spirit answered, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?" 16And the man in whom the evil spirit was, having leapt on them, having overpowered them all, prevailed against them so that they fled from that house naked and wounded. 17This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived at Ephesus. Fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. 18Many also of those who had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds. 19Many of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. They counted the price of them, and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.[c] 20So the word of the Lord was growing and becoming mighty.

21Now after these things had ended, Paul determined in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

22Having sent into Macedonia two of those who served him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while. 23About that time there arose no small stir concerning the Way. 24For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the craftsmen, 25whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, "Sirs, you know that by this business we have our wealth. 26You see and hear, that not at Ephesus alone, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are no gods, that are made with hands. 27Not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be counted as nothing, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence,

[a]19:12 Or, face cloths
[b]19:13 M TR read "We" instead of "I"
[c]19:19 The 50,000 pieces of silver here probably referred to 50,000 drachmas. If so, the value of the burned books was equivalent to about 160 man-years of wages for agricultural laborers

whom all Asia and the world worships."

28When they heard this they were filled with anger, and began to shout, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians." 29The[a] city was filled with confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's companions in travel. 30When Paul wanted to enter in to the people, the disciples did not allow him. 31And also some of the Asiarchs, who were his friends, sent to him and urged him not to venture into the theater. 32Some therefore shouted one thing, and some another, for the assembly was in confusion. Most of them did not know why they had come together. 33They brought Alexander out of the crowd, the Jews putting him forward. Alexander beckoned with his hand, and would have made a defense to the people. 34But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice for a time of about two hours shouted, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians."

35When the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "You men of Ephesus, is there anyone who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple keeper of the great[b] Artemis, and of the image which fell down from Zeus? 36Seeing then that these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. 37For you have brought these men here, who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our[c] goddess. 38If therefore Demetrius and the craftsmen who are with him have a matter against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls. Let them press charges against one another. 39But if you seek anything further, it will be settled in the regular assembly. 40For indeed we are in danger of being accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause. Concerning it, we would not be able to give an account of this commotion." 41When he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them,[d] took leave of them, and departed to go into Macedonia. 2When he had gone through those parts, and had encouraged them with many words, he came into Greece. 3When he had spent three months there, and a plot was made against him by Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia. 4He was accompanied[e] by Sopater son of Pyrrhus[f] of Beroea; Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; Gaius of Derbe; Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. 5But these had

[a]19:29 M TR add "whole"
[b]19:35 M TR add "goddess"
[c]19:37 M TR: "your"
[d]20:1 M TR omit "after encouraging them"
[e]20:4 M TR add "as far as Asia"
[f]20:4 M TR omit "son of Pyrrhus"

gone ahead, and were waiting for us at Troas. [6]We sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

[7]On the first day of the week, when we[a] were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and continued his speech until midnight. [8]There were many lights in the upper chamber where we were gathered together. [9]A certain young man named Eutychus sat in the window, weighed down with deep sleep. As Paul spoke still longer, being weighed down by his sleep, he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. [10]Paul went down, and fell upon him, and embracing him said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

[11]When he had gone up, and had broken bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even until break of day, he departed. [12]They brought the boy in alive, and were greatly comforted.

[13]But we who went ahead to the ship set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for he had so arranged, intending himself to go by land. [14]When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard, and came to Mitylene. [15]Sailing from there, we came the following day opposite Chios. The next day we landed at Samos,[b] and the day after we came to Miletus. [16]For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

[17]From Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to himself the elders of the church. [18]When they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you all the time, [19]serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears, and with trials which happened to me by the plots of the Jews; [20]how I did not hold back from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, [21]testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus. [22]And now, look, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there; [23]except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions wait for me. [24]But I make my life[c] an account of nothing[d] precious to myself, so that

[a]20:7 M TR read "the disciples" instead of "we"

[b]20:15 NU (p41vid p74 Aleph A B C E 33 1175 1739 al two lat vg bo). M TR (D P 614 945 1241 2495 Byz two lat syr(p.h) sa eth (arm geo)) add "and stayed at Trogyllium"

[c]20:24 M TR read "my self" instead of "my life"

[d]20:24 M TR add "neither do I hold my life"

I may finish my race[a], and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to fully testify to the Good News of the grace of God.

25"And now, look, I know that you all, among whom I went about proclaiming the kingdom[b], will see my face no more. 26Therefore I testify to you today that I am innocent of everyone's blood, 27for I did not hold back from declaring to you the whole plan of God. 28Watch out for yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of[c] God[d] which he purchased with his own blood. 29For I know that after my departure, vicious wolves will enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30Men will arise from among your own selves, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31Therefore watch, remembering that for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish everyone night and day with tears. 32Now[e] I entrust you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build up, and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33I coveted no one's silver, or gold, or clothing. 34You yourselves know that these hands served my necessities, and those who were with me. 35In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring you ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

36When he had spoken these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37They all wept a lot, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, 38sorrowing most of all because of the word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

21 When it happened that we had parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2Having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set sail. 3When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload her cargo. 4Having found the[f] disciples, we stayed there seven days. These said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem. 5When it happened that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey. They all, with wives and children, brought us on our way until we were out of the city. And after

[a]20:24 M TR add "with joy"
[b]20:25 M TR add "of God"
[c]20:28 M adds "the Lord and"
[d]20:28 p74 A C 33 1739 sa bo, al., (Ir[lat]), read "Lord" instead of "God." Syr reads "Christ" instead of "God"
[e]20:32 M TR add "brothers"
[f]21:4 M TR omit "the"

kneeling down on the beach and praying, [6]we said farewell to one another. And we went on board the ship, and they returned to their own.

[7]When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais. We greeted the brothers, and stayed with them one day. [8]On the next day,[a] we departed and came to Caesarea.

We entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. [9]Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. [10]As we stayed there some days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. [11]Coming to us, and taking Paul's belt, he bound his own feet and hands, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit: 'So will the Jews in Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and will deliver him into the hands of non-Jewish people.'"

[12]When we heard these things, both we and the people of that place urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. [13]Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

[14]When he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The Lord's will be done."

[15]After these days we took up our baggage and went up to Jerusalem. [16]Some of the disciples from Caesarea also went with us, bringing one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we would stay.

[17]When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. [18]The day following, Paul went in with us to James; and all the elders were present. [19]When he had greeted them, he reported one by one the things which God had worked among the non-Jewish people through his ministry. [20]They, when they heard it, glorified God.[b] They said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law. [21]They have been informed about you, that you teach all the Jews who are among the non-Jews to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children neither to walk after the customs. [22]What then? The multitude must certainly meet.[c] They will hear that you have come. [23]Therefore do what we tell you. We have four men who have taken a vow. [24]Take them, and

[a]21:8 M TR add "who were Paul's companions"
[b]21:20 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "God"
[c]21:22 Or, "A multitude is sure to gather." Text: p74 Aleph(2) A (D) E P (Psi) 33 181 945 pc (Byz) Lat((ar).c.dem. e.gig.p.ph.ro.w) vg slav; (Heir), (Aug). NU (B C*vid 614 1739* 2495 syr((p).h) sa bo arm(Ms) eth geo) lacks "The multitude must

purify yourself with them, and pay their expenses for them, that they may shave their heads. Then all will know that there is no truth in the things that they have been informed about you, but that you yourself also walk keeping the Law. 25But concerning the non-Jewish who believe, we have written our decision that they should[a] keep themselves from food offered to idols, from blood, from strangled things, and from sexual immorality."

26Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purified himself and went with them into the temple, declaring the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for every one of them. 27When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the crowd and laid hands on him, 28crying out, "Men of Israel, help. This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, and the Law, and this place. Moreover, he also brought Greeks into the temple, and has defiled this holy place." 29For they had previously[b] seen Trophimus, the Ephesian, with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.

30All the city was moved, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple. Immediately the doors were shut. 31As they were trying to kill him, news came up to the commanding officer of the regiment that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. 32Immediately he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. They, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, stopped beating Paul. 33Then the commanding officer came near, arrested him, commanded him to be bound with two chains, and inquired who he was and what he had done. 34Some shouted one thing, and some another, among the crowd. When he could not find out the truth because of the noise, he commanded him to be brought into the barracks.

35When he came to the stairs, it happened that he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd; 36for the crowd of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him." 37As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he asked the commanding officer, "May I speak something[c] to you?"

He said, "Do you know Greek? 38Are you not then the Egyptian, who before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins?"

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certainly meet" from haplography: in p(antw)s-in p(letho)s

[a]21:25 M TR add "observe no such thing, except to"

[b]21:29 M lacks "previously"

[c]21:37 M lacks "something"

39But Paul said, “I am a Jew,
from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of
no insignificant city. I beg you,
allow me to speak to the people.”

40When he had given him
permission, Paul, standing on the
stairs, beckoned with his hand to
the people. When there was a great
silence, he spoke to them in the
Hebrew language, saying,

22 “Brothers and
fathers, listen to the
defense which I now
make to you.”

2When they heard that he
spoke to them in the Hebrew
language, they were even more
quiet. He said, 3“I am indeed a Jew,
born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but
brought up in this city at the feet of
Gamaliel, instructed according to
the strict manner of the Law of our
fathers, being zealous for God,
even as you all are this day. 4I
persecuted this Way to the death,
binding and delivering into prisons
both men and women. 5As also the
high priest and all the council of the
elders testify, from whom also I
received letters to the brothers, and
traveled to Damascus to bring them
also who were there to Jerusalem in
bonds to be punished. 6It happened
that, as I made my journey, and
came close to Damascus, about
noon, suddenly there shone from
the sky a great light around me. 7I
fell to the ground, and heard a voice
saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are
you persecuting me?’ 8I answered,
‘Who are you, Lord?’ He said to
me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazorean,
whom you persecute.’

9“‘Those who were with me
indeed saw the light, and were
afraid,[a] but they did not understand
the voice of him who spoke to me.
10I said, ‘What should I do, Lord?’
The Lord said to me, ‘Arise, and go
into Damascus. There you will be
told about all things which are
appointed for you to do.’ 11When I
could not see for the glory of that
light, being led by the hand of those
who were with me, I came into
Damascus. 12One Ananias, a
devout man according to the Law,
well reported of by all the Jews
who lived in Damascus, 13came to
me, and standing by me said to me,
‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’
In that very hour I looked up at him.
14He said, ‘The God of our fathers
has appointed you to know his will,
and to see the Righteous One, and
to hear a voice from his mouth.
15For you will be a witness for him
to all people of what you have seen
and heard. 16Now why do you wait?
Arise, be baptized, and wash away
your sins, calling on his name.[b]’

[a]22:9 Text: (D) (E) L P Psi 323 614 945 1243 1505 1611 1739 1891 al Byz L1178 lat(e.gig) syr(h) sa eth slav; Chr. NU (p74vid Aleph(2) A B H 049 33 181 1175 al. lat(ar.c.dem.p.ph.ro.w) vg syr(p) bo arm geo; (Did)) lacks “and were afraid” from homoioteleuton: nto-nto. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540

[b]22:16 M TR read “the name of the Lord” instead of “his name”

17 "It happened that, when I
had returned to Jerusalem, and
while I prayed in the temple, I fell
into a trance, 18 and saw him saying
to me, 'Hurry and get out of
Jerusalem quickly, because they
will not receive testimony
concerning me from you.' 19 I said,
'Lord, they themselves know that I
imprisoned and beat in every
synagogue those who believed in
you. 20 When the blood of Stephen,
your witness, was shed, I also was
standing by,[a] and guarding the
cloaks of those who killed him.'

21 "He said to me, 'Depart, for
I will send you out far from here to
non-Jewish people.'"

22 They listened to him until
he said that; then they lifted up their
voice, and said, "Rid the earth of
this fellow, for he is not fit to live."

23 As they yelled, and threw
off their cloaks, and threw dust into
the air, 24 the commanding officer
commanded him to be brought into
the barracks, ordering him to be
examined by scourging, that he
might know for what crime they
yelled at him like that. 25 When
they[b] had tied him up with thongs,
Paul asked the centurion who stood
by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge
a man who is a Roman, and not
found guilty?"

26 When the centurion heard
it, he went to the commanding
officer and told him, "What are you
about to do?[c] For this man is a
Roman."

27 The commanding officer
came and asked him, "Tell me, are
you a Roman?"

He said, "Yes."

28 The commanding officer
answered, "I bought my citizenship
for a great price."

Paul said, "But I was born a
Roman."

29 Immediately those who
were about to examine him
departed from him, and the
commanding officer also was
afraid when he realized that he was
a Roman, because he had bound
him. 30 But on the next day, desiring
to know the truth about why he was
accused by the Jews, he freed him[d],
and commanded the chief priests
and all the council to come
together, and brought Paul down
and set him before them.

23 Paul, looking
steadfastly at the
council, said,
"Brothers, I have lived before God
in all good conscience until this
day."

[a] 22:20 M TR add "and consenting to his death"
[b] 22:25 M reads "he" instead of "they"
[c] 22:26 M TR read "Watch what you are about to be doing"
[d] 22:30 M TR add "from the bonds"

2The high priest, Ananias,
commanded those who stood by
him to strike him on the mouth.

3Then Paul said to him, "God
will strike you, you whitewashed
wall. Do you sit to judge me
according to the Law, and
command me to be struck contrary
to the law?"

4Those who stood by said,
"Do you malign God's high
priest?"

5Paul said, "I did not know,
brothers, that he was high priest.
For it is written, 'You must not
speak evil of a ruler of your
people.'"[a] 6But when Paul
perceived that the one part were
Sadducees and the other Pharisees,
he shouted in the council, "Men
and brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son
of Pharisees. Concerning the hope
and resurrection of the dead I am
being judged."

7When he had said this, an
argument arose between the
Pharisees and Sadducees, and the
assembly was divided. 8For the
Sadducees say that there is no
resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit;
but the Pharisees confess all of
these. 9A great clamor arose, and
some of[b] the scribes of the
Pharisees part stood up, and
contended, saying, "We find no
evil in this man. What if a spirit
spoke to him, or an angel?[c]"

10When a great argument
arose, the commanding officer,
fearing that Paul would be torn in
pieces by them, commanded the
soldiers to go down and take him
by force from among them, and
bring him into the barracks.

11The following night, the
Lord stood by him, and said,
"Cheer up[d], for as you have
testified about me at Jerusalem, so
you must testify also at Rome."

12When it was day,[e] the Jews
formed a conspiracy, and bound
themselves under a curse, saying
that they would neither eat nor
drink until they had killed Paul.
13There were more than forty
people who had made this
conspiracy. 14They came to the
chief priests and the elders, and
said, "We have bound ourselves
under a great curse, to taste nothing
until we have killed Paul. 15Now
therefore, you with the council
inform the commanding officer
that he should bring him down to
you[f], as though you were going to
judge his case more exactly. We are
ready to kill him before he comes
near."

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[a]23:5 Exodus 22:28
[b]23:9 M TR omit "some of"
[c]23:9 NU (p74 Aleph A B C E Psi 33 1175 1739 al latt syr). M TR (Byz sa) add "Let's not fight against God"
[d]23:11 M TR add "Paul"
[e]23:12 M TR add "some of"
[f]23:15 M TR add "tomorrow"

16But Paul's sister's son
heard of their lying in wait, and he
came and entered into the barracks
and told Paul. 17Paul summoned
one of the centurions, and said,
"Bring this young man to the
commanding officer, for he has
something to tell him."

18So he took him, and
brought him to the commanding
officer, and said, "Paul, the
prisoner, summoned me and asked
me to bring this young man to you,
who has something to tell you."

19The commanding officer
took him by the hand, and going
aside, asked him privately, "What
is it that you have to tell me?"

20And he said, "The Jews
have agreed to ask you to bring
Paul down to the council tomorrow,
as though they intended to inquire
somewhat more thoroughly
concerning him. 21Therefore do not
yield to them, for more than forty
men lie in wait for him, who have
bound themselves under a curse
neither to eat nor to drink until they
have killed him. Now they are
ready, looking for the promise from
you."
22So the commanding officer let the
young man go, charging him, "Tell
no one that you have revealed these
things to me." 23He called to
himself two of the centurions, and
said, "Prepare two hundred soldiers
to go as far as Caesarea, with
seventy horsemen, and two
hundred spearmen, at nine
tonight.[a]" 24He asked them to
provide animals, that they might set
Paul on one, and bring him safely
to Felix the governor. 25He wrote a
letter like this:

26"Claudius Lysias to the
most excellent governor Felix:
Greetings.
27"This man was seized by the
Jews, and was about to be killed by
them, when I came with the
soldiers and rescued him, having
learned that he was a Roman.
28Desiring to know the cause why
they accused him, I brought him
down to their council. 29I found him
to be accused about questions of
their law, but not to be charged with
anything worthy of death or of
imprisonment. 30When I was told
that there would be a plot[b] against
the man, I sent him to you
immediately, charging his accusers
also to bring their accusations
against him before you. Farewell.[c]"

31So the soldiers, carrying out
their orders, took Paul and brought
him by night to Antipatris. 32But on
the next day they left the horsemen
to go with him, and returned to the
barracks. 33When they came to
Caesarea and delivered the letter to
the governor, they also presented
Paul to him. 34When the governor

[a]23:23 Lit. the third hour
[b]23:30 M TR add "by the Jews"
[c]23:30 Text: Aleph E Psi 36 181 323 614 945 1175 1505 1739 1891 2464 Byz(pt) L1178 lat(ar.dem.e.w) syr(p.h) arm eth geo slav; Chr. NU (A B 33 lat(c.gig.p.ph.ro) vg(st.ww) cop(sa.bo)) lacks "Farewell"

had read it, he asked what province he was from. When he understood that he was from Cilicia, he said, 35"I will hear you fully when your accusers also arrive." He commanded that he be kept in Herod's palace.

24 After five days, the high priest, Ananias, came down with certain[a] elders and an orator, one Tertullus. They informed the governor against Paul. 2When he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, "Seeing that by you we enjoy much peace, and that by your foresight reforms[b] are coming to this nation, 3we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4But, that I do not delay you, I entreat you to bear with us and hear a few words. 5For we have found this man to be a plague, an instigator of insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. 6He even tried to profane the temple, and we arrested him. And we would have judged him according to our law,7but the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, 8commanding his accusers to come to you.[c] By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him."

9The Jews also joined in the attack, affirming that these things were so. 10When the governor had beckoned to him to speak, Paul answered, "Because I know that you have been a judge of this nation for many years, I cheerfully make my defense, 11seeing that you can recognize that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem. 12In the temple they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the synagogues, or in the city. 13Nor can they prove to you[d] the things of which they now accuse me. 14But this I confess to you, that after the Way, which they call a sect, so I serve the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the Law, and which are written in the Prophets; 15having hope toward God, which these also themselves look for, that there will be a resurrection[e], both of the just and unjust. 16This being so, I also do my best to always have a clear conscience toward God and people. 17Now after some years, I came to

[a]24:1 M TR read "the" instead of "certain"
[b]24:2 M TR read "prosperity" instead of "reforms"
[c]24:6b-8a Text: E Psi 33 181 453 614 1678 1739 Byz(pt) lat(ar.c.dem.e.gig.p2.ph.ro.w) vg syr(p.h) arm eth slav; Chr. NU (p74 Aleph A B L P 81 1175 Byz(pt) lat(p*.s) vg cop(sa.bo) geo) lacks 24:6b-8a "And we would have judged him according to our law, 7 but the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, 8 commanding his accusers to come to you."
[d]24:13 M TR omit "to you"
[e]24:15 M TR add "of the dead"

bring gifts for the needy to my nation, and offerings; [18]amid which certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, not with a mob, nor with turmoil. [19]They ought to have been here before you, and to make accusation, if they had anything against me. [20]Or else let these men themselves say what injustice they found in me when I stood before the council, [21]unless it is for this one thing that I shouted out standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged before you today.'"

[22]But Felix,[a] having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, "When Lysias, the commanding officer, comes down, I will decide your case." [23]He ordered the centurion that he[b] should be kept in custody, and should have some privileges, and not to forbid any of his friends to serve him or to visit him. [24]But after some days, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, who was Jewish, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ Jesus. [25]As he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, "Go your way for this time, and when it is convenient for me, I will summon you." [26]Meanwhile, he also hoped that money would be given to him by Paul[c]. Therefore also he sent for him more often, and talked with him. [27]But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, and desiring to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

25 Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. [2]Then the high priest and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul, and they urged him, [3]asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem; plotting to kill him on the way. [4]However Festus answered that Paul should be kept in custody at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to depart shortly. [5]"Let them therefore," he said, "that are in power among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong[d] in the man, let them accuse him."

[6]When he had stayed among them more than eight or[e] ten days, he went down to Caesarea, and on the next day he sat on the judgment seat, and commanded Paul to be brought. [7]When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing against him many and grievous charges which they could not prove, [8]while he said in his defense, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple,

[a]24:22 M TR add "heard these things"
[b]24:23 M TR: "Paul"
[c]24:26 M TR add "that he might release him"
[d]25:5 M lacks "wrong"
[e]25:6 M TR omit "eight or"

nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all."

9But Festus, desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem, and be judged by me there concerning these things?"

10But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you also know very well. 11For if I have done wrong, and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true that they accuse me of, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar."

12Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar. To Caesar you will go."

13Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the King and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, and greeted Festus. 14As they[a] stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix; 15about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the Jewish elders informed me, asking for a sentence against him. 16To whom I answered that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone[b] before the accused has met the accusers face to face, and has had opportunity to make his defense against the charge. 17When therefore they had come together here, I did not delay, but on the next day sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought. 18Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such things as I supposed; 19but had certain questions against him about their own religion, and about one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. 20Being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters. 21But when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept until I could send him to Caesar."

22Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself."

"Tomorrow," he said, "you will hear him."

23So on the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and they had entered into the place of hearing with the commanding officers and principal men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. 24And Festus said, "King Agrippa, and all people who are here present with us, you see

[a]25:14 M TR read "he" instead of "they"

[b]25:16 M TR add "to destruction"

this man, about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. 25But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him. 26Of whom I have no certain thing to write to my lord. Therefore I have brought him forth before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, that, after examination, I may have something to write. 27For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to also specify the charges against him."

26 Agrippa said to Paul, "You may speak for yourself."

Then Paul stretched out his hand, and made his defense. 2"I think myself happy, King Agrippa, that I am to make my defense before you this day concerning all the things that I am accused by the Jews, 3especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which are among Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4"Indeed, all Jews know my way of life from my youth up, which was from the beginning among my own nation and at Jerusalem; 5having known me from the first, if they are willing to testify, that after the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 6Now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers, 7which our twelve tribes, earnestly serving night and day, hope to attain. Concerning this hope I am accused by the Jews, O King[a]. 8Why is it judged incredible with you, if God does raise the dead?

9"In fact, I thought to myself that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus the Nazorean. 10This I also did in Jerusalem. I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them. 11Punishing them often in all the synagogues, I tried to make them blaspheme. Being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

12"Whereupon as I traveled to Damascus with the authority and commission from the chief priests, 13at noon, O King, I saw on the way a light from the sky, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who traveled with me. 14When we had all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15"I said, 'Who are you, Lord?'

[a]26:7 M TR add "Agrippa"

"He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16But arise, and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you a servant and a witness both of the things which you have seen me,[a] and of the things which I will reveal to you; 17delivering you from the people, and from the non-Jewish people, to whom I send you, 18to open their eyes, that they may turn[b] from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

19"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20but declared first to them of Damascus, at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the non-Jews, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. 21For this reason Jews seized me when I was in the temple, and tried to kill me. 22Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said would happen, 23how the Christ would suffer, and how, by the resurrection of the dead, he would be first to proclaim light both to these people and to non-Jewish people."

24As he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are crazy. Your great learning is driving you insane."

25But he said, "I am not crazy, most excellent Festus, but boldly declare words of truth and reasonableness. 26For the king knows of these things, to whom also I speak freely. For I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him, for this has not been done in a corner. 27King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe."

28Agrippa said to Paul, "With a little persuasion are you trying to make me a Christian[c]?"

29Paul said, "I pray to God, that whether with little or with much, not only you, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these bonds."

30[d]The king rose up with the governor, and Bernice, and those who sat with them. 31When they had withdrawn, they spoke one to another, saying, "This man does

[a]26:16 NU (B C*vid 614 1739 2464 al. L60 syr(p.h) sa arm eth geo; Amb, Aug). M TR (p74 Aleph A E Psi 096 81 610 al. Byz Lect Latt vg bo slav; Chr) lack "me, " an omission among three two letter words

[b]26:18 M adds "back"

[c]26:28 Or, "follower of Christ," "follower of Christ"

[d]26:30 M TR add "And he having spoken these things"

nothing worthy of death or of bonds." [32]Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

27 When it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band. [2]Embarking in a ship from Adramyttium, which was about to sail to places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea; Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. [3]The next day, we landed at Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him permission to go to his friends and refresh himself. [4]Putting to sea from there, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. [5]When we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. [6]There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy, and he put us on board. [7]When we had sailed slowly many days, and had come with difficulty opposite Cnidus, the wind not allowing us further, we sailed under the lee of Crete, opposite Salmone. [8]With difficulty sailing along it we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

[9]When much time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, because the Fast had now already gone by, Paul admonished them, [10]and said to them, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." [11]But the centurion gave more heed to the master and to the owner of the ship than to those things which were spoken by Paul. [12]Because the haven was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised going to sea from there, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, and winter there, which is a port of Crete, looking northeast and southeast.

[13]When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to shore. [14]But before long, a stormy wind beat down from shore, which is called Euraquilo.[a] [15]When the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, we gave way to it, and were driven along. [16]Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda[b], we were able, with difficulty, to secure the boat. [17]After they had hoisted it up, they used cables to help reinforce the ship. Fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor, and so were driven along. [18]As we labored exceedingly with the storm, the next day they began to throw things overboard. [19]On the third day, they[c] threw out the ship's

[a]27:14 Or, "a northeaster." M TR read instead "Euroclydon," a southeast wind
[b]27:16 M TR read "Clauda"
[c]27:19 M TR read "we" instead of "they"

tackle with their own hands. 20When neither sun nor stars shone on us for many days, and no small storm pressed on us, all hope that we would be saved was now taken away.

21When they had been long without food, Paul stood up in the middle of them, and said, "Sirs, you should have listened to me, and not have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss. 22Now I exhort you to cheer up, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23For there stood by me this night an angel, belonging to the God whose I am and whom I serve, 24saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And look, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' 25Therefore, sirs, cheer up. For I believe God, that it will be just as it has been spoken to me. 26But we must run aground on a certain island."

27But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven back and forth in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some land. 28They took soundings, and found twenty fathoms.[a] After a little while, they took soundings again, and found fifteen fathoms.[b] 29Fearing that we would run aground on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the stern, and wished for daylight. 30As the sailors were trying to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, pretending that they would lay out anchors from the bow, 31Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." 32Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let it fall off.

33While the day was coming on, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "This day is the fourteenth day that you wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing. 34Therefore I urge you to take some food, for this is for your preservation; for not a hair will perish[c] from any of your heads." 35When he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all, and he broke it, and began to eat. 36Then they all cheered up, and they also took food. 37In all, we were two hundred seventy-six souls on the ship. 38When they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. 39When it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a certain bay with a beach, and they decided to try to drive the ship onto it. 40Casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time untying the rudder ropes. Hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. 41But coming to a place where two seas met, they

[a]27:28 20 fathoms = 120 feet = 36.6 meters
[b]27:28 15 fathoms = 90 feet = 27.4 meters
[c]27:34 M TR read "fall" instead of "perish"

ran the vessel aground. The bow struck and remained immovable, but the stern began to break up by the violence of the waves.

42 The soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would swim out and escape. 43 But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stopped them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should throw themselves overboard first to go toward the land; 44 and the rest should follow, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. So it happened that they all escaped safely to the land.

28 When we had escaped, then we[a] learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The natives showed us uncommon kindness; for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and placed them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said one to another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped from the sea, yet Justice has not allowed to live." 5 However he shook off the creature into the fire, and was not harmed. 6 But they expected that he would have swollen or fallen down dead suddenly, but when they watched for a long time and saw nothing bad happen to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief official of the island, named Publius, who received us, and courteously entertained us for three days. 8 It happened that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery. Paul entered in to him, prayed, and laying his hands on him, healed him. 9 Then when this was done, the rest also who had diseases in the island came, and were cured. 10 They also honored us with many honors, and when we sailed, they put on board the things that we needed.

11 After three months, we set sail[b] in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the island, whose sign was "The Twin Brothers." 12 Touching at Syracuse, we stayed there three days. 13 From there we cast off[c] and arrived at Rhegium. After one day, a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli, 14 where we found brothers, and were entreated to stay with them for seven days. So we came to Rome. 15 From there the brothers, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he

[a] 28:1 M TR: "they"
[b] 28:11 M reads "we were brought" instead of "we set sail"
[c] 28:13 M TR read "circled around"

thanked God, and took courage.
16When we entered into Rome,[a]
Paul was allowed to stay by himself
with the soldier who guarded him.

17It happened that after three
days Paul called together those who
were the Jewish leaders. When they
had come together, he said to them,
"I, brothers, though I had done
nothing against the people, or the
customs of our fathers, still was
delivered prisoner from Jerusalem
into the hands of the Romans,
18who, when they had examined
me, desired to set me free, because
there was no cause of death in me.
19But when the Jews spoke against
it, I was forced to appeal to Caesar,
not that I had anything about which
to accuse my nation. 20For this
cause therefore I asked to see you
and to speak with you. For because
of the hope of Israel I am bound
with this chain."

21They said to him, "We
neither received letters from Judea
concerning you, nor did any of the
brothers come here and report or
speak any evil of you. 22But we
desire to hear from you what you
think. For, as concerning this sect,
it is known to us that everywhere it
is spoken against."

23When they had appointed
him a day, many people came to
him at his lodging. He explained to
them, testifying about the kingdom
of God, and persuading them
concerning Jesus, both from the
Law of Moses and from the
Prophets, from morning until
evening. 24Some believed the
things which were spoken, and
some disbelieved. 25When they did
not agree among themselves, they
departed after Paul had spoken one
word, "The Holy Spirit spoke
rightly through Isaiah, the prophet,
to your[b] fathers, 26saying,
'Go to this people, and say,
in hearing, you will hear,
but will in no way
understand.
In seeing, you will see,
but will in no way perceive.
27For this people's heart has grown
callous.
Their ears are dull of
hearing.
Their eyes they have closed.
Lest they should see with their
eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and would turn again,
and I would heal them.'[c]

28"Be it known therefore to
you, that the salvation of God is
sent to the nations. They will also
listen." 29And when he had said
these words, the Jews departed,
having a great dispute among
themselves.[d] 30And Paul stayed two

[a]28:16 M TR add" the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but"
[b]28:25 M TR read "our" instead of "your"
[c]28:27 Isaiah 6:9-10
[d]28:29 Text: H(supp) L P 049 056 36 88 307 383 453 610 614 945 1409 1505 1611 1678 1891 Byz lat(ar.e.gig.p.ph.w) syr(h+) arm(Ms)

whole years in his own rented house, and received all who were coming to him, [31]proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, without hindrance.

Romans

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,[a] called to be an apostle, set apart for the Good News of God, [2]which he promised before through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, [3]concerning his Son, who was born of the offspring of David according to the flesh, [4]who was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, [5]through whom we received grace and the office of apostle, for obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name's sake; [6]among whom you are also called to belong to Jesus Christ; [7]to all who are in Rome, loved by God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[8]First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.[b] [9]For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the Good News of his Son, how I constantly mention you [10]always in my prayers, requesting, if by any means now at last I may succeed by the will of God to come to you. [11]For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you; [12]that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

[13]Now I do not desire to have you unaware, brothers, that I often planned to come to you, and was hindered so far, that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among the other non-Jewish people. [14]I have an obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. [15]So, for my part, I am eager to preach the Good News to you also who are in Rome. [16]For I am not ashamed of the Good News,[c] for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and

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eth(TH) slav; Chr. NU (p74(vid) Aleph A B E Psi 048 33 81 1175 1243 1739 2344 2464 lat(dem.e.ro.s) vg syr(p) cop(sa.bo) arm eth(PP) geo) lacks "When he had…themselves"

[a]1:1 M TR have the order "Jesus Christ"

[b]1:8 E.g., throughout the Roman empire

[c]1:16 NU (p26(vid) Aleph A B C D* G 33 81 1319 1505 1506 1573 1739 1881 1962 2495 Latt vg syr(p.h) sa bo). M TR (D(2) K L P Psi 049 69 104 218 630 1175 1241 1243 1735 1874 1877 2400 2464 Byz) add "of Christ." Possibly lost from homoioteleuton: tou-tou

also for the Greek. 17For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous will live by faith."[a] 18For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people, who suppress the truth by unrighteousness, 19because what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made. So they are without excuse. 21Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or give him thanks, but their thinking became nonsense, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23and traded the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal humans, and of birds, and four-footed animals, and crawling creatures. 24Therefore God also abandoned them in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, 25who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26For this reason, God abandoned them to their degrading passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for that which is contrary to nature. 27Likewise also the men, giving up natural relations with women, burned in their lust toward one another, men with men, committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error. 28Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God abandoned them to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not right; 29being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality,[b] wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, 30slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31foolish, promise-breakers, heartless, unforgiving,[c] unmerciful; 32who, knowing the ordinance of God, that

[a]1:17 Habakkuk 2:4
[b]1:29 Text: L Psi 049 256 263 365 424* 436 1175 1241 1319 1573 1735 1874 1877 1962 2200 2400 2464 al Byz Lect (lat(ar.b.o)) (vg) syr((p).h) arm geo2 slav; (Or(lat)1/6), Bas Greg-Ny. NU (B 0172vid 6 1739 1881 L596 sa bo(Mss)) eth (geo1) (Or(lat2/6)) lacks "sexual immorality," from haplography: ia_po-ia_po, or virtual homoiologon: po(rne)ia-po(ner)ia
[c]1:31 Text: Aleph(c) C Psi 049 69 218 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1874 1877 1881 1962 2400 al Byz Lect vg syr(p.h) arm geo slav; Or(lat1/2), Bas(1/2), Greg-Ny, Chr. NU (Aleph* A B D G 1506 1739 lat(ar.b.d.g.mon.o) vg(Mss) sa(Ms) bo; Or(lat1/2), Bas(1/2)) lacks "unforgiving," from homoioteleuton: ous-ous

those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.

2 Therefore you are without excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment. For in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you who judge practice the same things. [2]Now we know that the judgment of God is in accordance with truth against those who practice such things. [3]And do you think this, you who judge those who practice such things, and do the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? [4]Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? [5]But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; [6]who "will pay back to everyone according to their works:"[a] [7]to those who by perseverance in good works seek glory and honor and immortality -- everlasting life. [8]But to those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness -- wrath and anger, [9]affliction and distress, on every human being who does evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

[10]But glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [11]For there is no partiality with God. [12]For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law. As many as have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. [13]For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified. [14]For when the non-Jews who do not have the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves, [15]since they show the work of the law written on their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts either accusing or defending them, [16]in the day when God will judge the secrets of people, according to my Good News, by Christ Jesus.

[17]But if you call yourself a Jew, and rely on the law, and boast in God, [18]and know his will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, [19]and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, [20]a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth. [21]You therefore who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? [22]You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples? [23]You

[a]2:6 Psalm 62:12; Proverbs 24:12

who boast in the law, do you, by disobeying the law, dishonor God? 24For because of you the name of God is blasphemed among the nations,[a] just as it is written. 25For circumcision indeed profits, if you are a doer of the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26If therefore the uncircumcised keep the requirements of the law, won't his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27Won't the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfills the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision are a transgressor of the law? 28For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; 29but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, by the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from people, but from God.

3 Then what advantage does the Jew have? Or what is the profit of circumcision? 2Much in every way. Because first of all, they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3For what if some were without faith? Will their lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God? 4Absolutely not. Let God be found true, but every human being a liar. As it is written,

"That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you judge."[b]

5But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what will we say? Is God unrighteous who inflicts wrath? (I am speaking in human terms). 6Absolutely not. For then how will God judge the world? 7For if the truth of God through my lie abounded to his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8And why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), "Let us do evil, that good may come?" Their condemnation is just. 9What then? Are we better than they? No, in no way. For we previously warned both Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin.
10As it is written,
"There is no one righteous,[c]
no, not one."[d]
11"There is no one who understands.
There is no one who seeks after God.[e]
12They have all turned aside.
They have together become unprofitable.
There is no one who does good,
there is not even one."[f]

13"Their throat is an open tomb.
With their tongues they have used deceit."[g]

[a]2:24 Isaiah 52:5; Ezekiel 36:22
[b]3:4 Psalm 51:4
[c]3:10 Ecclesiastes 7:20
[d]3:10 A possible scripture combination of Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Psalm 14:3
[e]3:11 Psalm 14:2; Psalm 53:2
[f]3:12 Psalm 14:3; 53:3
[g]3:13 Psalm 5:9

"Viper's poison is under their
lips;"[a]
14"Whose mouth is full of
cursing and
bitterness."[b]

15"Their feet are swift to shed
blood.
16Destruction and calamity
are in their paths.
17The way of peace, they
have not known."[c]

18"There is no fear of God before
their eyes."[d]

19Now we know that whatever things the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God. 20Because by the works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight. For through the law comes the knowledge of sin. 21But now apart from the law, a righteousness of God has been revealed, being testified by the Law and the Prophets; 22even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ to all[e] who believe. For there is no distinction, 23for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; 24being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; 25whom God displayed publicly as a mercy seat,[f] through faith in his blood, for a demonstration of his righteousness, because in God's forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26to demonstrate his righteousness at this present time, so that he would be just, and the justifier of him who has faith in Jesus.

27Where then is the boasting? It is excluded. By what manner of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28For we maintain[g] that one is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. 29Or is God for Jews only? Is he not the God of the non-Jews also? Yes, of the non-Jews also, 30since indeed there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith, and the uncircumcised through faith. 31Do we then nullify the law through faith? Absolutely not. No, we establish the law.

4 What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather,[h] has found

[a]3:13 Psalm 140:3
[b]3:14 Psalm 10:7
[c]3:17 Isaiah 59:7-8
[d]3:18 Psalm 36:1
[e]3:22 M TR add "and upon all"
[f]3:25 Or, "publicly to be a propitiation." The mercy seat was the covering of the ark where the blood was sprinkled on the Day of Atonement
[g]3:28 NU (Aleph A D* F G Psi 81 1506 1739 1881 lat vg syr(pal) sa bo arm (eth); Or). M TR (B C K P 33 104 614 1241 2495 Byz syr(p.h); Chr) read "We maintain therefore" rather than "For we maintain"
[h]4:1 M TR read "father" instead of "forefather"

according to the flesh? 2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."[a] 4Now to the one who works, the pay is not counted as a gift, but as an obligation. 5But to him who does not work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness. 6Even as David also pronounces blessing on the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works,

7"Happy are those whose lawless
deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered.
8Happy is the one whom the Lord
will not charge with
sin."[b]

9Is this blessing then pronounced on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness. 10How then was it credited? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they be in uncircumcision, so[c] that righteousness might also be credited to them. 12The father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision. 13For the promise to Abraham and to his descendants that he should be heir of the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of no effect. 15For the law works wrath, for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience. 16For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace, to the end that the promise may be sure to all the descendants, not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. 17As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations."[d] This is in the presence of him whom he believed: God, who gives life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were. 18Who hoped in spite of hopeless circumstances, with the result that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "so will your descendants be."[e] 19And not being weak in faith, he considered[f] his own body, which was as good as[g] dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20Yet,

[a]4:3 Genesis 15:6
[b]4:8 Psalm 32:1-2
[c]4:11 Some Mss lack kai "so" from homoioteleuton: ai-ai
[d]4:17 Genesis 17:5
[e]4:18 Genesis 15:5
[f]4:19 M TR read "did not consider" instead of "considered"
[g]4:19 M TR add "already"

looking to the promise of God, he did not waver through unbelief, but grew strong through faith, giving glory to God, [21]and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. [22]And therefore "it was "credited to him as righteousness."[a] [23]Now it was not written that it was credited to him for his sake alone, [24]but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25]who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

5 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; [2]through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3]Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering works perseverance; [4]and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope: [5]and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. [6]For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]For rarely does one die for the righteous[b]. Yet perhaps for a good person someone might dare to die. [8]But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

[9]Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him. [10]For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

[11]Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. [12]Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin; and so death passed to all people, because all sinned. [13]For until the law, sin was in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no law. [14]Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those whose sins weren't like Adam's disobedience, who is a foreshadowing of him who was to come. [15]But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. [16]The gift is not as through one who sinned: for the judgment came by one to condemnation, but the free gift came of many trespasses to justification. [17]For if by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; so much more will those

[a]4:22 Genesis 15:6

[b]5:7 Syr reads "ungodly" instead of "righteous"

who receive the abundance of grace
and of the gift of righteousness
reign in life through the one, Jesus
Christ. 18So then as through one
trespass, all people were
condemned; even so through one
act of righteousness, all people
were justified to life. 19For as
through the one man's
disobedience many were made
sinners, even so through the
obedience of the one, many will be
made righteous. 20The law came in
besides, that the trespass might
abound; but where sin abounded,
grace abounded more exceedingly;
21that as sin reigned in death, even
so grace might reign through
righteousness to everlasting life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6 What should we say
then? Should we
continue in sin, that
grace may abound? 2Absolutely
not. We who died to sin, how could
we live in it any longer? 3Or do you
not know that all we who were
baptized into Christ Jesus were
baptized into his death? 4We were
buried therefore with him through
baptism to death, that just like
Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father, so
we also might walk in newness of
life. 5For if we have become united
with him in the likeness of his
death, we will also be part of his
resurrection; 6knowing this, that
our old self was crucified with him,
that the body of sin might be done
away with, so that we would no
longer be in bondage to sin. 7For he
who has died has been freed from
sin. 8But if we died with Christ, we
believe that we will also live with
him; 9knowing that Christ, being
raised from the dead, dies no more.
Death no more has dominion over
him. 10For the death that he died, he
died to sin one time; but the life that
he lives, he lives to God. 11In the
same way, consider yourselves
dead to sin, but alive to God in
Christ Jesus[a].

12Therefore do not let sin
reign in your mortal body, that you
should obey it in its lusts. 13Neither
present your members to sin as
instruments of unrighteousness, but
present yourselves to God, as alive
from the dead, and your members
as instruments of righteousness to
God. 14For sin will not have
dominion over you. For you are not
under law, but under grace. 15What
then? Should we sin because we are
not under law, but under grace?
Absolutely not. 16Do you not know
that when you present yourselves to
someone as obedient slaves, you
are slaves of the one whom you
obey, whether of sin, which leads to
death, or of obedience, which leads
to righteousness? 17But thanks be to
God, that, whereas you were
servants of sin, you became
obedient from the heart to that form
of teaching to which you were
entrusted. 18Being made free from
sin, you became slaves of
righteousness.

[a]6:11 M TR add "our Lord"

[19]I speak in human terms
because of the weakness of your
flesh, for as you presented your
members as slaves to uncleanness
and to wickedness upon
wickedness, even so now present
your members as slaves to
righteousness for sanctification.
[20]For when you were slaves of sin,
you were free in regard to
righteousness. [21]What fruit then did
you have at that time in the things
of which you are now ashamed?
For the end of those things is death.
[22]But now, being made free from
sin, and having become slaves of
God, you have your fruit of
sanctification, and the result of
everlasting life. [23]For the wages of
sin is death, but the free gift of God
is everlasting life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

7 Or do you not know,
brothers (for I speak to
those who know the
law), that the law has authority over
a person for as long as he lives?
[2]For the married woman is bound
by law to her husband as long as he
lives. But if her husband dies, she is
released from the law concerning
the husband. [3]So then if, while the
husband lives, she is joined to
another man, she is called an
adulteress. But if the husband dies,
she is free from the law, so that she
is not an adulteress, though she is
joined to another man. [4]Therefore,
my brothers, you also were made
dead to the law through the body of
Christ, that you would be joined to
another, to him who was raised
from the dead, that we may bear
fruit to God. [5]For when we were in
the flesh,[a] the sinful passions which
were through the law, worked in
our members to bring forth fruit for
death. [6]But now we have been
released from the law, having died
to that which held us captive, so
that we serve in newness of the
Spirit, and not in oldness of the
letter.

[7]What should we say then? Is
the law sin? Absolutely not.
However, I would not have known
sin, except through the law. For I
would not have known
covetousness, unless the law had
said, "Do not covet."[b] [8]But sin,
taking opportunity through the
commandment, produced in me all
kinds of covetousness. For apart
from the law, sin is dead. [9]I was
alive apart from the law once, but
when the commandment came, sin
became alive, and I died. [10]The
commandment, which was for life,
this I found to be for death; [11]for
sin, taking the opportunity through
the commandment, deceived me,
and through it killed me.
[12]Therefore the law indeed is holy,
and the commandment holy, and
righteous, and good.
[13]Did that which is good, then,
become death to me? Absolutely
not. But sin, that it might be shown
to be sin, by working death to me
through that which is good; that

[a]7:5 Or, "were living according to the sinful nature"

[b]7:7 Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21

through the commandment sin might become exceeding sinful. 14For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am fleshly, sold under sin. 15For I do not know what I am doing. For I do not practice what I desire to do; but what I hate, that I do. 16But if I do what I do not want to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me. 18For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh,[a] dwells no good thing. For the desire is present in me, but the doing of the good[b] is not. 19For the good which I desire, I do not do; but the evil which I do not desire, that I practice. 20But if what I do not desire, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me. 21I find then the law, that, to me, while I desire to do good, evil is present. 22For I delight in God's law in my inner being, 23but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members. 24What a wretched man I am. Who will deliver me out of the body of this death? 25Thanks be to[c] God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So then with the mind, I myself serve God's law, but with the flesh, the sin's law.

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.[d] 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you[e] free from the law of sin and of death. 3For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh; 4so that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace; 7because the mind set on the flesh is hostile towards God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8And those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if it is so that the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. 10And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11But if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised up Christ[f] from the

[a]7:18 Or, "in my sinful nature"
[b]7:18 M TR adds "I find"
[c]7:25 M TR read "I thank God" instead of "Thanks be to God"
[d]8:1 M TR add "who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit". See verse 4
[e]8:2 M TR read "me" instead of "you"
[f]8:11 NU (xn ek nekrwn: B D(2) F G (ton xn ek nekrwn: Aleph(c) K L P Psi

dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. [12]So then, brothers, we have no obligation to the flesh, to live after the flesh. [13]For if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14]For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. [15]For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba[a]. Father."

[16]The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God; [17]and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him. [18]For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed to us. [19]For the creation waits with eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. [20]For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of him who subjected it, in hope [21]that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of decay into the glorious freedom of the children of God. [22]For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers with labor pains together until now. [23]And not only this, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for adoption, the redemption of our body. [24]For we were saved in hope, but hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for that which he sees? [25]But if we hope for that which we do not see, we wait for it with patience. [26]And in the same way, the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought. But the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with inexpressible groanings. [27]And he who searches the hearts knows what is on the Spirit's mind, because he makes intercession for the saints in accordance with God.

[28]And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. [29]For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. [30]Whom he predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified.

[31]What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32]He who did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how

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[a]8:15 Abba is a transliteration of the Aramaic word for Father

would he not also with him freely
give us all things? 33Who could
bring a charge against God's
chosen ones? It is God who
justifies. 34Who is he who
condemns? It is Christ who died,
and more than that, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who also makes intercession for us.

35Who will separate us from
the love of Christ? Could
oppression, or anguish, or
persecution, or famine, or
nakedness, or danger, or sword?
36Even as it is written, "For your
sake we are killed all day long. We
were regarded as sheep to be
slaughtered."[a] 37No, in all these
things, we are more than
conquerors through him who loved
us. 38For I am persuaded, that
neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present, nor
things to come, nor powers, 39nor
height, nor depth, nor any other
created thing, will be able to
separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9 I tell the truth in Christ.
I am not lying, my
conscience testifying
with me in the Holy Spirit, 2that I
have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. 3For I could
wish that I myself were accursed
from Christ for my brothers' sake,
my physical relatives according to
the flesh, 4who are Israelites; whose
is the adoption, and the glory, and
the covenants, and the giving of the
law, and the service, and the
promises; 5of whom are the
patriarchs, and from whom is the
Christ, as concerning the flesh, who
is over all, God, blessed forever.
Amen.

6But it is not as though the
word of God has come to nothing.
For they are not all Israel, that are
of Israel. 7Neither, because they are
Abraham's descendants, are they
all children. But, "In Isaac will your
descendants be called."[b] 8That is, it
is not the children of the flesh who
are children of God, but the
children of the promise are counted
as descendants. 9For this is what the
promise said, "At the appointed
time I will come, and Sarah will
have a son."[c] 10And not only that,
but Rebekah also had conceived by
one, our father Isaac. 11For being
not yet born, neither having done
anything good or bad, that the
purpose of God according to
election might stand, not of works,
but of him who calls, 12it was said
to her, "The elder will serve the
younger."[d] 13Even as it is written,
"Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."[e]

14What should we say then?
Is there unrighteousness with God?
Absolutely not. 15For he said to
Moses, "I will have mercy on
whom I have mercy, and I will have
compassion on whom I have

[a] 8:36 Psalm 44:22
[b] 9:7 Genesis 21:12
[c] 9:9 Genesis 18:10,14
[d] 9:12 Genesis 25:23
[e] 9:13 Malachi 1:2-3

compassion."[a] [16]So then it is not of
him who wills, nor of him who
runs, but of God who has mercy.
[17]For the Scripture says to Pharaoh,
"For this very purpose I caused you
to be raised up, that I might show in
you my power, and that my name
might be proclaimed in all the
earth."[b] [18]So then, he has mercy on
whom he desires, and he hardens
whom he desires. [19]You will say
then to me, "Why does he still find
fault? For who withstands his
will?" [20]But who indeed are you, a
human being, to reply against God?
Will the thing formed ask him who
formed it, "Why did you make me
like this?"[c] [21]Or hasn't the potter a
right over the clay, from the same
lump to make one part a vessel for
honor, and another for dishonor?
[22]What if God, willing to show his
wrath, and to make his power
known, endured with much
patience vessels of wrath made for
destruction, [23]and that he might
make known the riches of his glory
on vessels of mercy, which he
prepared beforehand for glory,
[24]us, whom he also called, not from
the Jews only, but also from the
non-Jews? ? [25]As he says also in
Hosea,

> "I will call them which were
> not my people 'my
> people,' and her who
> was not loved,
> 'loved."[d]
>
> [26]"It will be that in the place where
> it was said to them,
> 'You are not my
> people,'
> There they will be called
> 'children of the living
> God.'"[e]
>
> [27]And Isaiah cries out
> concerning Israel,
> "Though the number of the
> children of Israel are as
> the sand of the sea,[f]
> the remnant will be kept
> safe.[g]
> [28]For he will fulfill the word and
> decisively in righteousness;
> because the Lord will carry out the
> word decisively on the earth."[h]

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[a]9:15 Exodus 33:19
[b]9:17 Exodus 9:16
[c]9:20 Isaiah 29:16; 45:9
[d]9:25 Hosea 2:23. Syr Vg read "mercy/pity" instead of "beloved/loved"
[e]9:26 Hosea 1:10
[f]9:27 Hosea 1:10
[g]9:27 Or, "be saved"
[h]9:28 Isaiah 10:22-23, and Hosea 1:10. A scripture combination practice known as gezera shawa. For examples of composite quotes where the major prophet is named cf. Matthew 27:9-10 and Mark 1:2-3. Text: Aleph(2) D F G K L P Psi 049 33 69 104 256 263 365 424* 459 630 1175 1241 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1874 1877 1912 1962 2200 2400 2464 al Byz Lect Lat(ar.b.d.f.g.o) vg syr(h) arm geo slav; Or(lat), Chr, (Eus1/3), which reads, Lit. "for (he) will fulfill (the) word and decisively [in righteousness, because (the) word decisively] will the Lord carry out on the earth." NU (p46 Aleph A B 6 218 1506 1739 1881 lat(mon) syr(p) sa bo eth; Eus2/3, Cyr) lacks bracketed from homoioteleuton: ounte(m)n(w)n-ounte(tmem)n(o)n. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29 (1983), 540

[29]As Isaiah has said before,
"Unless the Lord of hosts[a] had left
us a few survivors,
we would have become like
Sodom,
and would have been made
like Gomorrah."[b]

[30]What should we say then? That the non-Jews, who did not follow after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith; [31]but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law[c]. [32]Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were by works[d]. They stumbled over the stumbling stone; [33]even as it is written,
"Look, I am laying in Zion[e] a
stumbling stone and a
rock to trip over;[f]
and the one who believes in
him will not be put to
shame."[g]

10 Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God is for them[h], that they may be saved. [2]For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. [3]For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. [4]For Christ is the end[i] of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. [5]For Moses writes about the righteousness of the law, "The one who does them will live by them."[j] [6]But the righteousness which is of faith says this, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?'[k] (that is, to bring Christ down); [7]or, 'Who will go down into the deep?'[l] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.)" [8]But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth, and in your heart;"[m] that is, the message of faith that we proclaim: [9]If you acknowledge with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10]For with the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth acknowledgment is made, resulting in salvation. [11]For the Scripture says, "Whoever[n] believes in him will not be put to shame."[o]

[12]For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the

[a]9:29 Greek: Sabaoth, for Hebrew: Tzevaot/Tsvaot
[b]9:29 Isaiah 1:9
[c]9:31 M TR add "of righteousness"
[d]9:32 M TR add "of the law"
[e]9:33 Isaiah 28:16
[f]9:33 Isaiah 8:14
[g]9:33 Isaiah 28:16
[h]10:1 M TR read "Israel" instead of "them"
[i]10:4 Or, "fulfillment," "goal," "aim," "completion"
[j]10:5 Leviticus 18:5
[k]10:6 Deuteronomy 30:12
[l]10:7 Deuteronomy 30:13
[m]10:8 Deuteronomy 30:14
[n]10:11 John 3:15, 16
[o]10:11 Isaiah 28:16

same Lord of all is rich to all who
call on him. 13For, "Whoever will
call on the name of the Lord will be
saved."[a] 14How then will they call
on him in whom they have not
believed? How will they believe in
him whom they have not heard?
And how will they hear without
someone preaching? 15And how
will they preach unless they are
sent? As it is written:
"How beautiful are the feet of
those who bring good news
of peace, who bring good
news[b] of good things."[c]

16But they did not all listen to
the Good News. For Isaiah says,
"Lord, who has believed our
report?"[d] 17So faith comes by
hearing, and hearing by the word of
Christ.[e] 18But I ask, isn't it rather
that they did not hear? On the
contrary,
"Their voice has gone out to all
the earth,
their words to the farthest
parts of the world."[f]

19But I ask, did not Israel
know? First Moses says,
"I will provoke you to jealousy
with that which is not
a people.
I will make you angry with a
foolish nation."[g]

20Isaiah is very bold, and
says,
"I was found by those who did not
seek me.
I was revealed to those who
did not ask for me."[h]
21But as to Israel he says,
"All day long I have stretched out
my hands to a disobedient and
obstinate people."[i]

11 I ask then, has God
rejected his people?[j]
Absolutely not. For
I also am an Israelite, a descendant
of Abraham, of the tribe of

[a]10:13 Joel 2:32
[b]10:15 Text: Aleph(2) D F G K P Psi 049 6 33 69 104 256 263 365 424 436 459 1175 1241 1319 1505 1573 1735 1852 1874 1877 1962 2400 2464 al Byz Lect Lat(b.d.f.g.o) vg syr(p.h) arm geo goth slav(Ms); Mcion, (Ir(lat)), Ad, (Eus), Apo, Chr. NU (p46 Aleph* A B C 81 1243 1506 1739 1881 1912 2200 lat(ar) sa bo eth slav(Ms); Cl, Ps-Hipp, Or(gr.lat), Philo-Car) lacks "of peace, who bring good news" from haplography: euaggelizomenon-euaggelizomenon
[c]10:15 Isaiah 52:7
[d]10:16 Isaiah 53:1
[e]10:17 NU (p46vid Aleph* B C D* 6 81 218 629 1243 1506 1739 1852 lat(ar.b.d) vg sa bo arm eth(ro) goth; Or(lat)). M TR (Aleph(1) A D(1) K L P Psi 049 33 1175 1319 1505 1573 1735 1874 1881 1962 2400 al Byz Lect syr(p.h) eth(pp) geo slav; Cl, Bas, Chr, Thed) read "God" instead of "Christ." The difference between the two readings in nomina sacra is one letter
[f]10:18 Psalm 19:4
[g]10:19 Deuteronomy 32:21
[h]10:20 Isaiah 65:1
[i]10:21 Isaiah 65:2
[j]11:1 p46 (F G lat(b.f.g.x.) goth; Ambrose, Ambrosiaster, Pelagius) reads "did God reject his inheritance he foreknew." See Psalm 94:14 (LXX).

Benjamin. [2]God did not reject his
people, which he foreknew. Or do
you not know what the Scripture
says about Elijah? How he pleads
with God against Israel: [3]"Lord,
they have killed your prophets, they
have broken down your altars; and
I am left alone, and they seek my
life."[a] [4]But how does God answer
him? "I have kept for myself seven
thousand people, who have not
bowed the knee to Baal."[b] [5]Even so
then at this present time also there
is a remnant according to the
election of grace. [6]And if by grace,
then it is no longer of works;
otherwise grace is no longer grace.[c]

[7]What then? That which
Israel seeks for, that he did not
obtain, but the chosen ones
obtained it, and the rest were
hardened. [8]According as it is
written, God gave them a spirit of
stupor, eyes that they should not
see, and ears that they should not
hear, to this very day.[d] [9]David says,
"Let their table be made a snare,
and a trap,
a stumbling block, and a
retribution to them.
[10]Let their eyes be darkened, so
that they can't see,
and their backs be bent
continually."[e]

[11]I ask then, did they stumble
that they might fall? Absolutely
not. But by their fall salvation has
come to the non-Jews, to provoke
them to jealousy. [12]Now if their fall
is the riches of the world, and their
loss the riches of the non-Jews;
how much more their fullness?
[13]For I speak to you who are the
non-Jews. Since then as I am an
apostle to the non-Jews, I glorify
my ministry; [14]if by any means I
may provoke to jealousy those who
are my flesh, and may save some of
them. [15]For if the rejection of them
is the reconciling of the world,
what would their acceptance be, but
life from the dead? [16]If the first part
is holy, so is the whole batch. If the
root is holy, so are the branches.
[17]But if some of the branches were
broken off, and you, being a wild
olive, were grafted in among them,
and became partaker with them of
the rich root of the olive tree;[f] [18]do
not boast over the branches. But if
you boast, it is not you who support
the root, but the root supports you.
[19]You will say then, "Branches
were broken off, that I might be
grafted in." [20]True; by their
unbelief they were broken off, and
you stand by your faith. Do not be
conceited, but fear; [21]for if God did
not spare the natural branches,
neither will he spare you. [22]See
then the goodness and severity of

[a]11:3 1 Kings 19:10,14
[b]11:4 1 Kings 19:18
[c]11:6 NU (p46 Aleph* A C D F G P 81 629 630 1739 1881 lat vg sa bo arm (eth) geo1; Or). M TR (B (ends with 2nd "no longer grace.") Psi 104 614 1241 2495 Byz Lect syr(p.h) geo2) add "But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work"
[d]11:8 Deuteronomy 29:4; Isaiah 29:10
[e]11:10 Psalm 69:22,23
[f]11:17 M TR read "root and the richness" instead of "rich root"

God. Toward those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in his goodness; otherwise you also will be cut off. 23They also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24For if you were cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more will these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25For I do not desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the non-Jews has come in, 26and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written,

"There will come out of Zion the
Deliverer;
he will turn away
ungodliness from
Jacob.
27This is my covenant to them,
when I will take away their
sins."[a]

28Concerning the Good News, they are enemies for your sake. But concerning the election, they are loved for the fathers' sake. 29For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30For as you in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, 31even so these also have now been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they may now[b] also obtain mercy. 32For God has bound everyone over to disobedience, that he might have mercy on all.

33Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out.

34For, "Who has known the mind
of the Lord,
or who has been his
counselor?"[c]

35"Or who has first given to him,
and it will be repaid to him
again?"[d]

36For from him and by him and in him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

12 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2And do not[e] be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God. 3For I say, through the grace that was given me, to everyone among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, as God has apportioned to each person a measure of faith. 4For even as we

[a]11:27 Isaiah 59:20-21; 27:9; Jeremiah 31:33-34
[b]11:31 M TR omit "now"
[c]11:34 Isaiah 40:13
[d]11:35 Job 41:11
[e]12:2 M reads "You are not to" instead of "And do not"

have many members in one body,
and all the members do not have the
same function, 5so we, who are
many, are one body in Christ, and
individually members one of
another. 6And we have different
gifts according to the grace that was
given to us. If prophecy, according
to the proportion of the faith; 7if
service, in the service; if teaching,
in the teaching; 8if exhorting, in
exhortation; giving, in generosity;
leading, in diligence; showing
mercy, in cheerfulness.

9Let love be without
hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil.
Cling to that which is good. 10In
love of the brothers be tenderly
affectionate one to another; outdo
one another in showing honor;
11not lagging in diligence; fervent
in spirit; serving the Lord;
12rejoicing in hope; enduring in
troubles; continuing steadfastly in
prayer; 13contributing to the needs
of the saints; given to hospitality.
14Bless those who persecute you;[a]
bless, and do not curse. 15Rejoice
with those who rejoice. Weep with
those who weep. 16Live in harmony
with one another. Do not be
arrogant, but associate with the
humble. Do not be conceited.
17Repay no one evil for evil.
Respect what is honorable in the
sight of all people. 18If it is
possible, as much as it is up to you,
be at peace with all people. 19Do
not seek revenge yourselves,
beloved, but leave room[b] for the
wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance
belongs to me; I will repay, says the
Lord."[c] 20Therefore
"If your enemy is hungry, feed
him.
If he is thirsty, give him a
drink;
for by doing this you will
heap coals of fire on
his head."[d]

21Do not be overcome by
evil, but overcome evil with good.

13 Let every person[e] be
subject to the
governing
authorities, for there is no authority
except from God, and those[f] that
exist have been instituted by God.
2Therefore he who resists the
authority resists the ordinance of
God,[g] and those who resist will
incur judgment. 3For rulers are not
a terror to the good work, but to the
evil. Do you desire to have no fear
of the authority? Do that which is

[a]12:14 Some Mss lack "you" from homoioteleuton: as-as
[b]12:19 Lit, "leave place"
[c]12:19 Deuteronomy 32:35
[d]12:20 Proverbs 25:21-22
[e]13:1 p46 D F G read "Be subject to all governing authorities" rather than "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities"
[f]13:1 NU (Aleph A B D* F G 0285vid 81 1739 1881 Latt vg cop(sa.bo) arm eth geo; Ir(lat), Or). M TR (D(1) L P Psi 049 33 1175 1241 al Byz syr(p.h); Or, Chr, Thret) add "authorities," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: ousai-ousiai
[g]13:2 However, see Acts 5:29

good, and you will have praise from the same, [4]for it is a servant of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid, for it does not bear the sword in vain. It is God's servant to administer retribution on those who do what is wrong. [5]Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of this retribution, but also as a matter of conscience. [6]For this reason you also pay taxes, for they are servants of God, concerned with this very thing. [7]Give therefore to everyone what you owe: taxes to whom taxes are due; customs to whom customs; respect to whom respect; honor to whom honor. [8]Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

[9]For the commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not give false testimony,"[a] "Do not covet,"[b] and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You are to love your neighbor as yourself."[c] [10]Love does not harm a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. [11]Do this, knowing the time, that it is already time for you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed. [12]The night is far gone, and the day is near. Let us therefore throw off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. [13]Let us walk decently, as in the daytime; not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and lustful acts, and not in dissension and jealousy. [14]But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, for its lusts.

14 Now accept one who is weak in faith, but not for disputes over opinions. [2]One person has faith to eat all things, but the one who is weak eats only vegetables. [3]Do not let the one who eats despise the one who does not eat. Do not let the one who does not eat judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him. [4]Who are you who judge another's servant? To his own lord he stands or falls. Yes, he will be made to stand, for the Lord[d] has power to make him stand.

[5]One esteems one day as more important; and another one esteems every day alike. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind. [6]The one who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and the

[a]13:9 Text: Aleph P Psi 048 0150 69 81 104 218 256 263 365 424 436 459 1243 1319 1506 1573 1852 1912 1962 2400 al Byz(pt) eight lect lat(ar.b) vg(cl) syr(h.pal) bo arm eth slav; Or(lat1/6), Chr. NU (p46vid Avid B D F G Psi 6 33 1175 1241 1739 1881 2200 al Byz(pt) Lect Lat(d.f.g.o) vg(ww.st) syr(p) sa geo; Cl(1/2), Bas) lacks "Do not give false testimony" from haplography: eis ou-eis ou

[b]13:9 Exodus 20:13-15,17; Deuteronomy 5:17-19,21

[c]13:9 Leviticus 19:18

[d]14:4 M TR read "God" instead of "the Lord"

one who does not observe the day,
he does not observe it to the Lord.[a]
The one who eats, he eats to the
Lord; since he gives thanks to God.
And the one who does not eat, he
does not eat to the Lord, and gives
thanks to God. 7For none of us lives
to himself, and none dies to
himself. 8For if we live, we live to
the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the
Lord. If therefore we live or die, we
are the Lord's. 9For to this end
Christ died,[b] and lived again, that
he might be Lord of both the dead
and the living.

10But you, why do you judge
your brother? Or you again, why do
you despise your brother? For we
will all stand before the judgment
seat of God.[c] 11For it is written,
"'As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me
every knee will bow.
Every tongue will confess to
God.'"[d]

12So then each one of us will
give account of himself to God.
13Therefore let us not judge one
another any more, but judge this
rather, not to put a stumbling block
in a brother's way, or an occasion
for falling. 14I know, and am
persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that
nothing is unclean of itself; except
that to him who considers anything
to be unclean, to him it is unclean.
15Yet if because of food your
brother is grieved, you walk no
longer in love. Do not destroy with
your food him for whom Christ
died. 16Then do not let your good be
slandered, 17for the kingdom of
God is not eating and drinking, but
righteousness, peace, and joy in the
Holy Spirit. 18For he who serves
Christ in these things is acceptable
to God and approved by people.
19So then, let us follow after things
which make for peace, and things
by which we may build one another
up. 20Do not overthrow God's work
for food's sake. All things indeed
are clean, however it is evil for
anyone who creates a stumbling
block by eating. 21It is good to not
eat meat, drink wine, or do
anything by which your brother
stumbles, or is offended, or is made
weak.[e]

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[a]14:6 Text: C(3) L P Psi 049 33 69 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1874 1877 1962 2400 al Byz syr(p.h) arm; Bas, Chr, Thret. NU (p46 Aleph A B C(2vid) D F G 048 630 1739 1881 pc Latt vg sa bo eth; Ruf, Ambst, Pel, Aug) lack "and the one who does not observe the day, he does not observe it to the Lord" from an early haplography: phronei kai o-phronei kai o

[b]14:9 M TR add "and rose," possibly lost from homoioarcton: kai a-kai a

[c]14:10 NU (Aleph* A B C* D F G 630 1506 1739 Lat vg sa bo geo; Pel). M TR (L P Psi 048 0209 33 365 1881 al Byz lat(r) syr eth; Polyc, Mcion(t), Ambst) reads "Christ" instead of "God", an early scribal change possibly from influence of 2 Co 5:10

[d]14:11 Isaiah 45:23

[e]14:21 Text: p46vid Aleph(2) B D F G Psi 049 0209 33vid 69 218 614 1319 1573 1735 1874 1877 1881 1962 2400 al Byz Lect lat(ar.b.d.f.g.o) vg syr(h.(pal)) sa arm geo2 slav; Bas, Chr(1/2.(1/2). NU (Aleph(1) A C 048 81 1739 al. lat(r) syr(p) bo eth geo1; Mcion, Or(gr.lat)) lacks "or is

22The faith you have, keep
between yourself and God. Happy
is the one who does not judge
himself in that which he approves.
23But he who doubts is condemned
if he eats, because it is not of faith;
and whatever is not of faith is sin.

15 Now we who are
strong ought to bear
the weaknesses of
the weak, and not to please
ourselves. 2Let each one of us
please his neighbor for that which
is good, to be building him up. 3For
even Christ did not please himself.
But, as it is written, "The insults of
those who insult you fell on me."[a]
4For whatever things were written
before were written for our
instruction, that through patience
and through encouragement of the
Scriptures we might have hope.
5Now the God of patience and of
encouragement grant you to be of
the same mind one with another
according to Christ Jesus, 6that with
one accord you may with one
mouth glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7Therefore accept one
another, even as Christ also
accepted you,[b] to the glory of God.
8Now I say that Christ has been
made a servant of the circumcision
for the truth of God, that he might
confirm the promises given to the
fathers, 9and that the non-Jews
might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written,
"Therefore I will give praise to
you among the non-
Jews,
and sing to your name."[c]

10Again he says,
"Rejoice, you nations, with his
people."[d]

11Again,
"Praise the Lord, all you nations.
Let all the peoples praise
him."[e]

12Again, Isaiah says,
"There will be the root of Jesse,
he who arises to rule over
the peoples;
in him will the nations
hope."[f]

13Now may the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, that you may abound in
hope, in the power of the Holy
Spirit. 14I myself am also persuaded
about you, my brothers, that you
yourselves are full of goodness,
filled with all knowledge, able also
to admonish others. 15But I write
the more boldly to you[g] in part, as
reminding you, because of the
grace that was given to me by God,
16that I should be a servant of Christ
Jesus to the non-Jews, serving as a
priest the Good News of God, that

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offended…weak" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ei-ei
[a]15:3 Psalm 69:9
[b]15:7 TR reads "us" instead of "you"
[c]15:9 2 Samuel 22:50; Psalm 18:49
[d]15:10 Deuteronomy 32:43
[e]15:11 Psalm 117:1
[f]15:12 Isaiah 11:10
[g]15:15 M TR add "brothers"

the offering up of the non-Jews might be made acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. [17]I have therefore my boasting in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God. [18]For I will not dare to speak of any things except those which Christ worked through me, for the obedience of the non-Jews, by word and deed, [19]in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and around as far as to Illyricum, I have fully preached the Good News of Christ. [20]And in this way I desire to preach the Good News where Christ was not known, that I might not build on another's foundation. [21]But, as it is written,

"Those who were not told about
him, they will see,
and those who have not
heard, they will
understand."[a]

[22]Therefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you, [23]but now, no longer having any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come to you, [24]whenever I journey to Spain I will come to you.[b] For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while. [25]But now, I say, I am going to Jerusalem, serving the saints. [26]For it has been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are at Jerusalem. [27]Yes, it has been their good pleasure, and they are their debtors. For if the non-Jewish people have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to serve them in fleshly things. [28]When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by way of you to Spain. [29]I know that, when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of[c] Christ.

[30]Now I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, [31]that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints; [32]that I may come to you in joy through the will of God, and together with you, find rest. [33]Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

16 I commend to you Phoebe, our sister, who is a deaconess of the church that is at Cenchreae, [2]that you receive her in the Lord, in a way worthy of the saints, and that

[a]15:21 Isaiah 52:15
[b]15:24 Aleph(2) L 049 6 33 69 104 218 256 263 365 424 436 459 1175 1241 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1874 1877 1912 2400 2495 Byz Lect syr(h) geo(2) slav. NU (p46 Aleph* A B C D F G P Ψ 0150 1739 1881 1962 lat(ar.(b).d.f.g.mon.o) vg syr(p) cop(sa.bo) arm eth geo1; Or(lat) Chr) omits "I will come to you" from homoioarcton: el-el
[c]15:29 M TR add "Good News of the"

you assist her in whatever matter she may need from you, for she herself also has been a helper of many, and of my own self.
3Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4who for my life, laid down their own necks; to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the non-Jewish people. 5Greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of Asia[a] to Christ. 6Greet Mary, who labored much for you[b]. 7Greet Andronicus and Junia, my compatriots[c] and my fellow prisoners, who are notable among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. 8Greet Ampliatus[d], my beloved in the Lord. 9Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. 11Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet them of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. 12Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Greet Persis, the beloved, who labored much in the Lord. 13Greet Rufus, the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. 15Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. 16Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

17Now I appeal to you, brothers, look out for those who are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and turn away from them. 18For those who are such do not serve our Lord[e] Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and flattering speech, they deceive the hearts of the innocent. 19For your obedience has become known to all. I rejoice therefore over you. But I desire to have you wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is evil. 20And the God of peace will quickly crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus[f] be with you.

21Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you, as do Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my relatives. 22I, Tertius, who write the letter, greet you in the Lord. 23Gaius, my host and host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, as does Quartus, the brother.[24g] 25Now to

[a]16:5 M TR read “Achaia” instead of “Asia”
[b]16:6 M TR read “us” instead of “you”
[c]16:7 Or, “relatives”
[d]16:8 M TR read “Amplias” instead of “Ampliatus”
[e]16:18 M TR add “Jesus”
[f]16:20 p46 Aleph B 1881. Other Mss (A C L P Psi 0150 33 1175 1739 Byz vg syr(p.h) cop(sa.bo) arm eth geo (slav); Or(lat), Chr) add “Christ”
[g]16:24 NU (p46 p61 {Aleph A} B C 81 1739 2464 *pc* lat(b) vg sa bo) omit. M TR (D {F G (omit "Jesus Christ")} Psi 614 630 1241 1881 2495 Byz Lect

him who is able to establish you
according to my Good News and
the proclaiming of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the
mystery which has been kept secret
through long ages, [26]but now is
revealed, and by the Scriptures of
the prophets, according to the
commandment of the eternal God,
is made known for obedience of
faith to all the nations; [27]to the only
wise God, through Jesus Christ, to
whom be the glory forever. Amen.[a]

1Corinthians

1 Paul, called to be an
apostle of Christ Jesus[b]
by the will of God, and
our brother Sosthenes, [2]to the
church of God which is at Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, with all
who call on the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ in every place, both
theirs and ours: [3]Grace to you and
peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

[4]I always thank my God
concerning you, for the grace of
God which was given you in Christ
Jesus; [5]that in everything you were
enriched in him, in all speech and
all knowledge; [6]even as the
testimony of Christ was confirmed
in you: [7]so that you are not lacking
in any gift, as you wait for our Lord
Jesus Christ to be revealed; [8]who
will also strengthen you to the end,
blameless in the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful,
through whom you were called into
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord. [10]Now I appeal to
you, brothers, in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be
in agreement, so that there may be
no divisions among you, and to be
united by the same mind and
conviction. [11]For it has been
reported to me concerning you, my
brothers, by those who are from
Chloe's household, that there are
contentions among you. [12]Now I
mean this, that each one of you
says, "I follow Paul," "I follow
Apollos," "I follow Cephas," and,
"I follow Christ." [13]Is Christ
divided? Was Paul crucified for
you? Or were you baptized into the
name of Paul? [14]I thank God[c] that I
baptized none of you, except
Crispus and Gaius, [15]so that no one
should say that you had been

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syr(h)) add "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." Cf. v. 20

[a]16:27 M places verses 25-27 after 14:23 as verses 24-26

[b]1:1 M TR have the order "Jesus Christ"

[c]1:14 NU (Aleph(c) C D F G P Psi 049 0150 69 1241 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1881 1874 1877 1962 al Byz Lect lat(b.d.f.g.o.r) (lat(ar)) vg(Mss) syr(h) (syr(p.h+) bo(Ms) sa(Mss) eth geo slav; Or(lat1/2), Chr). Aleph* B 6 1739 bo(pt) sa(Mss) lack "God" from haplography by homoioteleuton: o-o

baptized[a] into my own name.
16(Now I also baptized the
household of Stephanas; beyond
that, I do not know whether I
baptized any other.) 17For Christ
sent me not to baptize, but to preach
the Good News—not in wisdom of
words, so that the cross of the
Christ would not be made void.
18For the message about the cross is
foolishness to those who are
perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God. 19For
it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the
wise,
and the discernment of the
discerning I will
nullify."[b]

20Where is the wise? Where
is the scribe? Where is the debater
of this age? Hasn't God made
foolish the wisdom of this[c] world?
21For seeing that in the wisdom of
God, the world through its wisdom
did not know God, it was God's
good pleasure through the
foolishness of the preaching to save
those who believe. 22For Jews ask
for signs, and Greeks seek after
wisdom, 23but we preach Christ
crucified, a stumbling block to
Jews and foolishness to the non-
Jews[d], 24but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the
power of God and the wisdom of
God. 25Because the foolishness of
God is wiser than man's, and the
weakness of God is stronger than
man's. 26For consider your calling,
brothers, that not many were wise
from a human perspective, not
many powerful, not many of noble
birth. 27But God chose the foolish
of the world to shame the wise. And
God chose the weak of the world to
shame the strong. 28And God chose
the lowly of the world, and the
despised, what is considered to be
nothing, to bring to nothing what is
considered to be something, 29that
no flesh might boast before God.
30And because of him you are in
Christ Jesus, who became for us
wisdom from God, and
righteousness and sanctification
and redemption, 31so that, as it is
written, "Let him who boasts, boast
in the Lord."[e]

2 When I came to you,
brothers, I did not come
with superiority of
speech or wisdom, proclaiming to

[a]1:15 M TR read "that I had baptized you" instead of "you had been baptized"
[b]1:19 Isaiah 29:14
[c]1:20 Text: p11 Aleph(2) C(3) D(1) F G L Psi 049 69 218 1241 1243 1319 1505 1563 1573 1735 1739(c) 1881 1962 2400 Byz Lat(d.g.r) vg syr(p.h.pal) sa(Ms) bo(pt) arm(Mss) goth; Cl(pt), Epiph(pt). NU (p46 Aleph* A B C* D* P 33 1739* al sa(Ms) bo(pt); Cl(pt), Epiph(pt)) lack "this," from homoioteleuton: ou-ou. Support for omission is largely from one locale
[d]1:23 M TR read "Greeks" instead of "the non-Jews"
[e]1:31 Jeremiah 9:24

you the mystery[a] of God.[b] 2For I determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3When I was with you, I was weak and afraid and I shook. 4My speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of[c] wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on the power of God. 6We speak wisdom, however, among those who are mature, but a wisdom not of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are passing away. 7But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God determined in advance before the ages for our glory, 8which none of the rulers of this age has understood. For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But as it is written, No eye has seen, and no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things which God has prepared for those who love him.[d]

10But to us God revealed it through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11For what person knows the things of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that were freely given to us by God. 13And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the[e] Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. 14Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15But he who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is judged by no one. 16For, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?"[f] But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual, but as fleshly, as infants in Christ. 2I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you weren't yet ready. And even now you are still not ready, 3for you are still fleshly. For insofar as there is jealousy and strife[g] among you, are you not fleshly,

[a]2:1 NU (p46vid Aleph* A C 436 1912 lat(ar.o.r) syr(p) bo slav; Hipp, BasA, Ambst, Eph, Ambr, Pel, Aug, Ant). M TR (B D F G Psi 33 1739 1881 al Byz Lect lat(b.d.f.g) vg syr(h) sa arm eth(pp) geo; Bas, Chr, Cyr) read "testimony" instead of "mystery"
[b]2:1 Vg reads "testimony of Christ"
[c]2:4 M TR add "human"
[d]2:9 Isaiah 64:4; James 1:12
[e]2:13 M TR add "Holy"
[f]2:16 Isaiah 40:13
[g]3:3 NU (p11(vid) Aleph A B C P Psi 048 0150 81 1739 1881 lat((o).r) vg sa bo fay arm eth geo1; Cl, Or(gk.lat(3/4)), Eus, GrNy, Did). M TR (p46 D (F G L) 049 1 33 424 1241 Byz Lect(pt) lat((ar).(b).d.f.g.61) syr(p.h) geo2 slav; Mcion, Ir, Or(lat1/4), (Ad), Chr(1/4)) add "and divisions." There is no reason for the words to have fallen out

and living by human standards? 4For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not merely human?[a] 5What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, and each as the Lord gave to him. 6I planted. Apollos watered. But God made it grow. 7So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who makes it grow. 8Now he who plants and he who waters are the same, but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building. 10According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one be careful how he builds on it. 11For no one can lay any other foundation than that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12But if anyone builds on this[b] foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw; 13each man’s work will be revealed. For the Day will declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself will test what sort of work each man’s work is. 14If any man’s work remains which he built on it, he will receive a reward. 15If any man’s work is burned, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as through fire.

16Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that God’s Spirit lives in you? 17If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, which you are. 18Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks that he is wise among you in this age, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. 19For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He traps the wise in their craftiness.”[c] 20And again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,[d] that they are futile.”[e] 21Therefore let no one boast about people. For all things are yours, 22whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. All are yours, 23and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

4 So a person should consider us as Christ’s servants, and stewards of God’s mysteries. 2Here, moreover, it is required of stewards, that they be found

[a]3:4 M TR read “fleshly” instead of “human”
[b]3:12 Text: Aleph(2) C(3) D E L P Psi 049 33 69 218 1243 1319 1505 1563 1573 1735 1739 1881 1874 1877 1962 2400 al L249 Byz Lat(d.e.f) vg syr(p.h) sa(Mss) bo arm; Bas, Epiph, Chr, Cyr. NU (p46 Aleph* A B C* 0289 81 vg(Mss) sa(Mss) bo(Ms) eth; Ambr) lacks “this” from homoioteleuton: on-on
[c]3:19 Job 5:13
[d]3:20 Some manuscripts (33 630 1506 pc lat(ar) vg(Mss) bo(Mss); Mcion, Epiph) read anthropos “man,” the reading in Psalm 94:11 LXX
[e]3:20 Psalm 94:11

faithful. [3]But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by man's judgment. Yes, I do not judge my own self. [4]For I know nothing against myself. Yet I am not justified by this, but he who judges me is the Lord. [5]Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one will get his praise from God.

[6]Now these things, brothers, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to go[a] beyond the things which are written, that none of you be puffed up against one another. [7]For who makes you different? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? [8]You are already filled. You have already become rich. You have come to reign without us. Yes, and I wish that you did reign, that we also might reign with you. [9]For, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last of all, like men sentenced to death. For we are made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and people. [10]We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You have honor, but we have dishonor. [11]Even to this present hour we hunger, thirst, are naked, are beaten, and have no certain dwelling place. [12]We toil, working with our own hands. When people curse us, we bless. Being persecuted, we endure. [13]Being defamed, we entreat. We are made as the filth of the world, the dirt wiped off by all, even until now. [14]I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. [15]For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet not many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, I became your father through the Good News. [16]I appeal to you therefore, be imitators of me. [17]Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church. [18]Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. [19]But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord is willing. And I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. [20]For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. [21]What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

5 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even[b] among the nations, that one has his father's wife. [2]You are puffed up, and did not rather mourn, that he who had done this deed might be removed from among you. [3]For I most certainly, as being absent in body but present

[a]4:6 M TR read "think"

[b]5:1 M TR add "named"

in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him who has done this thing. 4In the name of our Lord Jesus,[a] you being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,[b] 5are to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,[c] that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.[d]

6Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole lump? 7Purge out the old yeast, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us.[e] 8Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old yeast, neither with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 9I wrote to you in my letter to have no company with sexual sinners; 10yet not at all meaning with the sexual sinners of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then you would have to leave the world. 11But as it is, I wrote to you not to associate with anyone who is called a brother who is a sexual sinner, or covetous, or an idolater, or a slanderer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner. Do not even eat with such a person. 12For what have I to do with also judging those who are outside? Do you not judge those who are within? 13But those who are outside, God judges. "Put away the wicked person from among yourselves."[f]

6 If any of you has a dispute against another, does he dare go to court before the unrighteous, instead of the saints? 2Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 4If then, you have to judge things pertaining to this life, do you set them to judge who have no standing in the church? 5I say this to move you to shame. Is there not even one wise person among you who would be able to decide between a brother and his brother?[g] 6But brother goes

[a]5:4 M TR add "Christ"
[b]5:4 M TR add "Christ"
[c]5:5 Or, "destruction of the carnal nature"
[d]5:5 NU (p46 B 630 1739; Mcion, Tert, Or, Epip). M TR (p61vid ("our Lord Jesus") Aleph Psi 81 614 2495 Byz Lect vg syr(h) sa(Ms) ("our Lord Jesus") goth) add "Jesus." Some Mss (A F G P 0150 33 330 1881 al lat(b.f.g.o) vg(cl), syr(p.h) sa bo arm (eth) geo slav; Or, Chr) read "our Lord Jesus Christ"
[e]5:7 Text: Aleph(2) C(3) L P Psi 049 69 218 1243 1319 1505 1563 1573 1735 1874 1877 1881 1962 2400 al Byz syr sa bo(Ms); Or. NU (p11vid p46vid Aleph* A B C*vid F G 33 1175* 1739 pc Latt vg bo; Cl, Or) lacks "for us" from haplography: hemon-hemon
[f]5:13 Deuteronomy 13:5; 17:7; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21; 24:7
[g]6:5 Reading "a brother and his brother." Text: syr(p) cop(bo(mss));

to law with brother, and that before unbelievers. 7Actually, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits among yourselves. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? 8No, but you yourselves do wrong, and cheat, and that against your brothers. 9Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate,[a] nor men who have sexual relations with men,[b] 10nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11Such were some of you, but you were washed. But you were sanctified. But you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,[c] and in the Spirit of our God. 12"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are expedient. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be brought under the power of anything. 13"Foods for the belly, and the belly for foods," but God will bring to nothing both it and them. But the body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14Now God raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by his power. 15Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I then take the members of Christ, and make them members of a prostitute? Absolutely not. 16Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body? For he says, "The two will become one flesh."[d] 17But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. 18Flee sexual immorality. "Every sin that a person does is outside the body," but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? You are not your own, 20for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body[e].

7 Now concerning the things about which you wrote[f]: it is good for a man not to touch[g] a woman. 2But, because of sexual immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3Let the husband fulfill

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Aphrahat // *omit* "and ... brother" 𝔓46 ℵ A B C D F G 33 1505 1563 1573 1735 1739 1874 Byz lat cop(sa), from homoioteleuton in the wording adelphou [kai adelphou] autou, where the bracketed was lost in a skip from adelphou (brother) to its next occurrence.

[a] 6:9 I.e., effeminate by perversion

[b] 6:9 Lit. "man-lier".Gk arsenokoites, poss. from LXX Leviticus 18:22 20:13 where God forbids men/males (arsenos) to lie/have sex (koiten) as with a woman. See also Romans 1:26-27

[c] 6:11 M TR omit "Christ"

[d] 6:16 Genesis 2:24

[e] 6:20 M TR add "and in your spirit, which are God's"

[f] 7:1 M TR add "to me"

[g] 7:1 A euphemism for sexual relations. Cf. Genesis 20:6

his marital duty[a] to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband. Likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife. 5Do not deprive one another, unless it is by consent for a season, that you may give yourselves to[b] prayer, and may be together again, that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6But this I say by way of concession, not of commandment. 7Yet I wish that all people were like me. However each one has his own gift from God, one of this kind, and another of that kind. 8But I say to the unmarried and to widows, it is good for them if they remain even as I am. 9But if they do not have self-control, let them marry. For it's better to marry than to burn. 10But to the married I command—not I, but the Lord—that the wife not leave her husband 11(but if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband not leave his wife.

12But to the rest I—not the Lord—say, if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she is content to live with him, let him not leave her. 13The woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he is content to live with her, let her not leave her husband[c]. 14For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the brother[d]. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15Yet if the unbeliever departs, let there be separation. The brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called you[e] to peace. 16For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? 17Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God[f] has called each, so let him walk. So I command in all the churches.

18Was anyone called having been circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised. 19Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. 20Let each person stay in that calling in which he was called. 21Were you called

[a]7:3 M TR read "affection" instead of "duty"
[b]7:5 NU (p11vid p46 Aleph A B C D F G P Psi 33 1739 1881 latt co arm eth; Cl Epiph). M TR (Byz syr(p.h); Chr) add "fasting and"
[c]7:13 M TR read "him" instead of "her husband"
[d]7:14 Or, "believing husband." M TR read "in the husband" instead of "by the brother"
[e]7:15 NU (Aleph* A C K 81 326 1175 bo). M TR (p46 B D G Psi 33 1739 1881 Byz Lect latt vg syr(p.h) sa) read "us" instead of "you"
[f]7:17 M TR read "God…Lord" instead of "Lord…God"

being a slave? Do not let that bother you, but if you get an opportunity to become free, use it. [22]For he who was called in the Lord being a slave is the Lord's free person. Likewise he who was called being free is Christ's slave. [23]You were bought with a price. Do not become slaves of people. [24]Brothers, let each one, in whatever condition he was called, stay in that condition with God.

[25]Now concerning virgins, I have no commandment from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who has obtained mercy from the Lord to be trustworthy. [26]I think that it is good therefore, because of the distress that is on us, that it is good for a person to remain as he is. [27]Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be freed. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. [28]But if you marry, you have not sinned. If a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have oppression in the flesh, and I want to spare you. [29]But I say this, brothers: the time is short, that from now on, those who have wives should be as though they had none; [30]and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess; [31]and those who use the world, as not using it to the fullest. For the form of this world is passing away. [32]But I desire to have you to be free from cares. He who is unmarried is concerned for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord; [33]but he who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, [34]and is divided. And the woman that is unmarried, or a virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But the one that is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. [35]This I say for your own profit; not that I may ensnare you, but for that which is appropriate, and that you may attend to the Lord without distraction. [36]But if anyone thinks that he is behaving inappropriately toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of her age, and if need so requires, let him do what he desires. He does not sin. Let them marry. [37]But he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own heart, to keep his own virgin, does well. [38]So then both he who gives his own virgin[a] in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage does better. [39]A wife is bound[b] to her husband as long as he lives; but if the husband is dead, she is free to be married to whomever she desires, only in the Lord. [40]But she is happier if she stays as she is, in my judgment, and I think that I also have God's Spirit.

8 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have

[a]7:38 M TR omit "his own virgin"

[b]7:39 M TR add "by law"

knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2But if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3But if anyone loves God, the same is known by him. 4Therefore concerning the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is no[a] God but one. 5For though there are things that are called "gods," whether in the heavens or on earth; as there are many "gods" and many "lords;" 6yet to us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we for him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we live through him. 7However, not all have this knowledge. But some, being so accustomed[b] to idols until now, eat as of a thing sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8But food will not commend us to God. For neither, if we do not eat, are we the worse; nor, if we eat, are we the better. 9But be careful that by no means does this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to the weak. 10For if someone sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, won't his conscience, if he is weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11And through your knowledge, he who is weak perishes, the brother for whom the Christ died. 12Thus, sinning against the brothers, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat forevermore, that I do not cause my brother to stumble.

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus[c] our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my office of apostle in the Lord. 3My defense to those who examine me is this. 4Have we no right to eat and to drink? 5Have we no right to take along a wife who is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? 6Or have only Barnabas and I no right to not work? 7What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard, and does not eat of its fruit? Or who feeds a flock, and does not drink from the flock's milk? 8Do I say these things according to human authority? Or does not the Law also say the same thing? 9For it is written in the Law of Moses, "Do not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain."[d] Is it for the oxen that God cares, 10or does he say it assuredly for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in the hope of having a share[e]. 11If we sowed to you

[a]8:4 M TR add "other"
[b]8:7 M TR read "having consciousness" instead of "being so accustomed"
[c]9:1 M TR add "Christ"
[d]9:9 Deuteronomy 25:4
[e]9:11 M TR add "of his hope"

spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap your fleshly things? 12If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right, but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the Good News of Christ. 13Do you not know that those who serve around sacred things eat from the things of the temple, and those who wait on the altar have their portion with the altar? 14Even so the Lord ordained that those who proclaim the Good News should live from the Good News. 15But I have used none of these things, and I do not write these things that it may be done so in my case; for I would rather die, than that anyone should make my boasting void. 16For if I preach the Good News, I have nothing to boast about, because I am compelled to do this. Woe to me if I do not preach the Good News. 17For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward. But if not of my own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 18What then is my reward? That, when I preach the Good News, I may present the Good News[a] without charge, so as not to abuse my authority in the Good News. 19For though I was free from all, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. 20To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law,[b] that I might gain those who are under the law; 21to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law. 22To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I may by all means save some. 23Now I do all things[c] for the sake of the Good News, that I may be a joint partaker of it. 24Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run like that, that you may win. 25Now everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. 26I therefore run like that, as not uncertainly. I fight like that, as not beating the air, 27but I beat my body and bring it into submission, lest by any means, after I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

10 Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3and all ate the same spiritual food; 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5However with most of

[a]9:18 M TR add “of Christ”
[b]9:20 M TR lack “not being myself under the law” from haplography: s hupo nomon-s hupo nomon
[c]9:23 M TR read “this” instead of “all things”

them, God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7Neither be idolaters, as some of them were. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."[a] 8Neither let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them committed, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. 9Neither let us test the Christ,[b] as some of them tested, and perished by the serpents. 10Neither grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. 11Now these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall.

13No temptation has taken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 14Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15I speak as to wise people. Judge what I say. 16The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ? 17Because there is one loaf of bread, we, who are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf of bread. 18Consider Israel according to the flesh. Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar?
19What am I saying then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20But I say that the things which pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice[c] to demons, and not to God, and I do not desire that you would have fellowship with demons. 21You cannot both drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot both partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. 22Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? 23"All things are lawful[d]," but not all things are profitable. "All things are lawful[e]," but not all things build up. 24Let no one seek his own, but[f] his neighbor's good. 25Whatever is sold in the butcher shop, eat, asking no question for the sake of conscience, 26for "the earth is the

[a]10:7 Exodus 32:6
[b]10:9 NU (p46 D F G K L Psi 6 69 218 424 1241 1243 1505 1563 1739 1852 1881 1912 2200 2400 2495 Byz Lect lat(ar.b.d.f.g.o) vg syr(p.h) cop(sa.bo) geo1 slav; Ir(lat), Mcion, Or, Eus). Other Mss (Aleph B C P 0150 33 104 256 263 365 436 459 1175 1319 1573 1735 1874 1877 2464 L596 syr(pal) arm geo2; Letter Hym, Epiph, Hes) read "Lord"
[c]10:20 Text: p46 Aleph A C P Psi 33 81 256 263 365 1175 1241 1319 1573 1739 (cop(sa.bo)) arm; Or(lat). NU (B cop(sa); Mcion, Eus) reads "which they sacrifice is to demons"
[d]10:23 M TR add "for me"
[e]10:23 Ibid
[f]10:24 M TR add "each"

Lord's, and its fullness."[a] [27]But if one of those who do not believe invites you to a meal, and you are inclined to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no questions for the sake of conscience. [28]But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for the sake of conscience.[b] [29]Conscience, I say, not your own, but the other's conscience. For why is my liberty judged by another conscience? [30]If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced for that for which I give thanks? [31]Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. [32]Give no occasions for stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God; [33]even as I also please all people in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.

11 Be imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ. [2]Now I praise you,[c] that you remember me in all things, and hold firm the traditions, even as I delivered them to you. [3]But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God. [4]Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. [5]But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonors her head. For it is one and the same thing as if she were shaved. [6]For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. [7]For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, because he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man. [8]For man is not from woman, but woman from man; [9]for neither was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. [10]For this cause the woman ought to have authority on her head, because of the angels.

[11]Nevertheless, neither is the woman independent of the man, nor the man independent of the woman, in the Lord. [12]For as woman came from man, so a man also comes through a woman; but all things are from God. [13]Judge for yourselves. Is it appropriate that a woman pray to God unveiled? [14]Doesn't even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? [15]But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, for her hair is given to her[d] for a covering. [16]But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither do God's churches.

[17]But in giving you this command, I do not praise you, that you come together not for the better but for the worse. [18]For first of all,

[a]10:26 Psalm 24:1
[b]10:28 M TR add "For the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness"
[c]11:2 M TR add "brothers"
[d]11:15 M lacks "to her"

when you come together in the church, I hear that divisions exist among you, and I partly believe it. [19]For there also must be factions among you, that those who are approved may be revealed among you. [20]When therefore you assemble yourselves together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. [21]For in your eating each one takes his own supper first. One is hungry, and another is drunk. [22]What, do you not have houses to eat and to drink in? Or do you despise God's church, and put them to shame who do not have? What should I tell you? Should I praise you? In this I do not praise you.

[23]For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread. [24]When he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "[a]This is my body, which is[b] for you. Do this in memory of me." [25]In the same way he also took the cup, after the meal, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink, in memory of me." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. [27]Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks the Lord's cup in a manner unworthy[c] will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. [28]But let a person examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. [29]For he who eats and drinks[d] eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not discern the[e] body. [30]For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep. [31]For if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged. [32]But when we are judged, we are punished by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. [33]Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait one for another. [34]But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest your coming together be for judgment. The rest I will set in order whenever I come.

12 Now concerning spiritual things, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. [2]You know that when you were unbelievers, you were led away to those mute idols, however you might be led. [3]Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "Jesus is accursed." No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," but by the Holy Spirit. [4]Now there are various kinds of gifts[f], but the same Spirit.

[5]There are various kinds of service, and the same Lord. [6]There are various kinds of workings, but the same God, who works all things

[a]11:24 M TR add "Take, eat"
[b]11:24 M TR add "broken"
[c]11:27 M adds "of the Lord"
[d]11:29 M TR add "in an unworthy manner"
[e]11:29 M TR add "Lord's"
[f]12:4 Or, "spiritual empowerments," "spiritual enablements"

in all. 7But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. 8For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; 9to another faith, by the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, by the one[a] Spirit; 10and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; to another different kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11But the one and the same Spirit works all of these, distributing to each one separately as he desires.

12For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. 13For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all given to drink of[b] one Spirit. 14For the body is not one member, but many. 15If the foot would say, "Because I'm not the hand, I'm not part of the body," it is not therefore not part of the body. 16If the ear would say, "Because I'm not the eye, I'm not part of the body," it's not therefore not part of the body. 17If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the smelling be? 18But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired. 19If they were all one member, where would the body be? 20But now they are many members, but one body. 21The eye cannot tell the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you." 22No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23Those parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, on those we bestow more abundant honor; and our unpresentable parts have more abundant propriety; 24whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But God composed the body together, giving more abundant honor to the inferior part, 25that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. 26When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. Or when one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28God has set some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracle workers, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, and various kinds of tongues. 29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? 30Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31But earnestly desire the

[a] 12:9 M TR read "same" instead of "one"

[b] 12:13 M TR read "into" instead of "of"

greater[a] gifts. Moreover, I show a most excellent way to you.

13 If I speak with the tongues of humans and of angels, but do not have love, I have become sounding bronze, or a clanging cymbal. 2If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body so that I may boast,[b] but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

4Love is patient and is kind; love does not envy. Love does not brag, is not proud, 5does not behave itself inappropriately, does not seek its own way, is not irritable, does not keep a record of wrongs; 6does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are tongues, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with. 9For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10but when that which is complete has come,[c] that which is partial will be done away with. 11When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become an adult, I have put away childish things. 12For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, even as I was also fully known. 13But now faith, hope, and love remain—these three. The greatest of these is love.

14 Follow after love, and earnestly desire spiritual things, and especially that you may prophesy. 2For the one who speaks in another language speaks not to people, but to God; for no one understands; but in the Spirit he speaks mysteries. 3But he who prophesies speaks to people for their encouragement, strengthening, and comfort. 4He who speaks in another language edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. 5Now I would like you all to speak in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy, and[d] he is greater who prophesies than he who speaks with other languages, unless he interprets, that the church may be built up.

6But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking with other languages, what would I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or

[a]12:31 M TR read “best” instead of “greater”
[b]13:3 NU (p46 Aleph A B 048 33 1739* sa bo; Hier(Mss)). M TR (C D F G L 81 630 1881* al {Byz} Lect Latt vg syr(p.h) eth goth; Tert, Ambst, Hier(Mss)) read “to be burned” instead of “so that I may boast”
[c]13:10 M TR add “then,” possibly lost from homoioarcton: to-to
[d]14:5 M TR read “for” instead of “and”

of prophesying, or of teaching? 7Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they did not give a distinction in the sounds, how would it be known what is piped or harped? 8For if the trumpet gave an uncertain sound, who would prepare himself for war? 9So also you, unless you uttered by the tongue words easy to understand, how would it be known what is spoken? For you would be speaking into the air. 10There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none[a] is without meaning. 11If then I do not know the meaning of the sound, I would be to him who speaks a foreigner, and he who speaks would be a foreigner to me. 12So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, seek that you may abound to the building up of the church. 13Therefore let him who speaks in another language pray that he may interpret. 14For if I pray in another language, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

15What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16Otherwise if you bless with the spirit, how will he who fills the place of the unlearned say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, seeing he does not know what you say? 17For you truly give thanks well, but the other person is not built up. 18I thank[b] God I speak in tongues more than you all. 19However in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in another language.

20Brothers, do not be children in thoughts, yet in malice be babies, but in thoughts be mature. 21In the law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people; but even then they will not listen to me," says the Lord.[c] 22Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the unbelieving; but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to those who believe. 23If therefore the whole church is assembled together and all speak in tongues, and unlearned or unbelieving people come in, won't they say that you are crazy? 24But if all prophesy, and someone unbelieving or unlearned comes in, he is reproved by all, and he is judged by all. 25And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed. So he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is among you indeed.

26What is it then, brothers? When you come together, each one[d] has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has another language, has an interpretation. Let

[a]14:10 M adds "of them"
[b]14:18 M TR add "my"
[c]14:21 Isaiah 28:11-12
[d]14:26 M TR (Aleph(2) D F G K L P Psi 104 1505 2464 al. Byz Latt vg syr arm goth) add "of you," possibly lost from aural haplography: mwn-mon

all things be done to build each other up. 27If anyone speaks in another language, let it be two, or at the most three, and in turn; and let one interpret. 28But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church, and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29Let the prophets speak, two or three, and let the others discern. 30But if a revelation is made to another sitting by, let the first keep silent. 31For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. 32The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, 33for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, 34let the women[a] keep silent in the churches, for it has not been permitted for them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as the Law also says. 35If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home, for it is shameful for a woman to chatter in the church. 36What? Was it from you that the word of God went out? Or did it come to you alone? 37If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him recognize the things which I write to you, that they are the commandment of the Lord. 38But if someone does not recognize this[b], he is not recognized. 39Therefore, my brothers, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. 40Let all things be done decently and in order.

15 Now I declare to you, brothers, the Good News which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, 2by which also you are saved, if you hold firmly the word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:

that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,
4that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third
day according to the
Scriptures,
5and that he appeared to
Cephas, then to the twelve.
6After that he appeared to over
five hundred brothers at
once, most of whom
remain until now, but
some have also fallen
asleep.
7After that he appeared to
James, then to all the
apostles,
8and last of all, as to the child
born at the wrong time, he
appeared to me also.

9For I am the least of the apostles, who is not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am. His grace

[a]14:34 M TR read "your" instead of "the"

[b]M TR read "is ignorant" instead of "does not recognize this"

which was bestowed on me was not
futile, but I worked more than all of
them; yet not I, but the grace of
God which was with me. 11Whether
then it was I or they, this is what we
preach, and this is what you
believed.

12Now if Christ is preached,
that he has been raised from the
dead, how do some among you say
that there is no resurrection of the
dead? 13But if there is no
resurrection of the dead, neither has
Christ been raised. 14If Christ has
not been raised, then our preaching
is in vain, and your faith also is in
vain. 15Yes, we are found false
witnesses of God, because we
testified about God that he raised
up Christ, whom he did not raise
up, if it is so that the dead are not
raised. 16For if the dead are not
raised, neither has Christ been
raised. 17If Christ has not been
raised, your faith is vain; you are
still in your sins. 18Then they also
who are fallen asleep in Christ have
perished. 19If we have only hoped
in Christ in this life, we are of all
people most to be pitied.
20But now Christ has been raised
from the dead,[a] the first fruits of
those who are asleep. 21For since
death came by a man, the
resurrection of the dead also came
by a man. 22For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ all will be made
alive. 23But each in his own order:
Christ the first fruits, then those
who are Christ's, at his coming.
24Then the end comes, when he will
deliver up the kingdom to God,
even the Father; when he will have
abolished all rule and all authority
and power. 25For he must reign
until he has put all his enemies
under his feet. 26The last enemy
that will be abolished is death.
27For, "He put[b] all things under his
feet."[c] But when he says, "all
things" are put under, it is evident
that the one who put all things
under is the exception. 28When all
things have been subjected to him,
then the Son will also himself be
subjected to him who subjected all
things to him, that God may be all
in all. 29Or else what will they do
who are baptized for the dead? If
the dead are not raised at all, why
then are they baptized for them[d]?
30Why do we also stand in jeopardy
every hour? 31I affirm, brothers,[e] by
the boasting in you which I have in
Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
32If I fought with animals at
Ephesus for human purposes, what
does it profit me? If the dead are not
raised, then "let us eat and drink,
for tomorrow we die."[f] 33Do not be
deceived: "Bad company corrupts
good morals."[g] 34Become sober-
minded, and do not sin, for some
are ignorant about God. I say this to
your shame. 35But someone will
say, "How are the dead raised?"
and, "With what kind of body do

[a]15:20 M TR add "he became"
[b]15:27 Or, "subjected"
[c]15:27 Psalm 8:6
[d]15:29 M TR read "the dead" instead of "them"
[e]15:31 M TR lack "brothers"
[f]15:32 Isaiah 22:13
[g]15:33 From the Greek play "Thais," 218, by Menander (342-291 BC)

they come?" 36You foolish one, that which you yourself sow is not made alive unless it dies. 37That which you sow, you do not sow the body that will be, but a bare grain, maybe of wheat, or of some other kind. 38But God gives it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its own. 39All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of humans, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. 40There are also celestial bodies, and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial differs from that of the terrestrial. 41There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. 42So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. 43It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is also a spiritual body.

45So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul."[a] The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46However that which is spiritual is not first, but that which is natural, then that which is spiritual. 47The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is[b] from heaven. 48As is the one made of dust, such are those who are also made of dust; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49As we have borne the image of those made of dust, let us[c] also bear the image of the heavenly. 50Now I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

51Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54But when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory."[d]

55"Death, where is your victory?
Death[e], where is your
sting?"[f]

56The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord

[a]15:45 Genesis 2:7
[b]15:47 M TR add "the Lord"
[c]15:49 Text: p46 Aleph A C D F G Psi 075 0243 33 1739 Byz latt vg cop(bo); Mcion(T) Ir(lat) Cl Or(gr.lat) Meth. NU (B I 630 1881 syr(p) cop(sa) eth; GrNz Did) reads "we will"
[d]15:54 Isaiah 25:8
[e]15:55 M TR read "Hades/Sheol" instead of "Death"
[f]15:55 Hosea 13:14

Jesus Christ. [58]Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I commanded the churches of Galatia, you do likewise. [2]On the first day of the week, let each one of you save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. [3]When I arrive, I will send whoever you approve with letters to carry your gracious gift to Jerusalem. [4]If it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with me. [5]But I will come to you when I have passed through Macedonia, for I am passing through Macedonia. [6]But with you it may be that I will stay, or even winter, that you may send me on my journey wherever I go. [7]For I do not wish to see you now in passing, but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. [8]But I will stay at Ephesus until Pentecost,[a] [9]for a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries. [10]Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear, for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. [11]Therefore let no one despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brothers.

[12]Now concerning Apollos, the brother, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brothers; and it was not at all his desire to come now; but he will come when he has an opportunity.

[13]Watch. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. [14]Let all that you do be done in love.

[15]Now I appeal to you, brothers (you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have set themselves to serve the saints), [16]that you also be in subjection to such, and to everyone who helps in the work and labors. [17]I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus; for that which was lacking on your part, they supplied. [18]For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge those who are like that.

[19]The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you much in the Lord, together with the church that is in their house. [20]All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.
[21]This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. [22]If anyone does not love the Lord,[b] a curse be on him.[c] Our Lord, come.[d] [23]The grace of the Lord Jesus[e] be with you. [24]My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.[f]

[a]16:8 Hebrew: "Shavuot"
[b]16:22 M TR add "Jesus Christ"
[c]16:22 Greek: anathema
[d]16:22 Aramaic: Maranatha.
[e]16:23 M TR add "Christ"
[f]16:24 M TR add "Amen"

2Corinthians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: [2]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; [4]who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. [5]For as the sufferings of Christ abound to us, even so our comfort also abounds through Christ. [6]But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. [7]Our hope for you is steadfast, knowing that, since you are partakers of the sufferings, so also are you of the comfort. [8]For we do not desire to have you uninformed, brothers, concerning our affliction which happened[a] in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, so much that we despaired even of life. [9]Yes, we ourselves have had the sentence of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead, [10]who delivered us out of so great a death, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will also deliver us again; [11]you also helping together on our behalf by your petition; that, for the gift bestowed on us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our[b] behalf. [12]For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that with pure motives[c] and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God we conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you. [13]For we write no other things to you, than what you read or even acknowledge, and I hope you will fully acknowledge; [14]as also you acknowledged us in part, that we are your boasting, even as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus. [15]In this confidence, I was determined to come first to you, that you might have a second benefit; [16]and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and to

[a]1:8 M TR add “to us”

[b]1:11 M reads “your” instead of “our”

[c]1:12 The two variants, “pure motives” (Aleph(c) D F G L 104 614 1241 1505 2495 Byz Lect Lat vg syr(p.h); Ambst, Chr, Pel) and “holiness” (p46 Aleph* A B C K P Psi 0121 0243 33 1739 1881 al lat(r) sa bo; Cl, Or, Did), have only a two letter difference. The former, “pure motives” seems to fit the context better and is a Pauline word while the other Greek variant is not

be sent forward by you on my journey to Judea. 17When I therefore was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the "Yes, yes" and the "No, no?" 18But as God is faithful, our word toward you is[a] not "Yes and no." 19For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, by me, Silvanus, and Timothy, was not "Yes and no," but in him is "Yes." 20For however many are the promises of God, in him[b] they are "Yes." Therefore also through him they are "Amen," to the glory of God through us.

21Now he who establishes us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God; 22who also sealed us, and gave us the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts. 23But I call God as a witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth. 24Not that we rule over your faith, but are fellow workers with you for your joy. For you stand firm in faith.

2 For[c] I determined this for myself, that I would not come to you again in sorrow. 2For if I make you sorry, then who will make me glad but he who is made sorry by me? 3And I wrote this very thing[d], so that, when I came, I would not have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy would be shared by all of you. 4For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears, not that you should be made sorry, but that you might know the love that I have so abundantly for you. 5But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I not press too heavily) to you all. 6Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the many; 7so that on the contrary you should rather[e] forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow. 8Therefore I urge you to confirm your love toward him. 9For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things. 10Now I also forgive whomever you forgive anything. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, 11that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

12Now when I came to Troas for the Good News of Christ, and when a door was opened to me in the Lord, 13I had no relief for my spirit, because I did not find Titus, my brother, but taking my leave of them, I went out into Macedonia. 14Now thanks be to God, who

[a]1:18 M TR read "was" instead of "is"
[b]1:20 Syr reads "Christ" instead of "him"
[c]2:1 M TR read "But"
[d]2:3 M TR add "to you"
[e]2:7 A B syr(p) lack "rather" from haplography by homoioteleuton: on-on

always leads us in triumph in Christ, and reveals through us the sweet aroma of his knowledge in every place. [15]For we are a sweet aroma of Christ to God, in those who are saved, and in those who perish; [16]to the one a stench from death to death; to the other a sweet aroma from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? [17]For we are not, like so many, peddling the word of God. But as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

3 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? We do not need, as do some, letters of commendation to you or[a] from you, do we? [2]You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by everyone; [3]being revealed that you are a letter of Christ, served by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone, but in tablets that are hearts of flesh. [4]Such confidence we have through Christ toward God; [5]not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God; [6]who also made us sufficient as servants of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. [7]But if the service of death, written engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly on the face of Moses for the glory of his face; which was passing away: [8]won't service of the Spirit be with much more glory? [9]For if the service of condemnation has glory, the service of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. [10]For truly that which has been made glorious has not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the glory that surpasses. [11]For if that which passes away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

[12]Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, [13]and not as Moses, who put a veil on his face, that the children of Israel would not look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away. [14]But their minds were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains, because in Christ it passes away. [15]But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. [16]But whenever one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. [17]Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. [18]But we all, with unveiled face looking as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we do not faint. [2]But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God

[a]3:1 M TR add "of recommendation"

deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3Even if our Good News is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing; 4in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so they would not see the light of the glorious Good News of Christ, who is the image of God. 5For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus[a] as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves because of Jesus. 6For it is God, who spoke for light to shine out of darkness,[b] who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.[c]

7But we have this treasure in clay vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves. 8We are pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not to despair; 9pursued, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed; 10always carrying in the body the death of[d] Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. 12So then death works in us, but life in you. 13But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke."[e] We also believe, and therefore also we speak; 14knowing that he who raised the Lord[f] Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will present us with you. 15For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. 16Therefore we do not become discouraged, but even though our outer nature is wearing away, yet our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this momentary light affliction is working for us a far more exceeding and everlasting weight of glory; 18while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are

[a]4:5 Text: B H K L Psi 049 0186 0209 0243 33 104 218 365 630 1175 1241 1319 1563 1573 1739 1874 1877 1881 2400 2464 Byz lat(ar.b) syr(p); Mcion, Pel. NU (p46 Aleph A C D (F G) P 81 326 629 1505 1735 2495 lat syr(h); Ambst) reads "Jesus Christ"

[b]4:6 Cf. Genesis 1:3

[c]4:6 Text: A B 33 (sa) arm(Mss); Mcion, Tert (Or, Ath, Chr), Ad, reading xu "Christ." NU (p46(ihu xru) Aleph C H K L P Psi 049 056 075 0142 0209 Byz lat(t) vg(Mss) syr(p.h) bo arm(Mss) goth) reads iu xu "Jesus Christ" (with "Jesus" in brackets). D F G(xru iu) 0243 630 1881 lat(d.g) vg; Ambst read xu iu "Christ Jesus"

[d]4:10 M TR add "the Lord"

[e]4:13 Psalm 116:10

[f]4:14 NU (Aleph C D F G K L P Psi 075 0150 614 1241 1881 al. Byz Lect lat(b.d.f.g.o) vg(Mss) syr(p,h*) bo(Mss) eth geo2 goth slav; Chr(1/2)). p46 B (0243 33) 629 (630) 1175* (1739) pc lat(r) vg sa bo(Ms) arm; (Chr(1/2)) lack "Lord" from haplography by homoioteleuton: on-on

temporal, but the things which are not seen are everlasting.

5 For we know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, everlasting, in the heavens. [2]For truly in this we groan, longing to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, [3]since, after we have put it on, we will not be found naked. [4]For indeed we who are in this tent do groan, being burdened; not that we desire to be unclothed, but that we desire to be clothed, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. [5]Now he who made us for this very thing is God, who also gave to us the down payment of the Spirit.

[6]Therefore, we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord; [7]for we walk by faith, not by sight. [8]We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. [9]Therefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well pleasing to him. [10]For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. [11]Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade people, but we are revealed to God; and I hope that we are revealed also in your consciences. [12]For we are not commending ourselves to you again, but speak as giving you occasion of boasting on our behalf, that you may have something to answer those who boast in appearance, and not in heart. [13]For if we are out of control, it is for God. If we are in a reasonable way, it is for you. [14]For the love of Christ constrains us; because we judge thus, that one died for all, therefore all died. [15]He died for all, that those who live should no longer live to themselves, but to him who for their sakes died and rose again. [16]Therefore we know no one after the flesh from now on. Even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we no longer know him in this way. [17]Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Look, new things have come.[a] [18]But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation; [19]namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and having committed to us the word of reconciliation. [20]We are therefore ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; so that

[a]5:17 M TR read "all things have become new," where "all" may have been lost in Mss from an early haplogtaphy: ta-ta, and restored incorrectly in other Mss

in him we might become the
righteousness of God.

6 Working together, we
entreat also that you not
receive the grace of
God in vain, [2]for he says,
"At an acceptable time I listened
to you,
and in a day of salvation I helped
you."[a]

Look, now is the "acceptable
time." Look, now is the "day of
salvation." [3]We give no occasion of
stumbling in anything, that our
service may not be blamed, [4]but in
everything commending ourselves,
as servants of God, in great
endurance, in afflictions, in
hardships, in distresses, [5]in
beatings, in imprisonments, in
riots, in labors, in watchings, in
fastings; [6]in pureness, in
knowledge, in patience, in
kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in
sincere love, [7]in the word of truth,
in the power of God; by the armor
of righteousness on the right hand
and on the left, [8]by glory and
dishonor, by evil report and good
report; as deceivers, and yet true;
[9]as unknown, and yet well known;
as dying, and look, we live; as
punished, and not killed; [10]as
sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as
poor, yet making many rich; as
having nothing, and yet possessing
all things.

[11]Our mouth is open to you,
Corinthians. Our heart is enlarged.
[12]You are not restricted by us, but
you are restricted by your own
affections. [13]Now in return, I speak
as to my children, you also be open
wide. [14]Do not be unequally yoked
with unbelievers, for what
fellowship have righteousness and
iniquity? Or what fellowship has
light with darkness? [15]What
agreement has Christ with Belial?
Or what portion has a believer with
an unbeliever? [16]What agreement
has a temple of God with idols? For
we[b] are a temple of the living God.
Even as God said, "I will dwell in
them, and walk in them; and I will
be their God, and they will be my
people."[c] [17]Therefore,
"'Go out from their midst,
and be separate,' says the
Lord,
'and touch no unclean thing,'
and I will receive you.[d]
[18]And I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and
daughters,"[e]
says the Lord of hosts.

7 Having therefore these
promises, beloved, let
us cleanse ourselves
from all defilement of flesh and
spirit, perfecting holiness in the
fear of God. [2]Open your hearts to
us. We wronged no one. We
corrupted no one. We took
advantage of no one. [3]I say this not
to condemn you, for I have said

[a]6:2 Isaiah 49:8
[b]6:16 M TR read "you" instead of "we"
[c]6:16 Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 32:38; Ezekiel 37:27
[d]6:17 Isaiah 52:11; Ezekiel 20:34,41
[e]6:18 2 Samuel 7:14; Isaiah 43:6

before, that you are in our hearts to die together and live together. 4Great is my boldness of speech toward you. Great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I overflow with joy in all our affliction. 5For even when we had come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were afflicted on every side. Fightings were outside. Fear was inside. 6Nevertheless, he who comforts the lowly, God, comforted us by the coming of Titus; 7and not by his coming only, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, while he told us of your longing, your mourning, and your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced still more.

8For though I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I see that my letter made you sorry, though just for a while. 9I now rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you were made sorry to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly way, that you might suffer loss by us in nothing. 10For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world works death. 11For look at this very thing, that you were made sorry in a godly way. What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what vindication. In everything you proved yourselves to be innocent in the matter. 12So although I wrote to you, I wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be revealed in you in the sight of God. 13Therefore we have been comforted. In our[a] comfort we rejoiced the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14For if in anything I have boasted to him on your behalf, I was not disappointed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, so our glorying also which I made before Titus was found to be truth. 15His affection is more abundantly toward you, while he remembers all of your obedience, how with fear and trembling you received him. 16I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage concerning you.

8 Moreover, brothers, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia; 2how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. 3For according to their power, I testify, yes and beyond their power, they gave of their own accord, 4begging us with much entreaty to receive this grace and the fellowship in the service to the saints. 5This was not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own

[a]7:13 M TR read “your” instead of “our”

selves to the Lord, and to us through the will of God. [6]So we urged Titus, that as he made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace. [7]But as you abound in everything, in faith, utterance, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love from us that is in you,[a] see that you also abound in this grace. [8]I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love. [9]For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich. [10]I give a judgment in this: for this is expedient for you, who were the first to start a year ago, not only to do, but also to be willing. [11]But now complete the doing also, that as there was the readiness to be willing, so there may be the completion also out of your ability. [12]For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you do not have. [13]For this is not that others may be eased and you distressed, [14]but for equality. Your abundance at this present time supplies their lack, that their abundance also may become a supply for your lack; that there may be equality. [15]As it is written, "He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack."[b]

[16]But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. [17]For he indeed accepted our exhortation, but being himself very earnest, he went out to you of his own accord. [18]We have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the Good News is known through all the churches. [19]Not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in this grace, which is served by us to the glory of the Lord himself, and to show our readiness. [20]We are avoiding this, that no one should blame us concerning this abundance which is administered by us. [21]For we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of others. [22]We have sent with them our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence which he has in you. [23]As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. As for our brothers, they are apostles of the churches, the glory of Christ. [24]Therefore show the proof of your love to them in front of the churches, and of our boasting about you.

9 It is indeed unnecessary for me to write to you concerning the service to the saints, [2]for I know your readiness, of which I boast on your behalf to them of Macedonia, that Achaia has been prepared for a year

[a]8:7 M TR read "your love to us"

[b]8:15 Exodus 16:18

past. Your zeal has stirred up very
many of them. 3But I have sent the
brothers that our boasting on your
behalf may not be in vain in this
respect, that, just as I said, you may
be prepared, 4so that I won't by any
means, if there come with me any
of Macedonia and find you
unprepared, we (to say nothing of
you) should be disappointed in this
confidence[a]. 5I thought it necessary
therefore to entreat the brothers that
they would go before to you, and
arrange ahead of time the generous
gift that you promised before, that
the same might be ready as a matter
of generosity, and not of
greediness. 6Remember this: he
who sows sparingly will also reap
sparingly. He who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully. 7Each
person should give according as he
has determined in his heart; not
grudgingly, or under compulsion;
for God loves a cheerful giver.
8And God is able to make all grace
abound to you, that you, always
having all sufficiency in
everything, may abound to every
good work. 9As it is written,

"He has scattered, he has given to
the poor;
his righteousness endures
forever."[b]

10Now[c] he who supplies seed
to the sower and bread for food,
will supply and multiply your seed
for sowing, and increase the fruits
of your righteousness; 11you being
enriched in everything to all
liberality, which works through us
thanksgiving to God. 12For this
service of giving that you perform
not only makes up for lack among
the saints, but abounds also through
many thanksgivings to God;
13seeing that through the proof
given by this service, they glorify
God for the obedience of your
confession to the Good News of
Christ, and for the liberality of your
contribution to them and to all;
14while they themselves also, with
petition on your behalf, yearn for
you by reason of the exceeding
grace of God in you. 15Thanks[d] be
to God for his inexpressible gift.

10 Now I Paul, myself,
entreat you by the
humility and
gentleness of Christ; I who in your
presence am lowly among you, but
being absent am of good courage
toward you. 2But I implore you that
when I am present I may not have
to be bold with the confidence with
which I intend on showing against
some, who consider us to be
walking according to the flesh. 3For
though we walk in the flesh, we do
not wage war according to the
flesh; 4for the weapons of our
warfare are not of the flesh, but
mighty in God for the tearing down
of strongholds, 5throwing down
imaginations and every high thing
that is exalted against the
knowledge of God, and bringing
every thought into captivity to the
obedience of Christ; 6and being in

[a]9:4 M TR add "of boasting"
[b]9:9 Psalm 112:9
[c]9:10 M TR add "may"
[d]9:15 M TR add "And/But

readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience will be made full. [7]Do you look at things only as they appear in front of your face? If anyone trusts in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also we are Christ's. [8]For though I should boast somewhat abundantly concerning our authority, (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for casting you down) I will not be disappointed, [9]that I may not seem as if I desire to terrify you by my letters. [10]For, "His letters," they say, "are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is despised." [11]Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such are we also in deed when we are present. [12]For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding. [13]But we will not boast beyond proper limits, but within the boundaries with which God appointed to us, which reach even to you. [14]For we do not stretch ourselves too much, as though we did not reach to you. For we came even as far as to you with the Good News of Christ, [15]not boasting excessively in the work done by others, but having hope that as your faith grows, we will be abundantly enlarged by you in our sphere of influence, [16]so as to preach the Good News even to the regions beyond you, not to boast in what someone else has already done. [17]But "he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord."[a] [18]For it is not he who commends himself who is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

11 I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness, but indeed you do bear with me. [2]For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I married you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. [3]But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve[b] in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the sincerity and purity[c] that is in Christ. [4]For if he who comes preaches another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or if you receive a different spirit, which you did not receive, or a different "good news", which you did not accept, you put up with that well enough. [5]For I reckon that I am not at all behind the very best apostles. [6]Even though I am unskilled in speech, I am not unskilled in knowledge. But in every way we have made this

[a]10:17 Jeremiah 9:24

[b]11:3 MT Hebrew vocalization: Havah (Khavah). Gk Eua. Ancient Greek did not have the /h/ sound, and sometimes dropped the /kh/ sound (Kheuah > Eua). The traditional English name Eve is from Old English Efe, from Late Latin Eva

[c]11:3 M TR lack "and purity" from homoioteleuton: otetos-otetos

known[a] to you in all things. [7]Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached to you God's Good News free of charge? [8]I robbed other churches, taking wages from them that I might serve you. [9]When I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden on anyone, for the brothers, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my need. In everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and I will continue to do so. [10]As the truth of Christ is in me, no one will stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. [11]Why? Because I do not love you? God knows. [12]But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them that desire an occasion, that in which they boast, they may be found even as we. [13]For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles. [14]And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light. [15]It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

[16]I say again, let no one think me foolish. But if so, yet receive me as foolish, that I also may boast a little. [17]That which I speak, I do not speak according to the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. [18]Seeing that many boast after the flesh, I will also boast. [19]For you bear with the foolish gladly, being wise. [20]For you put up with it if someone makes slaves of you, if someone exploits you, if someone takes advantage of you, if someone exalts himself, if someone strikes you on the face. [21]I speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet however any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also. [22]Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. [23]Are they servants of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I am more so; in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. [24]Five times from the Jews I received forty stripes minus one. [25]Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I suffered shipwreck. I have been a night and a day in the deep. [26]I have been in travels often, perils of rivers, perils of robbers, perils from my countrymen, perils from those who are not Jews, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, perils in the sea, perils among false brothers; [27]in labor and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, and in cold and nakedness.

[28]Besides those things that are outside, there is that which presses on me daily, anxiety for all the churches. [29]Who is weak, and I

[a]11:6 M TR read "we have been made known" instead of "we have made this known"

am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? 30If I must boast, I will boast of the things that concern my weakness. 31The God and Father of the Lord Jesus,[a] he who is blessed forevermore, knows that I do not lie. 32In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, desiring[b] to arrest me. 33Through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.

12 It is necessary to boast[c], though it is not profitable. But I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows), such a one was caught up into the third heaven. 3I know such a man (whether in the body, or apart[d] from the body, I do not know; God knows), 4how he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a human to utter. 5On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. 6For if I would desire to boast, I will not be foolish; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than that which he sees in me, or hears from me. 7And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, therefore, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to pound away at me, to keep me from exalting myself. 8Concerning this thing, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for[e] power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.

10Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then am I strong. 11I have become foolish[f]. You compelled me, for I ought to have been commended by you, for in nothing was I inferior to the very best apostles, though I am nothing. 12Truly the signs of an apostle were worked among you in all patience, in signs and wonders and mighty works. 13For what is there in which

[a]11:31 M TR add "Christ"
[b]11:32 Text: (Aleph D(2) H K L P Ψ 049 075 0121 0150 0243 33 81 218 424 1175 1241 1243 1319 1563 1573 1735 1874 1877 1881 1962 2200 2400 2464 Byz Lect geo slav; Chr). NU (B D* lat(ar.b.d.f.o) vg syr(p) cop(sa); Eus) lacks "desiring" from homoioteleuton: -wn-wn, after the word order had changed in an early copy
[c]12:1 M TR read "It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast" instead of "It is necessary for me to boast"
[d]12:3 M TR read "outside of" instead of "apart from"
[e]12:9 M TR add "my"
[f]12:11 M TR add "in boasting"

you were made inferior to the rest of the churches, unless it is that I myself was not a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong.

14 Look, for the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I seek not what is yours, but you. For the children ought not to save up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 15 I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the less? 16 But be it so, I did not myself burden you. But, being crafty, I caught you with deception. 17 Did I take advantage of you by anyone of them whom I have sent to you? 18 I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? Did not we walk in the same spirit? Did not we walk in the same steps? 19 Have you been thinking all this time[a] that we have been defending ourselves before you? In the sight of God we speak in Christ; and all things, beloved, are for your edifying. 20 For I am afraid that by any means, when I come, I might find you not the way I want to, and that I might be found by you as you do not desire; that by any means there would be strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, whisperings, proud thoughts, riots; 21 that again when I come my God would humble me before you, and I would mourn for many of those who have sinned before now, and not repented of the uncleanness and sexual immorality and lustfulness which they committed.

13 This is the third time I am coming to you. "At the mouth of two or three witnesses will every word be established."[b] 2 I have said beforehand, and I do say beforehand, as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent,[c] to those who have sinned before now, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; 3 seeing that you seek a proof of Christ who speaks in me; who toward you is not weak, but is powerful in you. 4 For indeed[d] he was crucified through weakness, yet he lives through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with him through the power of God toward you. 5 Test your own selves, whether you are in the faith. Test your own selves. Or do you not know as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is[e] in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified. 6 But I hope that you will know that we are not disqualified.

[a] 12:19 M TR read "Again" instead of "all this time"
[b] 13:1 Deuteronomy 19:15
[c] 13:2 M TR add "I write"
[d] 13:4 M TR read "even since" instead of "indeed"
[e] 13:5 Text: Aleph A D(1) G K L P Psi 049 0243 69 218 1243 1319 1505 1563 1573 1735 1739 1874 1877 1881 1962 2400 al Byz Latt vg (sa bo) arm goth; Chr, Thret. NU (p46 B D* 33; Cl) lacks "is" from haplography: in_e-in_e

[7]Now we[a] pray to God that you do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that you may do that which is honorable, though we are as reprobate. [8]For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. [9]For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. And this we also pray for, even your perfecting. [10]For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not deal sharply when present, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for tearing down.

[11]Finally, brothers, rejoice. Be perfected, be comforted, be of the same mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. [12]Greet one another with a holy kiss. [13]All the saints greet you. [14]The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.[b]

Galatians

1 Paul, an apostle (not from humans, nor through humans, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead), [2]and all the brothers who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: [3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the[c] Lord Jesus Christ, [4]who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father—[5]to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

[6]I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you by the grace of Christ[d] to a different "good news"; [7]and there is not another "good news." Only there are some who trouble you, and want to pervert the Good News of Christ. [8]But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a "good news" other than that which we preached to you, let him be cursed. [9]As we have said before, so I now say again: if anyone preaches to you a "good news" other than that which you received, let him be cursed. [10]For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? For if I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. [11]But I make known to you, brothers, concerning the Good News which was preached by me, that it is not of human origin. [12]For neither did I receive it from a human, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ. [13]For

[a]13:7 M TR read "I" instead of "we"
[b]13:14 M TR add "Amen"
[c]1:3 NU (Aleph A P Psi 33 81 326 365 2464 three lat al) . M TR (p46 p51(vid) B D F G H K 1739 1881 al Byz lat vg syr(p.h.pal) sa bo(Mss) arm eth) read "the Father and our" instead of "our Father and the"
[d]1:6 p46(vid) F* G H(vid) lat(ar.b); Tert Cyp, Ambst, Pel, omit "Christ". These Mss are mostly the Western textual strand

you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism,[a] how I severely persecuted the church of God, and tried to destroy it. [14]I advanced in Judaism[b] beyond many of my own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. [15]But when God,[c] who had set me apart from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace, was pleased [16]to reveal his Son to me, that I might preach him among those who are not Jewish, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, [17]nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia. Then I returned to Damascus. [18]Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Cephas[d] and get information from him,[e] and stayed with him fifteen days. [19]But of the other apostles I saw no one, except James, the Lord's brother. [20]Now about the things which I write to you, look, before God, I'm not lying. [21]Then I came to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. [22]I was still unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ, [23]but they only heard: "He who once persecuted us now preaches the faith that he once tried to destroy." [24]And they glorified God because of me.

2 Then after a period of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. [2]I went up by revelation, and I explained to them the Good News which I preach among those who are not Jewish, but privately before those who were respected, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. [3]But not even Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. [4]This was because of the false brothers secretly brought in, who stole in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage; [5]to whom we gave no place in the way of subjection, not for an hour, that the truth of the Good News might continue with you. [6]But from those who were reputed to be important (whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows no favoritism between people)—they, I say, who were respected imparted nothing to me, [7]but to the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the Good News for the uncircumcision, even as Peter with the Good News for the circumcision [8](for he who appointed Peter to be an apostle of the circumcision appointed me also to the non-Jews); [9]and when they

[a]1:13 Or, "traditional Judaism"
[b]1:14 Ibid
[c]1:15 NU (Aleph A D K L P Psi 33 81 049 056 075 33 1241 1739 al. Byz Lect lat(d) syr(h+.pal) sa bo arm eth geo slav; Ir(lat)1/2, Or(gr.lat), Eus, Adam, PsAth, Basil). p46 B F G 0150 2495 lat(ar.b.f.g.o) vg syr(p); Ir(lat1/2.arm), Epiph, Theoph(lat), Thret(2/4) lack "God" from haplography: o-o
[d]1:18 M TR read "Peter" instead of "Cephas"
[e]1:18 Gk. historio. Cf. L&N 34.52

perceived the grace that was given to me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the non-Jews, and they to the circumcised. [10]They only asked us to remember the poor—which very thing I was also zealous to do.

[11]But when Cephas[a] came to Antioch, I resisted him to his face, because he stood condemned. [12]For before some people came from James, he ate with those who were not Jewish. But when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. [13]And the rest of the Jewish believers joined him in his hypocrisy; so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. [14]But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly according to the truth of the Good News, I said to Cephas[b] before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live as the non-Jews do, and not as the Jews do, how can you compel the non-Jews to live as the Jews do?

[15]"We, being Jews by birth, and not non-Jewish sinners, [16]yet knowing that no one is justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law. [17]But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a servant of sin? Certainly not. [18]For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a law-breaker. [19]For I, through the law, died to the law, that I might live to God. [20]I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me. That life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. [21]I do not make void the grace of God. For if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nothing."

3 Foolish Galatians, who has cunningly deceived[c] you,[d] before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth[e] as crucified? [2]I just want to learn this from you. Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? [3]Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now completed in the flesh? [4]Did you suffer so many things in vain, if it is indeed in vain? [5]He therefore who supplies the Spirit to you, and works miracles among you, does he do it by the works of the law, or by hearing of faith? [6]Even as Abraham "believed God, and it was credited

[a]2:11 M TR read "Peter" instead of "Cephas"
[b]2:14 Cf. 2:11
[c]3:1 Figuratively. Or, "bewitched"
[d]3:1 NU (Aleph A B D F G 6 33 1739 lat vg syr(p) sa bo). M TR (C Psi 0278 1881 Byz syr(h)) add "not to obey the truth." Cf. 5:7
[e]3:1 M TR add "among you"

to him as righteousness." 7Know
therefore that those who are of
faith, the same are sons of
Abraham. 8The Scripture,
foreseeing that God would justify
the non-Jews by faith, preached the
Good News beforehand to
Abraham, saying, "Through you all
the nations will be blessed."[a] 9So
then, those who are of faith are
blessed with the faithful Abraham.
10For as many as are of the works
of the law are under a curse. For it
is written, "Cursed is everyone who
does not continue in all things that
are written in the book of the law,
to do them."[b] 11Now it is evident
that no one is justified by the law
before God, for, "The righteous
will live by faith."[c] 12The law is not
of faith, but, "The one who does
them will live by them."[d]
13Christ redeemed us from the
curse of the law, having become a
curse for us. For it is written,
"Cursed is everyone who hangs on
a tree,"[e] 14that the blessing of
Abraham might come on the non-
Jews through Christ Jesus; that we
might receive the promise of the
Spirit through faith. 15Brothers, I
am speaking in human terms.
Though it is only a human
covenant, once it has been ratified,
no one annuls it or adds to it. 16Now
the promises were spoken to
Abraham and to his offspring.[f] He
does not say, "And to offsprings,"
as of many, but as of one, "And to
your offspring,"[g] which is Christ.
17Now I say this: the law, which
came four hundred thirty years
later, does not annul a covenant
previously ratified by God,[h] so as to
cancel the promise. 18For if the
inheritance is of the law, it is no
more of promise; but God has
granted it to Abraham by promise.

19What then is the law? It was
added because of transgressions,
until the offspring should come to
whom the promise has been made.
It was ordained through angels by
the hand of a mediator. 20Now a
mediator is not between one, but
God is one. 21Is the law then against
the promises of God? Certainly not.
For if there had been a law given
which could give life, most
certainly righteousness would have
been of the law. 22But the
Scriptures imprisoned all things
under sin, that the promise by faith
in Jesus Christ might be given to
those who believe. 23But before
faith came, we were kept in custody
under the law, confined for the faith
which should afterwards be
revealed. 24So that the law was our
guardian to bring us to Christ, that
we might be justified by faith. 25But
now that faith has come, we are no
longer under a guardian. 26For you
are all sons of God, through faith in
Christ Jesus. 27For as many of you
as were baptized into Christ have
put on Christ. 28There is neither
Jew nor Greek, there is neither
slave nor free, there is neither male

[a]3:8 Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18
[b]3:10 Deuteronomy 27:26
[c]3:11 Habakkuk 2:4
[d]3:12 Leviticus 18:5
[e]3:13 Deuteronomy 21:23
[f]3:16 Lit "seed"
[g]3:16 Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 24:7
[h]3:17 M TR add "in Christ"

nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29]If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise.

4 But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, though he is lord of all; [2]but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed by the father. [3]So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental principles of the world. [4]But when the fullness of the time came, God sent out his Son, born to a woman, born under the law, [5]that he might redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive the adoption as sons. [6]And because you are sons, God sent out the Spirit of his Son into our[a] hearts, crying, "Abba, Father." [7]So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God[b]. [8]However at that time, not knowing God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. [9]But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, why do you turn back again to the weak and miserable elemental principles, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? [10]You observe days, months, seasons, and years. [11]I am afraid for you, that I might have wasted my labor for you. [12]I beg you, brothers, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong, [13]but you know that in physical weakness I preached the Good News to you the first time; [14]and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not despise nor reject; but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

[15]Where was the blessing you enjoyed? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. [16]So then, have I become your enemy by telling you the truth? [17]They zealously seek you, but for no good purpose; they desire to alienate you, that you may be zealous for them. [18]But it is always good to be zealous in a good cause, and not only when I am present with you.

[19]My children,[c] of whom I am again in travail until Christ is formed in you—[20]but I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. [21]Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? [22]For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman, and one by the free woman. [23]However, the son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but the son by the free woman was born through promise. [24]These things contain an allegory, for these are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children to slavery, which is Hagar. [25]For this Hagar is

[a]4:6 M TR read "your" instead of "our"
[b]4:7 M TR add "through Christ"
[c]4:19 M TR read "My little children"

Mount Sinai in Arabia and represents Jerusalem that exists now, for she is in slavery with her children. 26But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.[a] 27For it is written,

"Rejoice, you barren who do not bear.
Break forth and shout, you that do not travail.
For more are the children of the desolate than of her who has a husband."[b]

28Now you,[c] brothers, as Isaac was, are children of promise. 29But as then, he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30However what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman will not inherit with the son" of the free woman.[d] 31So then, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

5 Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2Listen, I, Paul, tell you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing. 3Yes, I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4You are alienated from Christ, you who desire to be justified by the law. You have fallen away from grace. 5For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision amounts to anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith working through love. 7You were running well. Who interfered with you that you should not obey the truth? 8This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9A little yeast grows through the whole lump. 10I have confidence toward you in the Lord that you will think no other way. But he who troubles you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11But I, brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been removed. 12I wish that those who disturb you would cut themselves off. 13For you, brothers, were called for freedom. Only do not use your freedom for gain to the flesh, but through love be servants to one another. 14For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, in this: "You are to love your neighbor as yourself."[e] 15But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you do not consume one another. 16But I say, walk by the Spirit, and

[a]4:26 M TR read "the mother of us all" instead of "our mother"
[b]4:27 Isaiah 54:1
[c]4:28 NU (p46 B D* F G 0261vid 0278 33 1739 1881 four lat syr(pal) sa; Ir(lat), Or, Ambst). M TR (Aleph A C K P Psi 062 81 614 2495 al Byz Lect most lat vg syr(p.h) bo arm eth geo goth; Pel)) read "we" instead of "you"
[d]4:30 Genesis 21:10
[e]5:14 Leviticus 19:18

you will not carry out the desires of
the flesh. 17For the flesh lusts
against the Spirit, and the Spirit
against the flesh; and these are
contrary to one another, that you
may not do the things that you
desire. 18But if you are led by the
Spirit, you are not under the law.
19Now the works of the flesh are
obvious, which are:[a] sexual
immorality, uncleanness,
lustfulness, 20idolatry, sorcery,
hatred, strife, jealousies, outbursts
of anger, rivalries, divisions,
heresies, 21envyings, murders,[b]
drunkenness, orgies, and things
like these; of which I forewarn you,
even as I also forewarned you, that
those who practice such things will
not inherit the kingdom of God.
22But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
23gentleness, and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.
24Those who belong to Christ[c] have
crucified the flesh with its passions
and lusts. 25If we live by the Spirit,
let us also walk by the Spirit. 26Let
us not become conceited,
provoking one another, and
envying one another.

6 Brothers, even if
someone is caught in
some wrongdoing, you
who are spiritual must restore such
a one in a spirit of gentleness;
looking to yourself so that you also
are not tempted. 2Bear one
another's burdens, and so you will
fulfill the law of Christ. 3For if
anyone thinks himself to be
something when he is nothing, he
deceives himself. 4But let each one
test his own work, and then he will
take pride in himself and not in his
neighbor. 5For every person will
bear his own load. 6But let him who
is taught in the word share all good
things with him who teaches. 7Do
not be deceived. God is not
mocked, for whatever a person
sows, that he will also reap. 8For he
who sows to his own flesh will
from the flesh reap corruption. But
he who sows to the Spirit will from
the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9Let
us not be weary in doing good, for
we will reap in due season, if we do
not give up. 10So then, as we have
opportunity, let us do what is good
toward all people, and especially
toward those who are of the
household of the faith.

11See with what large letters I
write to you with my own hand.
12As many as desire to make a good
showing in the flesh, they compel
you to be circumcised; only that
they may not be persecuted for the
cross of Christ. 13For even they
who receive circumcision do not
keep the law themselves, but they
desire to have you circumcised, that
they may boast in your flesh. 14But
far be it from me to boast, except in
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the world.

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[a]5:19 M TR add "adultery"
[b]5:21 Some MSS lack "murders" from homoeoteleuton: phthonoi-phonoi. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540
[c]5:24 Some Mss add "Jesus"

15For neither[a] is circumcision
anything, nor uncircumcision, but a
new creation. 16As many as walk by
this rule, peace and mercy be on
them, and on God's Israel. 17From
now on, let no one cause me any
trouble, for I bear the marks of[b]
Jesus branded on my body.

18The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit, brothers.
Amen.

Ephesians

1 Paul, an apostle of
Christ Jesus through
the will of God,
to the saints in Ephesus who are
faithful in Christ Jesus: 2Grace to
you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3Blessed be the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places in Christ; 4even as he chose
us in him before the foundation of
the world, that we would be holy
and without blemish before him in
love; 5having predestined us for
adoption as sons through Jesus
Christ to himself, according to the
good pleasure of his desire, 6to the
praise of the glory of his grace,[c]
which he freely bestowed on us in
the Beloved One, 7in whom we
have our redemption through his
blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches
of his grace, 8which he made to
abound toward us in all wisdom
and prudence, 9making known to us
the mystery of his will, according
to his good pleasure which he
purposed in him 10to an
administration of the fullness of the
times, to sum up all things in
Christ, the things in the heavens,
and the things on the earth, in him;
11in whom also we were assigned
an inheritance, having been
foreordained according to the
purpose of him who works all
things after the counsel of his will;
12to the end that we should be to the
praise of his glory, we who had
before hoped in Christ: 13in whom
you also, having heard the word of
the truth, the Good News of your
salvation,—in whom, having also
believed, you were sealed with the
Holy Spirit of promise, 14who is a
pledge of our inheritance, to the
redemption of God's own
possession, to the praise of his
glory. 15For this cause I also,
having heard of the faith in the
Lord Jesus which is among you,
and the love which you have
toward all the saints, 16do not cease
to give thanks for you, making

[a]6:15 NU (p46 B Psi 33 1175 1505 1739* lat(r) syr(p.pal) sa(Mss) geo(Ms) goth-A; Ambst GrNy Chr). M TR (Aleph A C D F G 0278 Byz lat vg syr(h) sa(Mss) bo geo(Ms); Pel) adds "in Christ Jesus"

[b]6:17 NU (p46 A B C* 33 629 lat(f.t) syr(pal) sa(Ms)). M TR (1881 Byz syr((p))) add "the Lord"

[c]1:6 M TR add "by"

mention of you in my prayers,
17that the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, may
give to you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation in the knowledge of him;
18having the eyes of your heart
enlightened, that you may know
what is the hope of his calling, and
what are the riches of the glory of
his inheritance in the saints, 19and
what is the exceeding greatness of
his power toward us who believe,
according to that working of the
strength of his might 20which he
worked in Christ, when he raised
him from the dead, and made him
to sit at his right hand in the
heavenly places, 21far above all
rule, and authority, and power, and
dominion, and every name that is
named, not only in this age, but also
in that which is to come. 22He put[a]
all things under his feet, and gave
him to be head over all things for
the church, 23which is his body, the
fullness of him who fills all in all.

2 You were made alive
when you were dead in
your[b] transgressions
and sins, 2in which you once
walked according to the course of
this world, according to the prince
of the power of the air, the spirit
who now works in the children of
disobedience; 3among whom we
also all once lived in the lust of our
flesh, doing the desires of the flesh
and of the mind, and were by nature
children of wrath, even as the rest.
4But God, being rich in mercy, for
his great love with which he loved
us, 5even when we were dead
through our trespasses, made us
alive together with Christ[c] (by
grace you have been saved), 6and
raised us up with him, and made us
to sit with him in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus, 7that in the
ages to come he might show the
exceeding riches of his grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus;
8for by grace you have been saved
through faith, and that not of
yourselves; it is the gift of God,
9not of works, that no one would
boast. 10For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God
prepared before that we would
walk in them.

11Therefore remember that
once you, the non-Jews in the flesh,
who are called "uncircumcision"
by that which is called
"circumcision," (in the flesh, made
by hands); 12that you were at that
time separate from Christ, alienated
from the commonwealth of Israel,
and foreigners to the covenants of
the promise, having no hope and
without God in the world. 13But
now in Christ Jesus you who
formerly were far away have been
brought near by the blood of Christ.
14For he is our peace, who made
both one, and broke down the
middle wall of partition, 15having
abolished in the flesh the hostility,
the law of commandments
contained in ordinances, that he

[a]1:22 Or, "subjected"
[b]2:1 M TR omit "your"
[c]2:5 p46 B 33 lat(a) sa bo arm eth geo; MVict Ambst Chr, read "in the Christ"

might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace; [16]and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by which he put to death their enmity. [17]He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace[a] to those who were near. [18]For through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. [19]So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you[b] are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, [20]being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; [21]in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22]in whom you also are built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

3 For this cause I, Paul, am the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you the non-Jews, [2]if it is so that you have heard of the administration of that grace of God which was given me toward you; [3]how that by revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I wrote before in few words, [4]by which, when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; [5]which in other generations was not made known to people,[c] as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; [6]that the non-Jews are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the[d] promise in Christ Jesus through the Good News, [7]of which I was made a servant, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. [8]To me, the very least of all saints, was this grace given, to proclaim to the non-Jews the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9]and to bring to light for all what is the administration[e] of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things[f]; [10]to the intent that now through the church the manifold wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places, [11]according to the purpose of the ages which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; [12]in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him. [13]Therefore I ask that you not be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which is your glory.

[14]For this cause, I bow my knees before the Father,[g] [15]from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16]that he would grant you, according to the riches

[a]2:17 M TR omit "peace"
[b]2:19 M TR omit "you"
[c]3:5 Lit. "the sons of men," a Semitic idiom referring to people
[d]3:6 M TR read "his" instead of "the"
[e]3:9 TR reads "fellowship" instead of "administration"
[f]3:9 M TR add "through Jesus Christ"
[g]3:14 NU (p46 Aleph* A B C P 6 33 81 365 1175 1739 vg(Ms) syr(pal) sa bo eth geo; Or, BasA, Hier). M TR (D F G Psi 0278 1881 Byz lat syr(p.h) arm; Pel) add "of our Lord Jesus Christ"

of his glory, that you may be
strengthened with power through
his Spirit in the inner person; [17]that
Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith; to the end that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
[18]may be strengthened to
comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and
height and depth, [19]and to know
Christ's love which surpasses
knowledge, that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God. [20]Now
to him who is able to do
exceedingly abundantly above all
that we ask or think, according to
the power that works in us, [21]to him
be the glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus to all generations
forever and ever. Amen.

4 I therefore, a prisoner in
the Lord, urge you to
lead a life worthy of the
calling to which you have been
called, [2]with all humility and
gentleness, with patience, bearing
with one another in love; [3]being
eager to keep the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace. [4]There is one
body, and one Spirit, even as you
also were called in one hope of
your calling; [5]one Lord, one faith,
one baptism, [6]one God and Father
of all, who is over all, and through
all, and in[a] all. [7]But to each one of
us was the grace given according to
the measure of the gift of Christ.
[8]Therefore he says, "When he
ascended on high, he led captivity
captive, and[b] gave gifts to people."[c]
[9]Now this, "He ascended," what is
it but that he also[d] descended into
the lower parts of the earth? [10]He
who descended is the one who also
ascended far above all the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

[11]He gave some to be
apostles; and some, prophets; and
some, evangelists; and some,
pastors and teachers; [12]for the
perfecting of the saints, to the work
of serving, to the building up of the
body of Christ; [13]until we all attain
to the unity of the faith, and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, to a
mature person, to the measure of
the stature of the fullness of Christ;
[14]that we may no longer be
children, tossed back and forth and
carried about with every wind of
doctrine, by the trickery of people,
by cleverness in deceitful schemes;
[15]but speaking truth in love, we
may grow up in all things into him,
who is the head, Christ; [16]from
whom all the body, being fitted and
knit together through that which
every joint supplies, according to
the proper working of each
individual part, makes the body
increase to the building up of itself
in love.

[17]This I say therefore, and
testify in the Lord, that you no
longer walk as the nations also
walk, in the futility of their mind,
[18]being darkened in their

[a]4:6 M TR add "us"
[b]4:8 Text: Aleph(2) B C* D(2) K L P Psi 81 104 365 630 1175 1243 1735 1739 1874 1881 al Byz syr(p.h); MVict, reads "and." NU (p46 Aleph* A D* F G 33 pc Latt; Ir(lat)) omits
[c]4:8 Psalm 68:18
[d]4:9 M TR add "first"

understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts; [19]who having become callous gave themselves up to lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness. [20]But you did not learn Christ that way; [21]if indeed you heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: [22]that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old self, that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit; [23]and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, [24]and put on the new self, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

[25]Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak truth each one with his neighbor. For we are members of one another. [26]"Be angry, but do not sin."[a] Do not let the sun go down on your anger, [27]neither give place to the devil. [28]Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need. [29]Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for building up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30]Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. [31]Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry,[b] and slander, be put away from you, with all malice. [32]And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you[c].

5 Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. [2]And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us,[d] and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. [3]But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be mentioned among you, as becomes saints; [4]nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather giving of thanks.

[5]Know this for sure, that no sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, that is, an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

[6]Let no one deceive you with empty words. For because of these things, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. [7]Therefore do not be partakers with them. [8]For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, [9]for the fruit of the light[e] is in all goodness and

[a]4:26 Psalm 4:4
[b]4:31 Or, shouting, violent assertiveness
[c]4:32 M reads "us" instead of "you"
[d]5:2 NU (p46 D F G Psi 0278 33 1739 1881 lat vg syr(p.h.pal) arm geo goth; Cl(pt), Hier, Chr, Pel). Aleph* A B P 0159 81 1175 al it co eth; Cl(pt), MVict, Ambst, Spec, read "you"
[e]5:9 NU p49 Aleph A B D* F G P 33 81 629 1739* 1881 Lect Latt vg syr(p.pal) sa bo arm eth goth; Pel. M

righteousness and truth, [10]proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. [11]Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them. [12]For the things which are done by them in secret, it is a shame even to speak of. [13]But all things, when they are reproved, are revealed by the light, for everything that reveals is light. [14]Therefore he says, "Awake, you who sleep, and rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

[15]Therefore watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise; [16]redeeming the time, because the days are evil. [17]Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. [18]Do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, [19]speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your heart to the Lord; [20]giving thanks always concerning all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father; [21]subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ[a].

[22]Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. [23]For the husband is the head of the wife, and Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the savior of the body. [24]But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything.

[25]Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; [26]that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, [27]that he might present the church to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. [28]Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. [29]For no one ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ[b] also does the church; [30]because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones.[c] [31]"For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."[d] [32]This mystery

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TR (p46 K Psi 104 614 630 1241 2495 Byz syr(h); Chr) read "Spirit" instead of "light"

[a]5:21 TR reads "God" instead of "Christ"

[b]5:29 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "Christ"

[c]5:30 Text: Aleph(2) D F G (K) P Psi 075 0278 0285vid 69 104 218 365 424* 614 1175 1241 1243 1319 1505 1563 1573 1735 1739mg 1874 1877 1962 al Byz Lect Lat(ar.b.d.f.g.mon.o) vg syr((p).h) arm geo slav; Ir(gk.lat), Chr, Thed(lat). NU (p46 Aleph* A B 048 33 81 1739* 1881 pc L422 lat(s) sa bo eth; Or(lat), Meth) lacks "of his flesh and of his bones" from homoioteleuton: autou-autou. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540

[d]5:31 Genesis 2:24

is great, but I speak concerning Christ and of the church. [33]Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2]"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: [3]"that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land."[a]

[4]And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

[5]Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; [6]not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as people-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; [7]with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to people; [8]knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is bound or free.

[9]You masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours[b] is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him.

[10]Finally,[c] be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. [11]Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12]For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world's rulers of this darkness,[d] and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. [13]Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. [14]Stand therefore, having the belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15]and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace; [16]above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. [17]And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the spoken word of God; [18]with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints: [19]on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Good News, [20]for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I

[a]6:3 Exodus 20:12
[b]6:9 M TR read "your own master" instead of "their Master and yours"
[c]6:10 M TR add "my brothers"
[d]6:12 M TR add "of this age"

may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21But that you also may know my affairs, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make known to you all things; 22whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.[a]

Philippians

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus;[b] To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3I thank my God whenever I remember you, 4always in every prayer of mine for all of you, making my requests with joy, 5for your partnership in the Good News from the first day until now; 6being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7It is even right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, because, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the Good News, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8For God is my witness, how I long after all of you in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

9This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; 10so that you may approve the things that are excellent; that you may be pure and blameless for the Day of Christ; 11being filled with the fruit[c] of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12Now I desire to have you know, brothers, that the things which happened to me have turned out rather to the progress of the Good News; 13so that it became evident to the whole praetorian guard, and to all the rest, that my bonds are in Christ; 14and that most of the brothers in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word[d] without fear. 15Some indeed

[a] 6:24 M adds “Amen”
[b] 1:1 M TR read “Jesus Christ” instead of “Christ Jesus”
[c] 1:11 M TR read “fruits” instead of “fruit”
[d] 1:14 NU (p46 K 614 630 1739 1881 2495 Byz Lect lat(r) vg(Ms) syr(h); Mcion(t)). Some Mss (Aleph A B {D*} P Psi 048vid 075 0278 33 81 104

preach Christ even out of envy and strife, and some also out of good will. [16]The latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the Good News. [17]The former insincerely preach Christ from selfish ambition, thinking that they add affliction to my chains.

[18]What does it matter? Only that in every way, whether out of false motives or in truth, Christ is proclaimed. I rejoice in this, yes, and will rejoice. [19]For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your petition and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, [20]according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will in no way be disappointed, but with all boldness, as always, now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death. [21]For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22]But if I live on in the flesh, this will bring fruit from my work; yet I do not make known what I will choose. [23]But I am in a dilemma between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. [24]Yet, to remain in the flesh is more needful for your sake. [25]And since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, [26]that your rejoicing may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again.

[27]Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Good News of Christ, that, whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your state, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the Good News; [28]and in nothing frightened by the adversaries, which is for them a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation, and that from God. [29]Because it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on his behalf, [30]having the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear is in me.

2 If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassion, [2]make my joy full, by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; [3]doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself; [4]each of you not just looking to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others.

[5]Have this in your attitude, which was also in Christ Jesus, [6]who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness

1241 lat {two lat} vg syr(p) sa bo arm eth geo goth; Cl) add “of God”

of men. [8]And being found in human
form, he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death, yes,
the death of the cross. [9]Therefore
God also highly exalted him, and
gave to him the name which is
above every name; [10]that at the
name of Jesus every knee should
bow, of those in heaven, those on
earth, and those under the earth,
[11]and that every tongue should
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord[a],
to the glory of God the Father.

[12]So then, my beloved, even
as you have always obeyed, not
only in my presence, but now much
more in my absence, work out your
own salvation with awe and
reverence. [13]For it is God who
works in you both to will and to
work, for his good pleasure. [14]Do
everything without complaining or
arguing, [15]that you may be
blameless and pure, children of
God without blemish in the midst
of a crooked and perverse
generation, among whom you are
seen as lights in the world,
[16]holding up the word of life; that I
may have something to boast in the
day of Christ, that I did not run in
vain nor labor in vain. [17]Yes, and if
I am poured out on the sacrifice and
service of your faith, I rejoice, and
rejoice with you all. [18]In the same
way, you also rejoice, and rejoice
with me.

[19]But I hope in the Lord Jesus
to send Timothy to you soon, that I
also may be cheered up when I
know how you are doing. [20]For I
have no one else like-minded, who
will truly care about you. [21]For they
all seek their own, not the things of
Jesus Christ. [22]But you know the
proof of him, that, as a child serves
a father, so he served with me in
furtherance of the Good News.
[23]Therefore I hope to send him at
once, as soon as I see how it will go
with me. [24]But I trust in the Lord
that I myself also will come shortly.
[25]But I counted it necessary to send
to you Epaphroditus, my brother,
fellow worker, fellow soldier, and
your apostle and servant of my
need; [26]since he longed for you all,
and was very troubled, because you
had heard that he was sick. [27]For
indeed he was sick, nearly to death,
but God had mercy on him; and not
on him only, but on me also, that I
might not have sorrow upon
sorrow. [28]I have sent him all the
more eagerly, therefore, so that
when you see him again you may
rejoice, and that I may be less
anxious. [29]Receive him therefore in
the Lord with all joy, and hold such
in honor, [30]because for the work of
Christ he came near to death,
risking[b] his life to supply that
which was lacking in your service
toward me.

3 Finally, my brothers,
rejoice in the Lord. To
write the same things to
you is no trouble to me, and is a
safeguard for you. [2]Beware of the

[a] 2:11 See Isaiah 45:23

[b] 2:30 M TR read "disregarding" instead of "risking"

dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision. 3For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh; 4though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I yet more: 5circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless.

7However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. 8More than that, I count all things to be a loss compared to the far greater value of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death; 11if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect; but I press on, if it is so that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus.[a]

13Brothers, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it, but one thing I do. Forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forward to the things which are ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, think this way. If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal that to you. 16Nevertheless, to what we have attained, let us walk by the same rule, being of the same mind.[b] 17Brothers, be imitators together of me, and note those who walk this way, even as you have us for an example. 18For many, of whom I have often told you, and now tell you with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ, 19whose end is

[a]3:12 p46 p61 Aleph A Psi 075 1241 1739 al. Byz Lect (lat(ar)) (vg) syr(h(mg)) bo(pt) arm geo slav; Chr(1/2). B D* F G 33 lat(b.d.g.o) sa; Cl, Or(lat) lack "Jesus" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ou-ou

[b]3:16 Text: Aleph(2) K L P Psi 075 424* 630 1243 1505 1563 1852 1912 1962 2200 2464 al Byz Lect syr((p).h) eth(pp); Bas, Chr, Thed(lat). NU (p16 p46 Aleph* A B Ivid 0150 6 33 1739 lat(b) sa bo eth(ro); (TheoA)) lacks "rule, being of the same mind" from a primitive homoioteleuton: tw autw (stoich)ein-to auto (phon)ein. In a separate early (bef. 419) haplography: tw autw-to auto, a text represented by Ms 1881 resulted. To this haplographic text, restorations followed to auto phronein, either in original word order (=D2 436), or with the last two words switched (= 81 1241 al. vg arm geo slav; Pel).

destruction, whose god is the belly,
and whose glory is in their shame,
who think about earthly things.
20For our citizenship is in heaven,
from which we also eagerly wait
for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
21who will transform our humble
body into the likeness of his
glorious body, according to the
power by which he is able even to
subject all things to himself.

4 Therefore, my brothers,
whom I love and long
for, my joy and crown,
so stand firm in the Lord, my
beloved. 2I appeal to Euodia and I
appeal to Syntyche to agree in the
Lord. 3Yes, I ask you also, true
companion, help these women, for
they labored with me in the Good
News, with Clement also, and the
rest of my fellow workers, whose
names are in the Book of Life.
4Rejoice in the Lord always. Again
I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your
gentleness be evident to all people.
The Lord is near. 6Do not be
anxious about anything, but in
everything, by prayer and petition
with thanksgiving, let your requests
be made known to God. 7And the
peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

8Finally, brothers, whatever
things are true, whatever things are
honorable, whatever things are just,
whatever things are pure, whatever
things are lovely, whatever things
are of good report; if there is any
virtue, and if there is any praise,
think on these things. 9And the
things you learned and received
and heard and saw in me, do these
things. And the God of peace will
be with you. 10Now I rejoice in the
Lord greatly that at last you have
revived your concern for me; in
which you were indeed concerned,
but you lacked opportunity. 11I'm
not saying this because I am in
need, for I have learned to be
content in any circumstance. 12I
know what it is to be in need, and I
know what it is to have a lot. In any
and all circumstances I have
learned the secret, whether full or
hungry, whether having a lot or
being in need 13I can do all things
through him[a] who strengthens me.
14Still, you have done well to share
my hardship. 15And you
Philippians yourselves know that in
the beginning of the Good News,
when I departed from Macedonia,
no church shared with me in the
matter of giving and receiving but
you only. 16For even in
Thessalonica you sent me aid
twice. 17Not that I seek the gift, but
I seek the fruit that increases to
your account. 18But I have received

[a]4:13 NU (Aleph* A B D* I 33 629 1739 lat(ar.b.d.f.o.r) vg syr(pal) sa bo arm geo1; Cl, Eus(2/6), Did(2/6)). Aleph(2) D(2) (F G) K L P Psi 075 0150 6 69 81 104 218 256 263 365 424 436 459 1175 1241 1243 1319 1505 1563 1735 1852 1874 1877 1881 1912 1962 2200 2400 2464 Byz Lect lat(g) syr(p.h) eth geo2 slav; Or((gr).lat), Eus(3/6), Ps-Ath, Bas, GrNy, Did(4/6), Chr, Thd(lat), Cyr, read "Christ," and reflect a wide geographic distribution

everything in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable and well-pleasing sacrifice to God. 19And my God will supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. 20Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

21Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22All the saints greet you, especially those who are of Caesar's household. 23The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit[a].[b]

Colossians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.[c]

3We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have toward all the saints, 5because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of truth, the Good News, 6which has come to you; even as it is in all the world and is bearing fruit and growing, as it does in you also, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7even as you learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our[d] behalf, 8who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. 9For this cause, we also, since the day we heard this, do not cease praying and making requests for you, that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10that you may walk worthily of the Lord,[e] to please him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, for all endurance and perseverance with joy; 12giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[f] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light; 13who delivered us out

[a]4:23 M TR read "with you all" instead of "with your spirit"
[b]4:23 M TR add "Amen"
[c]1:2 NU (B D K Psi 33 81 1739 1881 al lat(a.m) syr(p.pal) sa; Chr Pel Ambst). M TR (Aleph A C F G I 075 al Byz Lect three lat bo; Hier) add "and the Lord Jesus Christ"
[d]1:7 p46 Aleph* A B D* F G 326* 1505 Lect(pt) lat(g.m). NU (C K P Psi 075 33 1739 1881 al Byz Lect lat vg syr(p.h.pal) sa bo arm eth geo slav; Pel Chr) reads "your" instead of "our"
[e]1:10 Syr Vg read "God" instead of "Lord"
[f]1:12 M TR read "us" instead of "you"

of the power of darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; [14]in whom we have our redemption,[a] the forgiveness of our sins; [15]who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16]For by him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created by him and for[b] him. [17]He is before all things, and in him all things are held together. [18]He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;[c] that in all things he might have the preeminence. [19]For all the fullness was pleased to dwell in him, [20]and through him to reconcile all things to himself, making peace through the blood of his cross through him,[d] whether things on the earth or things in heaven.

[21]You, who once were alienated and were hostile in your minds, doing evil deeds, [22]yet now he has reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and blameless before him, [23]if it is so that you continue in the faith, established and firm, and not moved away from the hope of the Good News which you heard, which is being proclaimed[e] in all creation under heaven; of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

[24]Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, which is the church; [25]of which I was made a servant, according to the stewardship of God which was given me toward you, to fulfill the word of God, [26]the mystery which has been hidden for ages and generations. But now it has been revealed to his saints. [27]To them God was pleased to make known the glorious riches of this mystery among the non-Jews, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory; [28]whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ Jesus; [29]for which I also labor, struggling according to his power, which works in me mightily.

2 For I desire to have you know how greatly I struggle for you, and for

[a]1:14 TR adds “through his blood”. Cf. Eph 1:7

[b]1:16 Or, in him

[c]1:18 Or, “beginning, preeminent over all who rise from the dead”

[d]1:20 NU (p46 Aleph A C Psi 048 0150 33 1243 1735 al Byz Lect syr(p.h) bo geo slav; Chr(1/2), Thed(lat), Cyr(1/5)). Some Mss (B D* F G I L 075 1739 1874 1881 al four lect Latt(ar.b.d.f.g.mon.o) vg syr(pal) sa arm eth; Or, Did, Chr(1/2), Cyr(4/5)) lack “through him” from haplography: autou-autou

[e]1:23 “is being” rather than “has.” An aorist in substantival participles. Cf. D. Wallace, Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics, 615 fn 8

those at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and gaining all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God,[a] namely, Christ, 3in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden. 4Now this I say that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech. 5For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. 6As therefore you received Christ Jesus, the Lord, walk in him, 7rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it[b] with thanksgiving. 8Be careful not to allow anyone to captivate you through an empty and deceptive philosophy, according to human tradition, according to the elementary principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9For in him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10and in him you are made full, who is the head of all principality and power; 11in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of[c] the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; 12having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14wiping out the handwriting in ordinances which was against us; and he has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; 15having disarmed the rulers and authorities, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16Therefore do not let anyone judge you about food and drink, or with respect to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day, 17which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's. 18Let no one rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, dwelling in the things which he has[d] seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19and not holding firmly to the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and ligaments, grows with God's growth. 20If you died with Christ from the elementary principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject

[a] 2:2 M TR add "both of the Father and of"

[b] 2:7 Text: B D(2) H K L 049 0278 104 256 365 436 459 630 945 1319 1505 1735 1852 2200 al Byz Lect lat((ar).mon.(o)) vg(Ms) syr(p.h) sa(Ms) bo geo2; (Ambst) Chr, Aug, Thed(lat). NU (Aleph* A C H* Ivid 075 0150 0208 33 1739 1881 pc vg(st.ww) sa(Mss) eth geo1 slav) lacks "it in," from haplography: en-en

[c] 2:11 M TR add "the sins of"

[d] 2:18 M TR add "not"

yourselves to regulations, [21]"Do
not handle, nor taste, nor touch"
[22](all of which perish with use),
according to human
commandments and teachings?
[23]Which things indeed appear like
wisdom in self-imposed worship,
and humility, and severity to the
body; but are not of any value
against the indulgence of the flesh.

3 If then you were raised
together with Christ,
seek the things that are
above, where Christ is, seated on
the right hand of God. [2]Set your
mind on the things that are above,
not on the things that are on the
earth. [3]For you died, and your life
is hidden with Christ in God.
[4]When Christ, your[a] life, is
revealed, then you will also be
revealed with him in glory. [5]Put to
death, therefore, whatever is
worldly in you: sexual immorality,
impurity, lust, evil desire, and
covetousness, which is idolatry.
[6]Because of these, the wrath of God
is coming on the children of
disobedience.[b] [7]You also once
walked in those, when you lived in
them; [8]but now you also put them
all away: anger, wrath, malice,
slander, and shameful speaking out
of your mouth. [9]Do not lie to one
another, seeing that you have put
off the old self with its practices,
[10]and have put on the new self, who
is being renewed in knowledge
after the image of his Creator,
[11]where there cannot be Greek and
Jew, circumcision and
uncircumcision, barbarian,
Scythian, slave, freeman; but
Christ is all, and in all.

[12]Put on therefore, as God's
chosen ones, holy and beloved, a
heart of compassion, kindness,
gentleness, humility, and patience;
[13]bearing with one another, and
forgiving each other, if anyone has
a complaint against another; even
as the Lord[c] forgave you, so you
also do.

[14]Above all these things,
walk in love, which is the bond of
perfection. [15]And let the peace of
Christ[d] rule in your hearts, to which
also you were called in one body;
and be thankful. [16]Let the word of
Christ dwell in you richly; in all
wisdom teaching and admonishing
one another with psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs, singing with
grace in your heart to God[e].

[17]Whatever you do, in word
or in deed, do all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father, through him.

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[a]3:4 M TR read "our" instead of "your"
[b]3:6 p46 B D* lat(b) syr(pal) sa; Ambst, omit "children of disobedience". Cf. Eph 5:6
[c]3:13 NU (p46 A B D* F G 1175 *pc* it vg geo(Ms); Pel Aug). M TR (C D K P Psi 81 104 614 630 1241 1739 1881 2495 al Byz Lect lat(a.m) syr(p.h) sa bo eth geo(Ms) goth; Cl Ambst) read "Christ" instead of "the Lord"
[d]3:15 M TR read "God" instead of "Christ"
[e]3:16 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "God"

18 Wives, be in subjection to
your husbands, as is fitting in the
Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives,
and do not be bitter against them.

20 Children, obey your parents
in all things, for this pleases the
Lord.

21 Fathers, do not provoke
your children, so that they won't be
discouraged.

22 Servants, obey in all things
those who are your masters
according to the flesh, not just
when they are looking, as people-
pleasers, but in singleness of heart,
fearing the Lord[a]. 23 And whatever
you do, work heartily, as for the
Lord, and not for people,
24 knowing that from the Lord you
will receive the reward of the
inheritance; for you serve the Lord
Christ. 25 But he who does wrong
will receive again for the wrong
that he has done, and there is no
partiality.

4 Masters, give to your
servants that which is
just and equal, knowing
that you also have a Master in
heaven.

2 Continue steadfastly in
prayer, watching in it with
thanksgiving; 3 praying together for
us also, that God may open to us a
door for the word, to speak the
mystery of Christ, for which I am
also in bonds; 4 that I may reveal it
as I ought to speak. 5 Walk in
wisdom toward those who are
outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let
your speech always be with grace,
seasoned with salt, that you may
know how you ought to answer
each one.

7 All my affairs will be made
known to you by Tychicus, the
beloved brother, faithful servant,
and fellow slave in the Lord. 8 I am
sending him to you for this very
purpose, that you[b] may know our[c]
circumstances and that he may
encourage your hearts, 9 together
with Onesimus, the faithful and
beloved brother, who is one of you.
They will make known to you
everything that is going on here.
10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner
greets you, and Mark, the cousin of
Barnabas (concerning whom you
received commandments, "if he
comes to you, receive him"), 11 and
Jesus who is called Justus, who are
of the circumcision. These are my
only fellow workers for the
kingdom of God, and they have
been a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of
you, a servant of Christ, salutes
you, always striving for you in his
prayers, that you may stand perfect
and fully assured[d] in all the will of

[a] 3:22 M TR read "God" instead of "the Lord"
[b] 4:8 M TR read "he" instead of "you"
[c] 4:8 M TR read "your" instead of "our"
[d] 4:12 M TR read "complete" instead of "fully assured"

God. [13]For I testify about him, that he has worked hard[a] for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for those in Hierapolis. [14]Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. [15]Greet the brothers who are in Laodicea, and to Nympha[b] and the church that is in her[c] house. [16]When this letter has been read among you, cause it to be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that you also read the letter from Laodicea. [17]Tell Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have been given in the Lord."

[18]The salutation of me, Paul, with my own hand: remember my bonds. Grace be with you.[d]

1Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace[e].

[2]We always give thanks to God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, [3]remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father. [4]We know, brothers loved by God, that you are chosen, [5]and that our Good News came to you not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of persons we showed ourselves to be among you for your sake. [6]You became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, [7]so that you became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8]For from you the word of the Lord has been declared, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone out; so that we do not need to say anything. [9]For they themselves report concerning us what kind of a reception we had from you; and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, [10]and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.

2 For you yourselves know, brothers, our visit to you was not in vain, [2]but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi, we grew bold in our God to tell you the Good News of God in much conflict. [3]For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor in deception. [4]But

[a]4:13 M TR read "great zeal" instead of "worked hard"
[b]4:15 M TR read Nymphas" instead of "Nympha"
[c]4:15 M TR read "his" instead of "her"
[d]4:18 M TR add "Amen"
[e]1:1 M TR add "from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ"

even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News, so we speak; not as pleasing people, but God, who tests our hearts. [5]For neither were we at any time found using words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed (God is witness), [6]nor seeking glory from people (neither from you nor from others), when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. [7]But we were gentle[a] among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

[8]Even so, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you, not the Good News of God only, but also our own souls, because you had become very dear to us. [9]For you remember, brothers, our labor and travail; for working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached to you the Good News of God. [10]You are witnesses with God, how holy, righteously, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves toward you who believe. [11]As you know, as a father with his own children, [12]we exhorted, comforted, and implored every one of you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. [13]For this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when you received from us the word of the message of God, you accepted it not as a human word, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also works in you who believe. [14]For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus; for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they did from the Judeans; [15]who killed both the Lord Jesus and the[b] prophets, and drove us out, and did not please God, and are hostile to all people; [16]forbidding us to speak to those who are not Jewish that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always. But wrath has come on them to the uttermost.

[17]But we, brothers, being bereaved of you for a short season, in presence, not in heart, tried even harder to see your face with great desire, [18]because we wanted to come to you—indeed, I, Paul, once and again—but Satan hindered us. [19]For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you, before our Lord Jesus[c] at his coming? [20]For you are our glory and our joy.

3 Therefore, when we could not stand it any longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone, [2]and sent Timothy, our

[a]2:7 Text: Aleph(c) A C(2) D(2) K L P 075 0278 33 1739 1881 Byz Lect vg(st) (syr(p.h)) cop(sa(mss),fay) arm (geo) slav; Cl Or(2/3) Bas Chr Thd(lat). NU (p65 Aleph* B C* D* G I Psi* 0150 1962 2495 lat vg(ww) cop(sa(ms).bo) eth; Or(gr2/3).lat) Ambst Ephr Pel Hier Aug) reads “little children”

[b]2:15 M TR read “their own” instead of “the”

[c]2:19 TR adds “Christ”

brother and God's fellow worker[a] in the Good News of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith; 3that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you know that we are appointed to this task. 4For truly, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we are to suffer affliction, even as it happened, and you know. 5For this cause I also, when I could not stand it any longer, sent that I might know your faith, for fear that by any means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor would have been in vain. 6But when Timothy came just now to us from you, and brought us glad news of your faith and love, and that you have good memories of us always, longing to see us, even as we also long to see you; 7for this cause, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our distress and affliction through your faith. 8For now we live, since you stand firm[b] in the Lord. 9For what thanksgiving can we render again to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God; 10night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith? 11Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus,[c] direct our way to you; 12and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love for one another and for all,, even as we also do toward you, 13to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

4 Finally then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, even as you are living[d], that you excel more and more. 2For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3For this is the will of God: your sanctification, that you abstain from sexual immorality, 4that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5not in the passion of lust, even as the nations who do not know God; 6that no one should take advantage of and wrong a brother or sister in this matter; because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. 7For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. 8Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given his Holy Spirit to you.

9But concerning brotherly love, you have no need that one write to you. For you yourselves are taught by God to love one another, 10for indeed you do it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brothers, that you abound more and

[a]3:2 M TR read "servant" instead of "fellow worker"
[b]3:8 TR reads "if you stand firm" instead of "since you stand firm"
[c]3:11 M TR add "Christ"
[d]4:1 M TR omit "even as you are living"

more; [11]and that you make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, even as we instructed you; [12]that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and may have need of nothing.

[13]But we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. [14]For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. [15]For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first, [17]then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together[a] with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore comfort one another with these words.

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that anything be written to you. [2]For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. [3]Now[b] when they are saying, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction will come on them, like birth pains on a pregnant woman; and they will in no way escape. [4]But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief. [5]You are all sons of light, and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night, nor to darkness, [6]so then let us not sleep, as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep in the night, and those who are drunk are drunk in the night. [8]But let us, since we belong to the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and, for a helmet, the hope of salvation. [9]For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. [11]Therefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as you also do. [12]But we ask you, brothers, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, [13]and to respect and honor them in love for their work's sake.

Be at peace among yourselves. [14]We exhort you,

[a]4:17 Gk: harpazo. The word "rapture" comes from the Latin word rapturo meaning "caught up." Cf. Daniel 7:13; Acts 1:9, 8:39; 1 Co 15:51ff; 2 Co 12:2; Revelation 11:12, 12:5

[b]5:3 Gk de "now, and, but." Text: Aleph(2) B D 0226 104 1505 1739 1881 2464 syr(h). M TR read "For." NU (Aleph* A F G 33 lat(d.e.f.g) syr(p); Ir(lat), Tert) lacks de from homoioarcton in uncial: de to le-

brothers, admonish the disorderly, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be patient toward all. 15See that no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always seek what is good both for each other and for all.

16Rejoice always. 17Pray without ceasing. 18In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. 19Do not quench the Spirit. 20Do not treat prophecies with contempt, 21but[a] test all things; hold firmly that which is good. 22Abstain from every form of evil.

23May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it. 25Brothers, pray for us also.[b] 26Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. 27I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy[c] brothers.

28The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.[d]

2Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2Grace to you and peace from God the[e] Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3We are bound to always give thanks to God for you, brothers, even as it is appropriate, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of each and every one of you towards one another abounds; 4so that we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions

[a]5:21 NU (Aleph(c) B D G K P Psi 1241 1739 1881 2495 Byz(pt) Lat vg syr(h) bo(Mss) sa). Aleph* A 33 614 630 al. Byz(pt) Lect lat(f) syr(p.pal) bo(Mss); Did lack “but” from haplography by homoioarcton: d-d
[b]5:25 Some Mss omit “also”
[c]5:27 Text: p46vid Aleph(2) A K P Psi 075 0150 33 81 104 218 256 263 365 424 459 1175 1241 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1739 1874 1877 1881 1912 1962 2200 al Byz Lect lat(ar) vg syr(p.h.pal) bo arm (eth) geo2; Chr, Thed(lat). NU (Aleph* B D F G 0278 436 2464 lat(b.d.f.g.mon.o) sa geo1 slav; Ambst, Cass) lacks “holy” from from a scribal leap: ois a-ois a. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29, 540
[d]5:28 M TR add “Amen”
[e]1:2 NU (B D P 0111(vid) 33 1739 1881 lat(d.e.mon) cop(sa(ms).bo(pt)); Pel. M TR (Aleph A F G I K L 075 0150 218 1243 1319 1505 1573 1874 1877 1962 2464 Byz Lect lat(ar.c.dem.div.f.g.o.x.z) vg syr(p.h) cop(sa(mss)) arm geo2 goth slav; Or(lat) Ambst Chr Thd(lat) Euth Thdrt) read “our”

which you endure. 5This is an obvious sign of the righteous judgment of God, to the end that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer. 6Since it is a righteous thing with God to repay affliction to those who afflict you, 7and to give relief to you who are afflicted with us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, 8giving vengeance to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus, 9who will pay the penalty: everlasting destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10when he comes to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all those who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

11To this end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith, with power; 12that the name of our Lord Jesus[a] may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Now, brothers, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to him, we ask you 2not to be quickly shaken in your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by letter as from us, saying that the day of the Lord[b] had come. 3Let no one deceive you in any way. For it will not be, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness[c] is revealed, the son of destruction, 4he who opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God or that is worshiped; so that he sits[d] in the temple of God, setting himself up as God. 5Do you not remember that, when I was still with you, I told you these things? 6Now you know what is restraining him, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. 7For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way. 8Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord[e] will kill with the breath of his mouth, and destroy by the manifestation of his coming; 9even he whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10and with all deception of wickedness

[a]1:12 TR adds “Christ”
[b]2:2 NU (Aleph A B D* E F G L P Psi 0278 81 1241 1739 1881 al Latt syr(p.h) sa bo arm eth; Or, Hipp, Epiph, Chr). M TR (D(2) K 630 1175 1319 1877 pc Byz goth) read “Christ” instead of “the Lord”
[c]2:3 M TR read “sin” instead of “lawlessness”
[d]2:4 M TR add “as God”
[e]2:8 Text: B D(2) K 614 1739 1881 Byz Lect bo(Ms) geo; Ir(gr), Jos, Mac/Sym, Thret(1/2)). NU (Aleph A D* F G P Psi 075 0150 33 81 1241 al. lat((ar).b.d.f.g.mon.o) vg syr(p.h) sa bo arm eth slav; Ir(lat), Hipp, Or(gr3/4.lat), Ath, CyrJ, Did, Chr, Theo(lat)) adds “Jesus”

for those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11And because of this, God sends them a strong delusion,[a] that they should believe the lie, 12in order that all might be judged who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13But we are bound to always give thanks to God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning[b] for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth; 14to which he called you through our Good News, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15So then, brothers, stand firm, and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word, or by letter.

16Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us everlasting comfort and good hope through grace, 17comfort your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

3 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, even as also with you; 2and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil people; for not all have faith. 3But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you, and guard you from the evil one. 4We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things we command. 5May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

6Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks in an undisciplined life, and not after the tradition which they received from us. 7For you know how you ought to imitate us. For we were not undisciplined among you, 8neither did we eat bread from anyone's hand without paying for it, but in labor and travail worked night and day, that we might not burden any of you; 9not because we do not have the right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us. 10For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: "If anyone will not work, neither let him eat." 11For we hear that some among you are living an undisciplined life, who do not work at all, but are busybodies. 12Now those who are that way, we command and exhort in the[c] Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

13But you, brothers, do not be weary in doing well. 14If anyone does not obey our word in this letter, note that person, that you

[a]2:11 Gk: "a working of error"
[b]2:13 Other Mss read "as first fruits" instead of "from the beginning"
[c]3:12 M TR read "by our" instead of "in the"

have no company with him, to the
end that he may be ashamed. 15Do
not count him as an enemy, but
admonish him as a brother.

16Now may the Lord of peace
himself give you peace at all times
in all ways. The Lord be with you
all.

17The greeting of me, Paul,
with my own hand, which is the
sign in every letter: this is how I
write. 18The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.[a]

1Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of
Christ Jesus according
to the commandment of
God our Savior, and Christ Jesus
our hope; 2to Timothy, my true
child in faith: Grace, mercy, and
peace, from God the[b] Father and
Christ Jesus our Lord.

3As I urged you when I was
going into Macedonia, stay at
Ephesus that you might command
certain people not to teach a
different doctrine, 4neither to pay
attention to myths and endless
genealogies, which cause
speculation,[c] rather than God's
stewardship, which is in faith—
5but the goal of this command is
love, out of a pure heart and a good
conscience and unfeigned faith;
6from which things some, having
missed the mark, have turned aside
to vain talking; 7desiring to be
teachers of the law, though they
understand neither what they say,
nor about what they strongly
affirm. 8But we know that the law
is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9as
knowing this, that law is not made
for a righteous person, but for the
lawless and insubordinate, for the
ungodly and sinners, for the unholy
and profane, for those who kill their
father or mother, for murderers,
10for the sexually immoral, for men
who have sexual relations with
men,[d] for kidnappers, for liars, for
perjurers, and for whatever else is
contrary to sound teaching;
11according to the Good News of
the glory of the blessed God, which
was committed to my trust. 12And I
thank him who enabled me, Christ
Jesus our Lord, because he counted
me faithful, appointing me to
service; 13although I was before a
blasphemer, a persecutor, and
insolent. However, I obtained
mercy, because I did it ignorantly
in unbelief. 14The grace of our Lord
abounded exceedingly with faith
and love which is in Christ Jesus.
15The saying is faithful and worthy
of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners;
of whom I am chief. 16However, for
this cause I obtained mercy, that in

[a]3:18 M TR add "Amen"
[b]1:2 M TR read "our" instead of "the"
[c]1:4 M TR read "disputes" instead of "speculations"
[d]1:10 See Leviticus 18:22, 20:13

me first, Jesus Christ might display
all his patience, for an example of
those who were going to believe in
him for everlasting life. 17Now to
the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, the only God[a], be honor
and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18This instruction I commit to
you, my child Timothy, according
to the prophecies which led the way
to you, that by them you may wage
the good warfare; 19holding faith
and a good conscience; which some
having thrust away made a
shipwreck concerning the faith;
20of whom is Hymenaeus and
Alexander; whom I delivered to
Satan, that they might be taught not
to blaspheme.

2 I exhort therefore, first
of all, that petitions,
prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings, be made for all
people: 2for kings and all who are
in high places; that we may lead a
tranquil and quiet life in all
godliness and reverence. 3For this
is good and acceptable in the sight
of God our Savior; 4who desires all
people to be saved and come to full
knowledge of the truth. 5For there
is one God, and one mediator
between God and humanity, a
human, Christ Jesus, 6who gave
himself as a ransom for all; the
testimony in its own times; 7to
which I was appointed a preacher
and an apostle (I am telling the
truth[b], I am not lying), a teacher of
the non-Jews in faith and truth.

8I desire therefore that the
men in every place pray, lifting up
holy hands without anger and
doubting. 9In the same way, that
women also adorn themselves in
decent clothing, with modesty and
propriety; not just with braided
hair, gold, pearls, or expensive
clothing; 10but (which becomes
women professing godliness) with
good works. 11Let a woman learn in
quietness with all subjection. 12But
I do not permit a woman to teach or
to exercise authority over a man,
but to be in quietness. 13For Adam
was first formed, then Eve[c].
14Adam was not deceived, but the
woman, being deceived, has fallen
into disobedience; 15but she will be
delivered[d] through the childbirth, if
they continue in faith and love and
holiness, with self-control.

3 This is a faithful saying:
If someone aspires to
the office of bishop, he
desires a good work. 2The bishop,
therefore, must be beyond
criticism, the husband of one wife,
temperate, self-controlled,
respectable, hospitable, good at
teaching; 3not a drunkard, not
violent,[e] but gentle, not
quarrelsome, not a lover of money;
4one who rules his own house well,
having children in subjection with
all reverence; 5(but if someone does

[a]1:17 M TR add “who alone is wise”
[b]2:7 M TR add “in Christ”
[c]2:13 Greek for Hebrew “Havah”
[d]2:15 Or, "preserved," "rescued," "saved." Greek: sothesetai
[e]3:3 M TR add “not greedy for dishonest gain”

not know how to manage his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?) 6not a new convert, lest being puffed up he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7Moreover he must have good testimony from those who are outside, to avoid falling into disgrace and the trap of the devil.

8Deacons, in the same way, must be reverent, not double-tongued, not devoted to a lot of wine, not greedy for money; 9holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10Let them also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, if they are blameless. 11Their wives in the same way must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13For those who have served well as deacons gain for themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14These things I write to you, hoping to come to you shortly; 15but if I wait long, that you may know how people ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 16Without controversy, the mystery of godliness is great:
He[a] was revealed in the flesh,
justified by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed on in the world,
and received up in glory.

4 But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, 2through the hypocrisy of liars, branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; 3forbidding marriage and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with thanksgiving. 5For it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer. 6If you instruct the brothers of these things, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have followed. 7But refuse profane and old wives' tales. Exercise yourself toward godliness. 8For bodily exercise has some value, but godliness has value in all things, having the promise of the life which is now, and of that which is to come. 9This saying is faithful and worthy of all acceptance. 10For to this end we both labor and

[a]3:16 NU (Aleph* A* C* F G 33 365 1175 vg syr(p.h.pal) sa bo eth goth; Did, Epiph). M TR (K L P Psi 81 104 614 630 1241 1739 1881 2495 Byz Lect vg(Ms)) read "God" instead of "He." It is possible that the Greek word for "who" (OS) was changed to the abbreviation for "God" (OS with two marks) in some manuscripts to give a definite subject to the following verbs

strive[a], because we have set our trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. 11Command and teach these things.

12Let no one despise your youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love,[b] in faith, and in purity. 13Until I come, pay attention to reading, to exhortation, and to teaching. 14Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders. 15Be diligent in these things. Give yourself wholly to them, that your progress may be revealed to all. 16Pay attention to yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

5 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brothers; 2the older women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity. 3Honor widows who are widows indeed. 4But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety towards their own family, and to repay their parents, for this is[c] acceptable in the sight of God. 5Now she who is a widow indeed, and desolate, has her hope set on God, and continues in petitions and prayers night and day. 6But she who gives herself to pleasure is dead while she lives. 7Also command these things, so that they will be without fault. 8But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. 9Let no one be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, 10being approved by good works, if she has brought up children, if she has been hospitable to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, and if she has diligently followed every good work.

11But refuse younger widows, for whenever their passions lead them away from Christ, they desire to marry; 12having condemnation, because they have rejected their first pledge. 13Besides, they also learn to be idle, going about from house to house. Not only idle, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. 14I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear children, rule the household, and give no occasion to the adversary for reviling. 15For already some have turned aside after Satan. 16If any believing woman has widows, she must assist them, and do not let the church be burdened; that it might help those widows who are truly in need.

[a]4:10 M TR read "suffer reproach" instead of "strive"

[b]4:12 M TR add "in spirit"

[c]5:4 TR adds "good and"

17 Let the elders who rule well
be counted worthy of double honor,
especially those who labor in the
word and in teaching. 18 For the
Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the
ox when it treads out the grain."[a]
And, "The laborer is worthy of his
wages."[b]
19 Do not receive an accusation
against an elder, except at the word
of two or three witnesses. 20 Those
who sin, reprove in the sight of all,
that the rest also may be in fear. 21 I
command you in the sight of God,
and Christ Jesus, and the chosen
angels, that you observe these
things without prejudice, doing
nothing by partiality. 22 Do not
ordain[c] anyone hastily, nor
participate in the sins of others.
Keep yourself pure. 23 Be no longer
a drinker of water only, but use a
little wine for your stomach's sake
and your frequent infirmities.

24 Some men's sins are
evident, preceding them to
judgment, and some also follow
later. 25 In the same way also there
are good works that are obvious,
and those that are otherwise cannot
be hidden.

6 Let as many as are
slaves under the yoke
count their own masters
worthy of all honor, that the name
of God and the doctrine not be
blasphemed. 2 Those who have
believing masters, let them not
despise them, because they are
brothers, but rather let them serve
them, because those who partake of
the benefit are believing and
beloved. Teach and exhort these
things.

3 If anyone teaches a different
doctrine, and does not consent to
sound words, the words of our Lord
Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine
which is according to godliness, 4 he
is conceited, knowing nothing, but
obsessed with arguments, disputes,
and word battles, from which come
envy, strife, reviling, evil
suspicions, 5 constant friction of
people of corrupt minds and
destitute of the truth, who suppose
that godliness is a means of gain.[d]

6 But godliness with
contentment is great gain. 7 For we
brought nothing into the world, so[e]
neither can we carry anything out.
8 But having food and clothing, we
will be content with that. 9 But those
who are determined to be rich fall
into a temptation and a snare and
many foolish and harmful lusts,
such as plunge people into ruin and
destruction. 10 For the love of
money is a root of all kinds of evil.
Some have been led astray from the

[a] 5:18 Deuteronomy 25:4
[b] 5:18 Luke 10:7; Leviticus 19:13
[c] 5:22 Lit. "Do not lay hands on"
[d] 6:5 M TR adds "Withdraw yourself from such."
[e] 6:7 NU (Aleph* A F G 048 061vid 33 81 1739 1881 lat(g.r); Did, Chr(Ms), Thed(lat1/2)). M TR (Aleph(2) D(2) K L P Psi 075 424 630 1912 al. Byz Lect Lat(f.mon) vg syr(p.h) geo slav; Mcion, Bas, Mac, Evag, Chr, Hes, Thret) add "certainly," possibly lost from homoioteleuton: on-on

faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

[11]But you, man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. [12]Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of the everlasting life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. [13]I command you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate testified the good confession,[a] [14]that you keep the commandment without spot, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; [15]which in its own times he will show, who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; [16]who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no human has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen.

[17]Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be haughty, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on [b]God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy; [18]that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; [19]laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of that which is truly life[c].

[20]Timothy, guard that which is committed to you, turning away from the empty chatter and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; [21]which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with you.[d]

2Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus[e] through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, [2]to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

[3]I thank God, whom I serve as my forefathers did, with a pure conscience. How unceasing is my memory of you in my petitions, night and day [4]longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy; [5]having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your

[a]6:13 John 18:34-37
[b]6:17 M TR add “the living”
[c]6:19 M TR read “everlasting” instead of “that which is truly”
[d]6:21 M TR add “Amen”
[e]1:1 M TR read “Jesus Christ”

mother Eunice[a], and, I am persuaded, in you also.

6For this cause, I remind you that you should stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and of a sound mind.[b] 8Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship for the Good News according to the power of God, 9who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News. 11For this, I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher[c]. 12For this cause I also suffer these things.

Yet I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed to him against that day.

13Hold the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14That good thing which was committed to you, guard through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

15This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain, 17but when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me 18(the Lord grant to him to find the Lord's mercy in that day); and in how many things he served at Ephesus, you know very well.

2 You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful people, who will be able to teach others also. 3You therefore must share in hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs of life, that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. 5Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he has competed by the rules. 6The farmers who labor must be the first to get a share of the crops. 7Consider what I say, for the Lord will give[d] you understanding in all things.

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[a]1:5 Literal Greek: "Eunikay." Aramaic: "Euniki." Latin: "Eunice"
[b]1:7 Or, "timidity, but of power and love and self-control"
[c]1:11 M TR add "of the non-Jews"
[d]2:7 M TR read "and may the Lord give" instead of "for the Lord will give"

[8]Remember Jesus Christ,
risen from the dead, a descendant
of David, according to my Good
News, [9]in which I suffer hardship
to the point of chains as a criminal.
But God's word is not chained.
[10]Therefore I endure all things for
the chosen ones' sake, that they
also may obtain the salvation which
is in Christ Jesus with everlasting
glory. [11]This saying is faithful:
"For if we died with him,
we will also live with him.
[12]If we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we deny him,
he also will deny us.
[13]If we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself."

[14]Remind them of these
things, charging them in the
presence of God,[a] not to wrangle
about words, to no profit, to the
subverting of those who hear.

[15]Do your best to present
yourself approved by God, a
worker who does not need to be
ashamed, properly handling the
word of truth. [16]But shun empty
chatter, for they will proceed
further in ungodliness, [17]and their
word will consume like gangrene,
of whom is Hymenaeus and
Philetus; [18]who have erred
concerning the truth, saying that the
resurrection is already past, and
overthrowing the faith of some.
[19]However God's firm foundation
stands, having this seal, "The Lord
knows those who are his,"[b] and,
"Let every one who names the
name of the Lord[c] depart from
unrighteousness." [20]Now in a large
house there are not only vessels of
gold and of silver, but also of wood
and of clay. Some are for honor,
and some for dishonor. [21]If anyone
therefore purges himself from
these, he will be a vessel for honor,
sanctified, and suitable for the
master's use, prepared for every
good work.

[22]Flee from youthful lusts;
but pursue righteousness, faith,
love, and peace with those who call
on the Lord out of a pure heart.
[23]But refuse foolish and ignorant
questionings, knowing that they
generate strife. [24]The Lord's
servant must not quarrel, but be
gentle towards all, able to teach,
patient, [25]in gentleness correcting
those who oppose him: perhaps
God may give them repentance
leading to a full knowledge of the
truth, [26]and they may recover
themselves out of the devil's snare,
having been taken captive by him
to his will.

3 But know this, that in
the last days terrible
times will come. [2]For
people will be lovers of self, lovers

[a]2:14 NU (Aleph C F G I 330 436 451 614 629 630 1877 1962 2492 2495 ℓ 598 it sa(Mss) bo(pt) arm geo; Pel). M TR (A D K P Psi 048 81 88 104 181 326 1241 1739 1881 1984 Byz Lect five lat syr(h) sa(Ms) bo(pt) goth; Chr) reads "the Lord" instead of "God"
[b]2:19 Numbers 16:5
[c]2:19 TR reads "Christ" instead of "the Lord"

of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3]unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, hateful of good, [4]treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; [5]holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof. Turn away from these, also. [6]For among them are those who crawl into households and take captive weak-willed women weighed down with sins, led away by various passions and pleasures,[a] [7]always learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. [8]Even as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do these also oppose the truth; people corrupted in mind, disapproved concerning the faith. [9]But they will proceed no further. For their folly will be evident to all, as theirs also was. [10]But you did follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, [11]persecutions, and sufferings: those things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions. Out of them all the Lord delivered me. [12]Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. [13]But evil people and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. [14]But you remain in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them. [15]From infancy, you have known the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. [16]All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17]that the person of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 I command you therefore before God and Christ Jesus,[b] who will judge the living and the dead, and by[c] his appearing and his kingdom: [2]preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching. [3]For the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; [4]and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to myths. [5]But you be sober in all things, endure hardship,[d] do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

[a]3:6 Text: A 1245 1505 syr(h); Thret. NU lacks “and pleasures,” from homoioteleuton: ais-ais
[b]4:1 M TR read “Lord Jesus Christ” instead of “Christ Jesus”
[c]4:1 M TR read “at” instead of “and by”
[d]4:5 Codex Alexandrinus adds “as a good soldier of Christ Jesus,” (cf. also 2:3) possibly lost from homoioteleuton by sight confusion: hson-hsou. Nu and upsilon are easily confused.

6For I am already being
offered, and the time of my
departure has come. 7I have fought
the good fight. I have finished the
course. I have kept the faith. 8From
now on, there is stored up for me
the crown of righteousness, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, will
give to me on that day; and not to
me only, but also to all those who
have loved his appearing. 9Be
diligent to come to me soon, 10for
Demas left me, having loved this
present world, and went to
Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia,
and Titus to Dalmatia. 11Only Luke
is with me. Take Mark, and bring
him with you, for he is useful to me
for service. 12But I sent Tychicus to
Ephesus. 13Bring the cloak that I
left at Troas with Carpus when you
come, and the books, especially the
parchments. 14Alexander, the
coppersmith, did much evil to me.
The Lord will[a] repay him according
to his works, 15of whom you also
must beware; for he greatly
opposed our words.

16At my first defense, no one
came to help me, but all left me.
May it not be held against them.
17But the Lord stood by me, and
strengthened me, that through me
the message might be fully
proclaimed, and that all the non-
Jewish people might hear; and I
was delivered out of the mouth of
the lion. 18And the Lord will deliver
me from every evil work, and will
preserve me for his heavenly
kingdom; to whom be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

19Greet Prisca and Aquila,
and the house of Onesiphorus.
20Erastus remained at Corinth, and
I left Trophimus at Miletus, ill. 21Be
diligent to come before winter.
Eubulus salutes you, as do Pudens,
Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers.
22The Lord[b] be with your spirit.
Grace be with you.[c]

Titus

1 Paul, a servant of God,
and an apostle of Jesus
Christ, according to the
faith of God's chosen ones, and the
knowledge of the truth which is
according to godliness, 2in hope of
everlasting life, which God, who
cannot lie, promised before time
began; 3but in his own time
revealed his word in the message
with which I was entrusted
according to the commandment of
God our Savior; 4to Titus, my true
child according to a common faith:
Grace[d] and peace from God the
Father and Christ Jesus[e] our Savior.

[a]4:14 M TR read "May the Lord" instead of "The Lord will"
[b]4:22 M TR add "Jesus Christ"
[c]4:22 M TR add "Amen"
[d]1:4 M TR add "mercy"
[e]1:4 M TR read "Lord Jesus Christ" instead of "Christ Jesus"

[5]I left you in Crete for this
reason, that you would set in order
the things that were lacking, and
appoint elders in every city, as I
directed you; [6]if anyone is
blameless, the husband of one wife,
having children who believe, who
are not accused of loose or unruly
behavior. [7]For the bishop must be
blameless, as God's steward; not
self-pleasing, not easily angered,
not given to wine, not violent, not
greedy for dishonest gain; [8]but
given to hospitality, as a lover of
good, sober minded, fair, holy, self-
controlled; [9]holding to the faithful
word which is according to the
teaching, that he may be able to
exhort in the sound doctrine, and to
convict those who contradict him.
[10]For there are many rebellious
people, empty talkers and
deceivers, especially those of the
circumcision, [11]whose mouths
must be silenced; who are upsetting
whole families, teaching things
which they should not, for the sake
of dishonest gain. [12]One of them, a
prophet of their own, said, "Cretans
are always liars, evil beasts, and
idle gluttons." [13]This testimony is
true. For this cause, reprove them
sharply, that they may be sound in
the faith, [14]not paying attention to
Jewish myths and commandments
of people who reject the truth. [15]To
the pure, all things are pure; but to
those who are defiled and
unbelieving, nothing is pure; but
both their mind and their
conscience are defiled. [16]They
profess that they know God, but by
their works they deny him, being
abominable, disobedient, and unfit
for any good work.

2 But say the things
which fit sound
doctrine, [2]that older
men should be sober-minded,
worthy of respect, self-controlled,
sound in faith, in love, and in
patience: [3]and that older women
likewise be reverent in behavior,
not slanderers nor enslaved to
much wine, teachers of that which
is good; [4]that they may train the
young women to love their
husbands, to love their children, [5]to
be self-controlled, pure, working at
home, kind, and being subject to
their own husbands, so that God's
word may not be discredited.
[6]Likewise, exhort the younger men
to be self-controlled; [7]in all things
showing yourself an example of
good works. In your teaching show
integrity, seriousness,[a] [8]and a
sound message that cannot be
condemned; that he who opposes
you may be ashamed, having no
evil thing to say about us[b]. [9]Exhort
servants to be in subjection to their
own masters, and to be well-
pleasing in all things; not
contradicting; [10]not stealing, but
showing all good fidelity; that they
may adorn the doctrine of God, our
Savior, in all things. [11]For the grace
of God has appeared, bringing
salvation to all people, [12]instructing
us to say "No" to ungodliness and
worldly desires, and to live soberly,
righteously, and godly in this
present age; [13]looking for the

[a]2:7 M TR add "incorruptibility"

[b]2:8 TR reads "you" instead of "us"

blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; [14]who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works. [15]Say these things and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one despise you.

3 Remind them to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient,[a] to be ready for every good work, [2]to speak evil of no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing courtesy to all people. [3]For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. [4]But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward humankind appeared, [5]not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of rebirth and renewing by the Holy Spirit, [6]whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; [7]that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of everlasting life. [8]This saying is faithful, and concerning these things I desire that you affirm confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable for people; [9]but shun foolish questionings, genealogies, strife, and disputes about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. [10]Reject a divisive person after a first and second warning; [11]knowing that such a one is perverted, and sins, being self-condemned.

[12]When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis, for I have determined to winter there. [13]Send Zenas, the Law scholar, and Apollos on their journey speedily, that nothing may be lacking for them. [14]Let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they may not be unfruitful.

[15]All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.[b]

Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved fellow worker, [2]and to Apphia our sister,[c] to Archippus, our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: [3]Grace to you and peace from God

[a]3:1 See also Acts 5:29
[b]3:15 M TR add “Amen”
[c]1:2 M TR read “to the beloved Apphia” instead of “and to Apphia our sister”

our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, 5hearing of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; 6that the fellowship of your faith may become effective, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in you[a] in Christ.[b] 7For I have much joy[c] and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

8Therefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to command you that which is appropriate, 9yet on the basis of love I rather appeal, being such a one as Paul, the aged, but also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.[d] 10I appeal to you for my child, whom I have become the father of in my chains, Onesimus,[e] 11who once was useless to you, but now is useful to you and to me. 12I am sending back to you[f], him who is my very heart, 13whom I desired to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my chains for the Good News. 14But I was willing to do nothing without your consent, that your goodness would not be as of necessity, but of free will. 15For perhaps he was therefore separated from you for a while, that you would have him forever, 16no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much rather to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17If then you count me a partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18But if he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, put that to my account. 19I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self besides). 20Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ[g]. 21Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say.

22Also, prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be restored to you.

23Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, 24as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

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[a]1:6 Text: p61 Aleph F G P 075 33 104 256 263 365 459 1505 1573 1739 1877 1881 2400 al five lect lat(ar.b.f.g) vg(ww) syr(p.h) sa bo arm slav; Chr(com). NU (A C D G K L Psi 209 1243 1735 1874 al Lect lat(d.o) vg(st) geo; Chr(lem), Thed(lat)) reads ”us”

[b]1:6 M TR add "Jesus"

[c]1:7 M reads “thankfulness” instead of “joy”

[d]1:9 NU (Aleph A D(c) 33 69 1505 cop(bo) eth(ro); Amb, Ambst). M TR (C F G Psi 1243 1319 1573 1735 1739 1881 1874 1877 2400 lat(d.e.f.g) vg syr arm eth(pp); Chr) read “Jesus Christ”

[e]1:10 Onesimus means “useful”

[f]1:12 M TR omit “to you”

[g]1:20 M TR read “the Lord” instead of “Christ”

25The grace of the[a] Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit.[b]

Hebrews

1 God, having in the past
spoken to the fathers
through the prophets at
many times and in various ways,
2in these last days has spoken to us
by a Son, whom he appointed heir
of all things, through whom also he
made the ages.[c] 3He is the radiance
of his glory, the very image of his
substance, and upholding all things
by the word of his power, when he
had made[d] purification for[e] sins, sat
down on the right hand of the
Majesty on high; 4having become
so much better than the angels, as
he has inherited a more excellent
name than they have. 5For to which
of the angels did he say at any time,
"You are my Son.
Today I have become your
Father"?[f]

And again,
"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?[g]

6And again, when he brings
in the firstborn into the world he
says, "Let all the angels of God
worship him."[h] 7Of the angels he
says,
"Who makes his angels winds,
and his servants a flame of
fire."[i]

8But of the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever
and ever,
and the righteous scepter is
the scepter of your[j]
kingdom.
9You have loved righteousness,
and hated iniquity;
therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with
the oil of gladness
above your
companions."[k]

10And,
"In the beginning, Lord, you
established the
foundation of the
earth.
The heavens are the works
of your hands.
11They will perish, but you remain;
and they will all wear out
like a garment.
12As a cloak, you will roll them
up,
and like a garment[l] they will
be changed.
But you remain the same, and

[a] 1:25 M TR read "our" instead of "the"
[b] 1:25 M TR add "Amen"
[c] 1:2 Or, "worlds," or "universe." Gk: aiwn
[d] 1:3 M TR add "of himself"
[e] 1:3 M TR add "our"
[f] 1:5 Psalm 2:7
[g] 1:5 2 Samuel 7:14; 1 Chronicles 17:13
[h] 1:6 Deuteronomy 32:43
[i] 1:7 Psalm 104:4
[j] 1:8 NU (A D Psi 0243 0278 33 1739 al Byz latt syr sa bo). p46 Aleph B read "his"
[k] 1:9 Psalm 45:6-7
[l] 1:12 M TR omit "like a garment"

your years will have no
end."[a]

13But which of the angels has
he told at any time,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies
the footstool of your
feet?"[b]

14Are they not all ministering
spirits, sent forth to serve for the
sake of those who will inherit
salvation?

2 Therefore we ought to
pay greater attention to
the things that were
heard, so that we will not drift
away. 2For if the word spoken
through angels proved steadfast,
and every transgression and
disobedience received a just
recompense; 3how will we escape if
we neglect so great a salvation—
which at the first having been
spoken through the Lord, was
confirmed to us by those who
heard; 4God also testifying with
them, both by signs and wonders,
by various works of power, and by
gifts of the Holy Spirit, according
to his own will? 5For he did not
subject the world to come, of which
we speak, to angels. 6But one has
somewhere testified, saying,
"What is man, that you think of
him?
Or the son of man, that you
care for him?
7You made him a little lower than
the angels.
You crowned him with glory
and honor.[c]
8You have put[d] all things
under his feet."[e]

For in that he put all things
under him, he left nothing that is
not under him.[f] But now we do not
yet see that all things are under him.
9But we see him who has been
made a little lower than the angels,
Jesus, because of the suffering of
death crowned with glory and
honor, that by the grace of God he
should taste of death for everyone.
10For it became him, for whom are
all things, and through whom are
all things, in bringing many sons to
glory, to make the author of their
salvation perfect through
sufferings. 11For both he who
sanctifies and those who are
sanctified are all from one, for
which cause he is not ashamed to
call them brothers, 12saying,
"I will declare your name to my
brothers.

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[a]1:12 Psalm 102:25-27
[b]1:13 Psalm 110:1
[c]2:7 NU (p46 B K L 075 424* 1175 1241 pc Byz Lect(pt) vg(Ms) syr(h) geo2; Thret). TR (Aleph A C D* P Psi 0150 0243 33 1739 1881 al. Lect(pt) Lat(ar.b.comp.d.v) vg syr(p.h*) (sa) bo (fay) arm eth geo1 slav; Chr) adds "and set him over the works of your hands." There is no apparent reason for the words to have dropped out. The longer reading looks like a result of scribal enlargement to conform to Psalm 8:6. Cf. Psalm 8:4-6
[d]2:8 Or, "subjected"
[e]2:8 Psalm 8:4-6
[f]2:8 Or, "under his control"

In the midst of the assembly
I will praise you."[a]

[13]And again, "I will put my trust in him."[b] And again, "Look, I and the children whom God has given me."[c] [14]Since then the children have shared in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death he might bring to nothing him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, [15]and might deliver all of them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. [16]For, truly, he did not come to help the angels, but to help the offspring of Abraham. [17]Therefore he was obligated in all things to be made like his brothers, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make atonement[d] for the sins of the people. [18]For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

3 Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus; [2]who was faithful to him who appointed him, as also was Moses in[e] his house.[f] [3]For he has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, just as he who built the house has more honor than the house. [4]For every house is built by someone; but he who built all things is God. [5]Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken, [6]but Christ is faithful as a Son over his house; whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope.[g] [7]Therefore, even as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today if you will hear his voice,
[8]do not harden your hearts, as in
the provocation[h],
like as in the day of the trial[i]
in the wilderness,
[9]where your fathers tested me and
challenged me,
and saw my works for forty
years.
[10]Therefore I was displeased with
this[j] generation,
and said, 'They always err in
their heart,
but they did not know my
ways;'

[a]2:12 Psalm 22:22
[b]2:13 Isaiah 8:17
[c]2:13 Isaiah 8:18
[d]2:17 Greek hilaskomai
[e]3:2 NU (p13 p46(vid) B cop(sa.bo.fay); Ambr Cyr(1/3). M TR (Aleph A C D K L P Psi 075 0150 33 81 88 323 630 1243 1505 1735 1739 1751 1836 1881 1912 1962 2464 Byz Lect lat vg syr arm eth geo slav; Chr Cyr(2/3) Euth Thdrt JnD) add "all"
[f]3:2 Numbers 12:7
[g]3:6 NU (p13 p46 B sa; Lcf). M TR (Aleph A C D K P Psi 33 1739 1881 al Byz Lect lat vg syr(p.h.pal) bo arm eth) add "firm to the end". Cf. 3:14
[h]3:9 I.e., "as in Meribah." See Psalm 95:8
[i]3:9 I.e., "of Massah." See Psalm 95:8
[j]3:10 NU (p13 p46 Aleph A B D* 0243 6 33 1739 1881 lat sa; Cl). M TR (C D(2) K L P Psi 0278 81 104 365 630 1241 1505 Byz lat(ar) vg(Mss) syr bo) read "that" instead of "this." The latter is used in Psalms 95:11 LXX

[11]as I swore in my wrath,
'They will not enter into my
rest.'"[a]

[12]Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God; [13]but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called "today;" lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. [14]For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm to the end: [15]while it is said,
"Today if you will hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts, as
in the rebellion."[b]

[16]For who, when they heard, rebelled? No, did not all those who came out of Egypt by Moses? [17]With whom was he displeased forty years? Was not it with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? [18]To whom did he swear that they would not enter into his rest, but to those who were disobedient? [19]We see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

4 Let us fear therefore, lest perhaps anyone of you should seem to have come short of a promise of entering into his rest. [2]For indeed we have had good news preached to us, even as they also did, but the word they heard did not profit them, because they[c] were not united by faith with those who heard. [3]For we who have believed do enter into that rest, even as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, they will not enter into my rest;"[d] although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. [4]For he has said this somewhere about the seventh day, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works;"[e] [5]and in this place again, "They will not enter into my rest."[f]

[6]Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and they to whom the good news was before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, [7]he again appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long a time afterward (just as has been said),
"Today if you will hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts."[g]

[8]For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. [9]There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. [10]For he who has entered into his rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from his. [11]Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience. [12]For the word of God is living, and active, and

[a]3:11 Psalm 95:7-11
[b]3:15 Psalm 95:7-8
[c]4:2 TR reads "it was not" instead of "they were not"
[d]4:3 Psalm 95:11
[e]4:4 Genesis 2:2
[f]4:5 Psalm 95:11
[g]4:7 Psalm 95:7-8

sharper than any two-edged sword,
and piercing even to the dividing of
soul and spirit, of both joints and
marrow, and is able to discern the
thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 There is no creature that is
hidden from his sight, but all things
are naked and laid open before the
eyes of him with whom we have to
do. 14 Having then a great high
priest, who has passed through the
heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let
us hold tightly to our confession.
15 For we do not have a high priest
who cannot be touched with the
feeling of our infirmities, but one
who has been in all points tempted[a]
like we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us
therefore draw near with boldness
to the throne of grace, that we may
receive mercy, and may find grace
for help in time of need.

5 For every high priest,
being taken from
among people, is
appointed for people in things
pertaining to God, that he may offer
both gifts and sacrifices for sins.
2 The high priest can deal gently
with those who are ignorant and
going astray, because he himself is
also surrounded with weakness.
3 Because of this, he must offer
sacrifices for sins for the people, as
well as for himself. 4 Nobody takes
this honor on himself, but he is
called by God, just like Aaron was.
5 So also Christ did not glorify
himself to be made a high priest,
but it was he who said to him,
"You are my Son.
Today I have become your
Father."[b]

6 As he says also in another
place,
"You are a priest forever,
after the order of
Melchizedek."[c]

7 In the days of his flesh, he
offered up prayers and petitions
with loud cries and tears to him
who was able to save him from
death, and he was heard because of
his reverence. 8 Although he was a
Son, he learned obedience by the
things which he suffered. 9 Having
been made perfect, he became to all
of those who obey him the author
of everlasting salvation, 10 named
by God a high priest after the order
of Melchizedek. 11 About him we
have many words to say, and hard
to interpret, seeing you have
become dull of hearing. 12 For when
by reason of the time you ought to
be teachers, you again need to have
someone teach you the rudiments
of the first principles of the oracles
of God. You have come to need
milk, not solid food. 13 For everyone
who lives on milk is not
experienced in the word of
righteousness, for he is a baby.
14 But solid food is for those who
are full grown, who by reason of
use have their senses exercised to
discern good and evil.

[a] 4:15 M reads "tried" instead of "tempted"

[b] 5:5 Psalm 2:7

[c] 5:6 Psalm 110:4

6 Therefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on to perfection—not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith toward God, 2of the teaching of washings, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of everlasting judgment. 3And this we will do if God permits. 4For concerning those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, 6and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God for themselves again, and put him to open shame. 7For the land which has drunk the rain that comes often on it, and brings forth a crop suitable for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receives blessing from God; 8but if it bears thorns and thistles, it is rejected and near being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

9But, beloved, we are persuaded of better things for you, and things that accompany salvation, even though we speak like this. 10For God is not unrighteous, so as to forget your work and the[a] love which you showed toward his name, in that you served the saints, and still do serve them. 11We desire that each one of you may show the same diligence to the fullness of hope even to the end, 12that you won't be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherited the promises. 13For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself, 14saying, "I will indeed bless you, and I will greatly multiply you."[b] 15Thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16For people[c] swear oaths by something greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. 17In this way God, being determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, interposed with an oath; 18that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to take hold of the hope set before us. 19This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the curtain; 20where as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2to whom also Abraham divided "a tenth part of everything"[d] (being first, by interpretation, king of righteousness, and then also king of

[a]6:10 M TR add "labor of"
[b]6:14 Genesis 22:17
[c]6:16 M TR add "indeed"
[d]7:2 Genesis 14:20

Salem, which is king of peace;
3without father, without mother,
without genealogy, having neither
beginning of days nor end of life,
but made like the Son of God),
remains a priest continually. 4Now
consider how great this man was, to
whom even Abraham, the
patriarch, gave a tenth out of the
most valuable plunder. 5They
indeed of the sons of Levi who
receive the priest's office have a
commandment to take tithes of the
people according to the Law, that
is, of their brothers, though these
have come out of the body of
Abraham, 6but he whose genealogy
is not counted from them has
accepted tithes from Abraham, and
has blessed him who has the
promises. 7But without any dispute
the lesser is blessed by the greater.
8Here people who die receive
tithes, but there one receives tithes
of whom it is testified that he lives.
9We can say that through Abraham
even Levi, who receives tithes, has
paid tithes, 10for he was yet in the
body of his father when
Melchizedek met him. 11Now if
there was perfection through the
Levitical priesthood (for under it
the people have received the law),
what further need was there for
another priest to arise after the
order of Melchizedek, and not be
called after the order of Aaron?
12For the priesthood being changed,
there is of necessity a change made
also in the law. 13For he of whom
these things are said belongs to
another tribe, from which no one
has officiated at the altar. 14For it is
evident that our Lord has sprung
out of Judah, about which tribe
Moses spoke nothing concerning
priests[a]. 15This is yet more
abundantly evident, if after the
likeness of Melchizedek there
arises another priest, 16who has
been made, not after the law of a
fleshly commandment, but after the
power of an endless life: 17for it is
testified[b],

"You are a priest forever,
according to the order of
Melchizedek."[c]

18For there is an annulling of
a foregoing commandment because
of its weakness and uselessness
19(for the law made nothing
perfect), and a bringing in of a
better hope, through which we
draw near to God. 20Inasmuch as he
was not made priest without the
taking of an oath, 21for they indeed
have been made priests without an
oath, but he with an oath by him
that says of him,

"The Lord swore and will not
change his mind,

[a]7:14 M TR read "priesthood" instead of "priests"

[b]7:17 M TR read """He testifies" instead of "it is testified"

[c]7:17 Psalm 110:4

'You are a priest forever,
according to the order
of Melchizedek.[a]'"[b]

[22]Accordingly Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. [23]Many, indeed, have been made priests, because they are hindered from continuing by death. [24]But he, because he lives forever, has his priesthood unchangeable. [25]Therefore he is also able to save completely those who draw near to God through him, seeing that he lives forever to make intercession for them.

[26]For such a high priest was indeed[c] fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; [27]who does not need, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people. For he did this once for all, when he offered up himself. [28]For the Law appoints men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath which came after the Law appoints a Son forever who has been perfected.

8 Now in the things which we are saying, the main point is this. We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, [2]a servant of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord set up, and not man. [3]For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer. [4]Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are priests who offer the gifts according to the Law; [5]who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses was warned when he was about to make the tabernacle, for he said, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown to you on the mountain."[d] [6]But now he has obtained a more excellent ministry, by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which on better promises has been given as Law. [7]For if the first had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. [8]For finding fault with them, he said,

"Look, the days are coming," says
the Lord,
"when I will make a new
covenant with the house of
Israel and with the house
of Judah;
[9]not according to the covenant that
I made with their fathers,

[a]7:21 Text: Aleph(2) A D Psi 075 1241 1739 1881 al. Byz Lect lat(ar.d) vg(Mss) syr(p.h) bo(pt) eth geo slav; Eus, Chr, Thret. NU (p46 B C 0150 33 81 2464 pc lat(b.comp.m.r) vg syr(pal) sa bo(pt) arm) lack "according to the order of Melchizedek" from haplography: kata t-kata t

[b]7:21 Psalm 110:4

[c]7:26 Gk kai. Text: p46 A B D; Eus. Some Mss (Aleph C K L P Psi 69 vg arm eth; Bas, Chr) lack "indeed"

[d]8:5 Exodus 25:40

in the day that I took them
by the hand to lead them
out of the land of Egypt;
for they did not continue in my
covenant,
and I disregarded them,"
says the Lord.
10"For this is the covenant that I
will make with the
house of Israel.
After those days," says the
Lord;
"I will put my laws into their
mind,
I will also write them on
their heart.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
11They will not teach each one his
fellow citizen,[a]
and each one his brother,
saying, 'Know the Lord,'
for all will know me,
from the least of them to the
greatest of them.
12For I will be merciful to their
unrighteousness,
and I will remember their
sins[b] no more."[c]

13In that he says, "new," he has made the first old. But that which is becoming old and grows aged is near to vanishing away.

9 Now indeed even the first had ordinances of divine service, and an earthly sanctuary. 2For a tabernacle was prepared. In the first part were the lampstand, the table, and the show bread; which is called the Holy Place. 3After the second curtain was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, 4having a golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which was a gold jar containing the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat, of which things we cannot speak now in detail. 6Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, performing their duties. 7But into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. 8The Holy Spirit is indicating this, that the way into the Holy Place was not yet revealed while the first tabernacle was still standing; 9which is a symbol of the present age, where gifts and sacrifices are offered that are incapable, concerning the conscience, of making the worshipper perfect, 10but deal only with foods and drinks and various washings; they are regulations for the flesh imposed until the time of setting things right.

[a]8:11 TR reads "neighbor" instead of "fellow citizen"
[b]8:12 NU (p46 Aleph* B 81 1739 1881 pc lat syr(p) sa bo). M TR (Aleph(2) A D 323 1912 2464 al. 0285vid Byz vg(Ms) syr(h)) add "and lawless deeds," possibly lost from haplography: iwn autwn-iwn autwn. Cf. 10:17
[c]8:12 Jeremiah 31:31-34

[11]But Christ having come as
a high priest of the good things that
have come,[a] through the greater
and more perfect tabernacle, not
made with hands, that is to say, not
of this creation, [12]nor yet through
the blood of goats and calves, but
through his own blood, entered in
once for all into the Holy Place,
having obtained everlasting
redemption. [13]For if the blood of
goats and bulls, and the ashes of a
heifer sprinkling those who have
been defiled, sanctify to the
cleanness of the flesh: [14]how much
more will the blood of Christ, who
through the eternal Spirit offered
himself without blemish to God,
cleanse our[b] conscience from dead
works to serve the living God?
[15]For this reason he is the mediator
of a new covenant, since a death
has occurred for the redemption of
the transgressions that were under
the first covenant, that those who
have been called may receive the
promise of the everlasting
inheritance. [16]Now where there is a
will, the death of the one who made
it must be proven. [17]For a will is in
force where there has been death,
for it is never in force while the one
who made it lives. [18]Therefore even
the first has not been dedicated
without blood. [19]For when every
commandment had been spoken by
Moses to all the people according
to the Law, he took the blood of the
calves and the goats,[c] with water
and scarlet wool and hyssop, and
sprinkled both the scroll itself and
all the people, [20]saying, "This is the
blood of the covenant which God
has commanded you."[d]

[21]Moreover he sprinkled the
tabernacle and all the vessels of the
ministry in like manner with the
blood. [22]According to the Law,
nearly everything is cleansed with
blood, and apart from shedding of
blood there is no forgiveness. [23]It
was necessary therefore that the
copies of the things in the heavens
should be cleansed with these; but
the heavenly things themselves
with better sacrifices than these.
[24]For Christ hasn't entered into
holy places made with hands,
which are representations of the
true, but into heaven itself, now to
appear in the presence of God for
us; [25]nor yet that he should offer
himself often, as the high priest
enters into the holy place year by
year with blood not his own, [26]or
else he must have suffered often
since the foundation of the world.
But now once at the end of the ages,
he has been revealed to put away
sin by the sacrifice of himself.
[27]Inasmuch as it is appointed for
people to die once, and after this,
judgment, [28]so Christ also, having
been offered once to bear the sins
of many,[e] will appear a second
time, without sin, to those who are
eagerly waiting for him for
salvation.

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[a]9:11 M TR read "things to come" instead of "things that have come"
[b]9:14 M TR read "your" instead of "our"
[c]9:19 NU omits "and the goats"
[d]9:20 Exodus 24:8
[e]9:28 Isaiah 53:12

10 For the Law, having a shadow of the good to come, not the very image of the things, [a]can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. [2]Or else would not they have ceased to be offered, because the worshippers, having been once cleansed[b], would have had no more consciousness of sins? [3]But in those sacrifices there is yearly reminder of sins. [4]For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.
[5]Therefore when he comes into the world, he says,
"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me.
[6]Whole burnt offerings and sin-offerings you took no pleasure in.
[7]Then I said, 'Look, I have come.
It is written about me in the scroll of a book; to do your will, God.'"[c]
[8]Previously saying, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin-offerings you did not desire, nor took pleasure in" (which are offered according to the Law),
[9]then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will.[d]" He takes away the first, that he may establish the second, [10]by which will we have been sanctified[e] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [11]Every priest indeed stands day by day serving and often offering the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins, [12]but this one[f], when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; [13]from that time waiting until his enemies are made the footstool of his feet.
[14]For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.
[15]The Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,
[16]"This is the covenant that I will make with them:
'After those days,' says the Lord,
'I will put my laws on their hearts,
I will also write them on their minds.'"[g]
[17]"And I will remember their sins and their iniquities no more."[h]

[18]Now where forgiveness of these is, there is no more offering for sin.
[19]Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus,
[20]by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the curtain, that is to say, his flesh;
[21]and having a great priest over the house of God, [22]let us draw near

[a]10:1 M adds "they"
[b]10:2 M TR read "purified" instead of "cleansed"
[c]10:7 Psalm 40:6-8
[d]10:9 M TR add "O God"
[e]10:10 M adds "those"
[f]10:12 M TR read "he" instead of "this one"
[g]10:16 Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10. In this verse it is in the reverse order, perhaps to show that each have the same thought capabilities
[h]10:17 Jeremiah 31:34

with a true heart in fullness of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled from an
evil conscience, and having our
body washed with pure water, [23]let
us hold fast the confession of our
hope without wavering; for he who
promised is faithful.

[24]Let us consider how to
motivate one another to love and
good works, [25]not forsaking our
own assembling together, as the
custom of some is, but exhorting
one another; and so much the more,
as you see the Day approaching.
[26]For if we sin willfully after we
have received the knowledge of the
truth, there remains no more a
sacrifice for sins, [27]but a certain
fearful expectation of judgment,
and a fierceness of fire which will
devour the adversaries. [28]Anyone
who disregards the Law of Moses
dies without compassion on *the
word of* two or three witnesses.
[29]How much worse punishment, do
you think, will he be judged worthy
of, who has trodden under foot the
Son of God, and has counted the
blood of the covenant with which
he was sanctified an unholy thing,
and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
[30]For we know him who said,
"Vengeance belongs to me; I will
repay[a]."[b] Again, "The Lord will
judge his people."[c] [31]It is a fearful
thing to fall into the hands of the
living God. [32]But remember the
former days, in which, after you
were enlightened, you endured a
great struggle with sufferings;
[33]partly, being exposed to insults
and abuse in public, and sometimes
you came to share with others who
were treated in the same way. [34]For
you both had compassion on them
that were in[d] chains, and joyfully
accepted the plundering of your
possessions, since you knew that
you yourselves had a better[e]
possession and an enduring one[f].
[35]Therefore do not throw away
your boldness, which has a great
reward. [36]For you need patient
endurance so that, having done the
will of God, you may receive the
promise.
[37]"For in just a little while,
he who is coming will come
and will not delay.
[38]But the[g] righteous will live by
faith,

[a]10:30 M TR add "says the Lord"
[b]10:30 Deuteronomy 32:35
[c]10:30 Deuteronomy 32:36; Psalm 135:14
[d]10:34 M TR read "me in my" instead of "them that were in"
[e]10:34 M TR read "since you know that you had for yourselves better" rather than "since you knew that you yourselves had a better"
[f]10:34 M TR add "in the heavens"
[g]10:38 Text: p13 D(2) I K L P Psi 0150 6 81 88 104 256 263 323 365 424 436 459 630 1175 1241 1243 1319 1505 1573 1735 1836 1852 1881 1912 1962 al Byz Lect lat(b.t.z) vg(Mss) syr(pal) bo eth geo slav; Eus(1/2), Chr, Chr, and Habakkuk 2:4. NU (p46 Aleph A H* 33 1739 lat(ar.comp.r) sa bo(Ms) arm; Cl) adds "my." Lectio brevior.

and if he holds back,[a] my
soul has no pleasure in
him."[b]
39But we are not of those who shrink back[c] to destruction, but of those who have faith to the saving of the soul.

11 Now faith is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not see. 2For by this, the people of old were attested. 3By faith, we understand that the ages[d] were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible. 4By faith, Abel[e] offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain,[f] through which he was attested as righteous, God testifying with respect to his gifts; and though he died he still speaks through it. 5By faith, Hanoch was taken away, so that he would not see death, "and he was not found, because God took him away."[g] For before he was taken he was attested as having pleased God. 6Now without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. 7By faith, Noah, being warned about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared a box-shaped ship for the salvation of his household,[h] through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. 8By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to a[i] place which he was to receive for an inheritance.[j] He went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith, he sojourned in a land of promise, as a foreigner, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he looked for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11By faith, even barren[k] Sarah herself received

[a]10:38 Gk: hupostello. L&N 13.160: "to hold oneself back from doing something…Acts 20:27"; Strongs 5288: "withdraw, draw back, keep back, shun, conceal." This verse in Hebrews is quoting Habakkuk 2:4, where the LXX correctly reads hupostello but the extant Hebrew has misread the original word, probably kala "to hold back, refuse" (Cf. Haggai 1:10 where Hebrew kala is translated by LXX as hupostello), as upla "puffed up," possibly due to a damaged scroll. See also Acts 20:20 and Galatians 2:12
[b]10:38 Habakkuk 2:3-4
[c]10:39 Gk: hupostole. Gingrich 6641 shrinking, timidity"; Strongs 5289: "a shrinking, drawing back"
[d]11:3 Or, "worlds," "universe." Gk aiwn
[e]11:4 MT Hebrew vocalization: Hevel, Greek: Abel, which has dropped the /h/ sound in the transliteration from Hebrew to Greek (Habel > Abel), since there was no /h/ sound in ancient Greek. Genesis 4:8
[f]11:4 Genesis 4:4-8
[g]11:5 Genesis 5:24
[h]11:7 Genesis 6:13-7:1
[i]11:8 M TR read "the" instead of "a"
[j]11:8 Genesis 12:1-7
[k]11:11 NU (p46 D*.(b) (P) Psi (81) (1739) (1881) al. Lat(ar.b.comp.d.z) vg syr(p,h) (sa) (bo) (arm) (eth) geo slav). M TR (p13vid Aleph A D(2) K 33 424* 630 pc Byz Lect; Chr) lack "barren" from haplography by

power to conceive when she was
past age, and gave birth, since she
considered him faithful who had
promised. 12Therefore as many as
the stars of the sky in multitude,
and as innumerable as the sand
which is by the sea shore, were
fathered by one man, and him as
good as dead. 13These all died in
faith, not having received the
promises, but having seen them[a]
and embraced them from afar, and
having acknowledged that they
were foreigners and noncitizens on
the earth. 14For those who say such
things make it clear that they are
seeking a country of their own. 15If
indeed they had been thinking of
that country from which they went
out, they would have had enough
time to return. 16But now they
desire a better country, that is, a
heavenly one. Therefore God is not
ashamed of them, to be called their
God, for he has prepared a city for
them.
17By faith, Abraham, being tested,
offered up Isaac; and he who had
gladly received the promises was
offering up his one and only son;[b]
18even he to whom it was said, "In
Isaac will your descendants be
called;"[c] 19concluding that God is
able to raise up even from the dead.
Figuratively speaking, he also did
receive him back from the dead.
20By faith, Isaac blessed Jacob and
Esau, even concerning things to
come.[d] 21By faith, Jacob, when he
was dying, blessed each of the sons
of Joseph, and bowed[e] over the top
of his staff.[f] 22By faith, Joseph,
when his end was near, made
mention of the departure of the
children of Israel; and gave
instructions concerning his bones.[g]
23By faith, Moses, when he was
born, was hidden for three months
by his parents, because they saw
that he was a beautiful child, and
they were not afraid of the king's
commandment.[h] 24By faith, Moses,
when he had grown up, refused to
be called the son of Pharaoh's
daughter,[i] 25choosing rather to
share ill treatment with God's
people, than to enjoy the pleasures
of sin for a time; 26considering the
abuse suffered for the Christ[j]
greater riches than the treasures of
Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
27By faith he left Egypt, not fearing
the anger of the king; for he
endured as seeing him who is
invisible.[k] 28By faith, he kept the
Passover, and the sprinkling of the
blood, that the destroyer of the
firstborn should not touch them.[l]
29By faith, they passed through the
Red Sea as on dry land. When the

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homoioteleuton: ra-ra. Cf. Getting Into the Text: New Testament Essays in Honor of David Alan Black. D. L Akin, T. Hudgins (eds.), 84

[a] 11:13 TR adds "and being persuaded," possibly lost from haplography: ntes kai-ntes kai, though the support is only a few minuscules

[b] 11:17 Genesis 22:1-10

[c] 11:18 Genesis 21:12

[d] 11:20 Genesis 27:28-29, 39-40

[e] 11:21 Or, "bowed in worship"

[f] 11:21 Genesis 47:31

[g] 11:22 Genesis 50:24-25

[h] 11:23 Exodus 1:16, 22

[i] 11:24 Exodus 2:10, 11

[j] 11:26 Or, "the Anointed One." Deuteronomy 18:15; John 5:46

[k] 11:27 1 Timothy 1:17

[l] 11:28 Exodus 12:21-30

Egyptians tried to do so, they were swallowed up.[a] 30By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been encircled for seven days.[b] 31By faith, Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,[c] having received the spies in peace.[d] 32And what more should I say? For the time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets; 33who, through faith subdued kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,[e] 34quenched the power of fire,[f] escaped the edge of the sword,[g] from weakness were made strong, grew mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee. 35Women received their dead by resurrection.[h] Others were tortured, not accepting the payment for release,[i] that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36Others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, moreover by bonds and imprisonment. 37They were stoned,[j] they were sawed apart, they were put to the test,[k] they were killed with the sword.[l] They went around in sheepskins[m] and in goatskins,[n] being destitute, afflicted, mistreated 38(of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves, and the holes of the earth. 39These all, having had testimony given to them through their faith, did not receive the promise, 40God having provided some better thing concerning us, so that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

12 Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus, the founder and completer of the faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has sat down at the

[a]11:29 Exodus 14:21-30
[b]11:30 Joshua 6:15, 16, 20
[c]11:31 Joshua 6:23-25
[d]11:31 Joshua 2:9 ff
[e]11:33 Daniel 6:22-23
[f]11:34 Daniel 3:1-30
[g]11:34 1 Kings 19:1-3; 2 Kings 6:31-7:20
[h]11:35 1Kings 17:22; 2Kings 4:35; Luke 7:15
[i]11:35 Gk: apolutrosis. Thayer 653: "to redeem one by paying the price." E.g., a release offered on the terms of recanting ones faith.
[j]11:37 2 Chronicles 24:20-21
[k]11:37 Text: (p13vid) (Aleph) (Avid) D(2) K (P) (048) 075 6 (33) 88 104 256 263 323 365 424 436 459 630 1243 1319 1573 1735 (1739) 1836 1852 1881 1912 1962 al Byz Lect lat(ar.b.comp.(d).z) vg (syr(h)) (syr(pal)) bo (bo(Ms)) arm (geo) slav; Or(gr4/5.lat1/2), Acac, Chr, (Hier). NU (p46 1241 lect syr(p) (sa) eth; Or(gr1/5.lat1/2), Eus, (Did), Nil) lacks "they were put to the test" from haplography by homoioteleuton: sthesan-sthesan
[l]11:37 Jeremiah 26:20-23; 1 Kings 19:10
[m]11:37 1Kings 19:13, 19 LXX;
[n]11:37 Possibly Zechariah 13:4

right hand of the throne of God.
3For consider him who has endured
such hostility from sinners against
himself, so that you may not
become tired and give up. 4You
have not yet resisted to the point of
shedding blood in your struggle
against sin; 5and you have forgotten
the exhortation which reasons with
you as with sons,
"My son, do not take lightly the
discipline of the Lord,
nor lose heart when you are
corrected by him.
6For whom the Lord loves he
disciplines,
and punishes every son he
accepts."[a]

7If you are enduring
discipline, God is dealing with you
as sons. For what son is there whom
his father does not discipline? 8But
if you are without discipline, of
which all have been made
partakers, then you are illegitimate,
and not sons. 9Furthermore, we had
earthly fathers who disciplined us,
and we paid them respect. Should
we not much rather be subject to
the Father of spirits, and live? 10For
they indeed, for a few days,
disciplined us as seemed good to
them; but he for our profit, that we
may be partakers of his holiness.
11All discipline seems for the
moment painful, not joyful; yet
afterward it yields the peaceful fruit
of righteousness to those who have
been trained by it. 12Therefore, lift
up the hands that hang down and
the feeble knees,[b] 13and make
straight paths for your feet,[c] so that
which is lame may not be
dislocated, but rather be healed.
14Pursue peace with everyone, and
the sanctification without which no
one will see the Lord, 15looking
carefully lest there be anyone who
falls short of the grace of God; that
no root of bitterness springing up
cause trouble, and by it many
become defiled; 16that there be no
sexually immoral or profane person
like Esau, who sold his own[d]
birthright for one meal. 17For you
know that even when he afterward
desired to inherit the blessing, he
was rejected, for he found no place
for a change of mind though he
sought it diligently with tears. 18For
you have not come to something[e]
that might be touched, and that
burned with fire, and darkness,
gloom, and storm, 19the sound of a
trumpet, and the voice of words;
which those who heard it begged
that not one more word should be
spoken to them, 20for they could not
stand that which was commanded,
"If even an animal touches the
mountain, it must be stoned[f];"[g]
21and so fearful was the
appearance, that Moses said, "I am
terrified and trembling."

22But you have come to
Mount Zion, and to the city of the
living God, the heavenly
Jerusalem, and to innumerable

[a]12:6 Proverbs 3:11-12
[b]12:12 Isaiah 35:3
[c]12:13 Proverbs 4:26
[d]12:16 M TR lack "own"
[e]12:18 M TR add "a mountain"
[f]12:20 TR adds "or shot with an arrow"
[g]12:20 Exodus 19:12-13

multitudes of angels, [23]to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of righteous people made perfect, [24]to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,[a] and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel.

[25]See that you do not refuse him who speaks. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned on the earth, how much more will we not escape who turn away from him who warns from heaven, [26]whose voice shook the earth then, but now he has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake[b] not only the earth, but also the heavens."[c] [27]This phrase, "Yet once more," signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. [28]So since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks[d], through which we may offer service pleasing to God, with reverence and awe, [29]for our God is a consuming fire.[e]

13 Let brotherly love continue. [2]Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it. [3]Remember those who are in bonds, as bound with them; and those who are ill-treated, since you are also in the body. [4]Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for[f] God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

[5]Be free from the love of money, content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."[g] [6]So we can confidently say,
"The Lord is my helper;[h] I will not fear. What can humans do to me?"[i]

[7]Remember your leaders, who spoke to you the word of God, and considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. [8]Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [9]Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings, for it is good that the heart be established by grace, not by food, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.

[10]We have an altar from which those who serve the holy

[a]12:24 Jeremiah 31:31
[b]12:26 M TR read "I am shaking" instead of "I will shake"
[c]12:26 Haggai 2:6
[d]12:26 Or, "let us have grace"
[e]12:29 Deuteronomy 4:24
[f]13:4 M TR read "but" instead of "for"
[g]13:5 Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5
[h]13:6 Lit. "The Lord to me is a helper." Text: Aleph* C* P 0285vid 33 1175 1739 lat(d.f) vg syr(p) cop(bo) eth, Psalm 118:6. NU (p46 Aleph(c) A C(2) D K L Psi 0243 81 104 365 630 1241 1505 1836 1881 1912 al Byz vg(Ms) syr(h) arm; Chr) adds "and" (boethos [kai] ou)
[i]13:6 Psalm 118:6-7

tabernacle have no right to eat. 11For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside of the camp.[a] 12Therefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered outside of the gate. 13Let us therefore go out to him outside of the camp, bearing the abuse he bore. 14For we do not have here an enduring city, but we seek that which is to come. 15Through him, then, let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.[b] 16But do not forget to be doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they watch on behalf of your souls, as those who will give account, that they may do this with joy, and not with groaning, for that would be unprofitable for you.

18Pray for us, for we are persuaded[c] that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. 19I strongly urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you sooner.

20Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an everlasting covenant, our Lord Jesus, 21make you complete in every good thing[d] to do his will, working in us[e] that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever[f]. Amen.

22But I exhort you, brothers, endure the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. 23Know that our brother Timothy has been freed, with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you. 24Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. 25Grace be with you all.[g]

James

1 James,[h] a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are in the Diaspora: Greetings. 2Count it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, 3knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5But

[a]13:11 Leviticus 16:27
[b]13:15 An allusion to Hosea 14:2
[c]13:18 M TR read “confident” instead of “persuaded”
[d]13:21 M TR read “work” instead of “thing”
[e]13:21 M TR read “in you” instead of “in us”
[f]13:21 M TR add “and ever”
[g]13:24 M TR add “Amen”
[h]1:1 Or “Jacob”. Greek “Iakobos”

if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without finding fault; and it will be given to him. [6]But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. [7]For let that person not think that he will receive anything from the Lord. [8]He is a double-minded person, unstable in all his ways.

[9]But let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position; [10]and the rich, in that he is made humble, because like the flower in the grass, he will pass away. [11]For the sun arises with the scorching wind, and withers the grass, and the flower in it falls, and the beauty of its appearance perishes. So also will the rich person fade away in his pursuits.

[12]Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which he[a] promised to those who love him. [13]Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. [14]But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. [15]Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death. [16]Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. [17]All generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow. [18]Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

[19]This you know[b], my beloved brothers. But let every person be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; [20]for human anger does not produce[c] the righteousness of God. [21]Therefore, putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with humility the implanted word, which is able to save your souls[d]. [22]But be doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding your own selves. [23]For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his natural face in a mirror; [24]for he sees himself, and goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he was. [25]But he who looks into the perfect Law of freedom, and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, but a doer of the work, this person will be blessed in what he does.

[26]If anyone[e] thinks himself to be religious while he does not control his tongue, but deceives his heart, this one's religion is worthless. [27]Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless

[a]1:12 M TR read "the Lord" instead of "he." Vg reads "God"
[b]1:19 M TR read "So then" instead of "This you know"
[c]1:20 Some Mss read "accomplish"
[d]1:21 Or, "preserve your life"
[e]1:26 M TR add "among you"

and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2 My brothers, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory with partiality. [2]For if someone with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your synagogue, and a poor person in filthy clothing also comes in; [3]and you pay special attention to the one who wears the fine clothing, and say[a], "Sit here in a good place;" but you tell the poor person, "Stand there," or "Sit by my footstool." [4]Have you not discriminated among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? [5]Listen, my beloved brothers. Did not God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him? [6]But you have dishonored the poor person. Do not the rich oppress you, and personally drag you before the courts?

[7]Do not they blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called? [8]However, if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You are to love your neighbor as yourself,"[b] you do well. [9]But if you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. [10]For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. [11]For he who said, "Do not commit adultery,"[c] also said, "Do not commit murder."[d] Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. [12]So speak, and so do, as those who are to be judged by a law of freedom. [13]For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

[14]What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith, but has no works? Can faith save him? [15]And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food, [16]and one of you tells them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled;" and yet you did not give them the things the body needs, what good is it? [17]Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself. [18]But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

[19]You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder. [20]But do you want to know, foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?[e] [21]Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that he

[a]2:3 M TR add "to him"
[b]2:8 Leviticus 19:18
[c]2:11 Exodus 20:14; Deuteronomy 5:18
[d]2:11 Exodus 10:13; Deuteronomy 5:17
[e]2:20 NU (p20 B C* 323 945 1739 most lat vg sa). M TR (Aleph A K P Psi 33 614 2495 al Byz Lect lat(t) syr(p.h) bo eth) read "dead" instead of "useless"

offered up Isaac his son on the
altar? 22You see that faith worked
with his works, and by works faith
was perfected; 23and the Scripture
was fulfilled which says, "And
Abraham believed God, and it was
credited to him as righteousness;"[a]
and he was called the friend of
God.[b] 24You see[c] that a person is
justified[d] by works and not by faith
alone. 25In like manner was not
Rahab the prostitute also justified
by works, in that she received the
messengers, and sent them out
another way? 26For as the body
apart from the spirit is dead, even
so faith apart from works is dead.

3 Let not many of you be
teachers, my brothers,
knowing that we will
receive heavier judgment. 2For in
many things we all stumble. If
anyone does not stumble in word,
this one is a perfect person, able to
bridle the whole body also. 3Now
if[e] we put bits into the horses'
mouths so that they may obey us,
we guide their whole body. 4And
look at the ships also, though they
are so big and are driven by fierce
winds, are yet guided by a very
small rudder, wherever the pilot
desires. 5So the tongue is also a
little member, and boasts great
things. See how a small fire can
spread to a large forest. 6And the
tongue is a fire. The world of
iniquity among our members is the
tongue, which defiles the whole
body, and sets on fire the course of
nature, and is set on fire by hell.[f]
7For all kinds of animals, and birds,
of reptiles and sea creatures, are
being tamed and have been tamed
by humankind. 8But nobody can
tame the tongue. It is a restless[g]
evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it
we bless our Lord[h] and Father, and
with it we curse people, who are
made in the image of God. 10Out of
the same mouth comes forth
blessing and cursing. My brothers,
these things ought not to be so.
11Does a spring send out from the
same opening fresh and bitter
water? 12Can a fig tree, my
brothers, yield olives, or a vine
figs? Nor is salt water able to
produce sweet[i].

13Who is wise and
understanding among you? Let him
show by his good conduct that his
deeds are done in gentleness of
wisdom. 14But if you have bitter
jealousy and selfish ambition in
your heart, do not boast and do not
lie against the truth. 15This wisdom
is not that which comes down from
above, but is earthly, sensual, and
demonic. 16For where jealousy and

[a] 2:23 Genesis 15:6
[b] 2:23 2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8
[c] 2:24 M TR add "then/therefore"
[d] 2:24 Or, declared righteous
[e] 3:3 M TR read "Look" instead of "Now if"
[f] 3:6 Greek: "Gehenna"
[g] 3:8 M TR read "uncontrollable" instead of "restless"
[h] 3:9 M TR read "God" instead of "Lord"
[i] 3:12 M TR read "Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh water" instead of "Nor is salt water able to produce sweet"

selfish ambition are, there is confusion and every evil deed. [17]But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality,[a] without hypocrisy. [18]Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4 Where do conflicts and quarrels among you come from? Do they not come from your passions that war in your members? [2]You lust, and do not have. You kill, covet, and cannot obtain. You fight and make war. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3]You ask, and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it for your pleasures. [4]You adulterers and adulteresses,[b] do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. [5]Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit which he made to dwell[c] in us yearns jealously"? [6]But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.[d] [7]Be subject therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8]Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9]Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to gloom. [10]Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you.

[11]Do not speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother or[e] judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. [12]Only one is the lawgiver and judge,[f] who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor[g]?

[13]Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow let us go into this city, and spend a year there, trade, and make a profit." [14]Whereas you do not know what tomorrow will be like. What is your life? For you are[h] a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

[15]For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that." [16]But now you

[a]3:17 M TR add "and"
[b]4:4 Text: Aleph(2) K L P Psi 049 056 0142 5 218 307 436 442 642 945 1241 1243 1448 1505 1563 1611 1735 2344 2492 al Byz Lect syr(h*) geo(Mss) slav. NU (p100 Aleph* A B 33 81 1241 1739 pc latt syr(p) geo; Aug) lack "adulterers and" from haplography: moich-moich
[c]4:5 M TR reads "who dwells" instead of "which he made to dwell"
[d]4:6 Proverbs 3:34
[e]4:11 M TR reads "and" instead of "or"
[f]4:12 M TR lacks "and judge"
[g]4:12 M TR reads "another" instead of "your neighbor"
[h]4:14 M reads "it will be" instead of "you are"

glory in your boasting. All such
boasting is evil. 17To him therefore
who knows to do good, and does
not do it, to him it is sin.

5 Come now, you rich,
weep and cry aloud for
your miseries that are
coming on you. 2Your riches are
corrupted and your garments are
moth-eaten. 3Your gold and your
silver are corroded, and their
corrosion will be for a testimony
against you, and will eat your flesh
like fire. You have laid up your
treasure in the last days. 4Look, the
wages of the laborers who mowed
your fields, which you have kept
back by fraud, cry out, and the cries
of those who reaped have entered
into the ears of the Lord of hosts[a].
5You have lived delicately on the
earth, and taken your pleasure. You
have nourished your hearts[b] in a
day of slaughter. 6You have
condemned, you have murdered the
righteous one. He does not resist
you.

7Be patient therefore,
brothers, until the coming of the
Lord. Look, the farmer waits for the
precious fruit of the earth, being
patient over it, until it receives the
early and late rain. 8You also be
patient. Establish your hearts, for
the coming of the Lord is near.

9Do not grumble, brothers,
against one another, so that you
won't be judged.[c] Look, the judge
stands at the door. 10Take,[d]
brothers, for an example of
suffering and of patience, the
prophets who spoke in the name of
the Lord. 11Look, we call them
blessed who endured. You have
heard of the patience of Job, and
have seen the Lord in the outcome,
and how the Lord[e] is full of
compassion and mercy. 12But
above all things, my brothers, do
not swear, neither by heaven, nor
by the earth, nor by any other oath;
but let your "yes" be "yes," and
your "no," "no;" so that you do not
fall under judgment.[f]

13Is anyone among you
suffering? He should pray. Is
anyone cheerful? He should sing
praises. 14Is anyone among you
sick? He should call for the elders
of the church, and they should pray
over him, anointing him with oil in
the name of the Lord. 15And the
prayer of faith will save the one
who is sick, and the Lord will raise
him up. If he has committed sins,
he will be forgiven. 16Therefore[g]
confess your sins[h] to one another,
and pray for one another, that you
may be healed. The prayer of a
righteous person is powerfully
effective. 17Elijah was a human

[a]5:4 Greek: Sabaoth (for Hebrew: Tze'va'ot)
[b]5:5 M TR add "as"
[c]5:9 TR reads "condemned" instead of "judged"
[d]5:11 M TR add "my"
[e]5:11 M lacks "the Lord" in the second instance
[f]5:12 M reads "into hypocrisy" instead of "under judgment"
[g]5:16 M TR omit "Therefore"
[h]5:16 M TR read "transgressions" instead of "sins"

being with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

19My[a] brothers, if any among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his[b] soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

1Peter

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Diaspora in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with his blood: Grace to you and peace be multiplied. 3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that does not fade away, reserved in Heaven for you, 5who by the power of God are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6Wherein you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7that the genuineness of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes even though it is tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed—8whom not having seen[c] you love; in whom, though now you do not see him, yet believing, you rejoice greatly with joy inexpressible and full of glory—9receiving the result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 10Concerning this salvation, the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11searching for who or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ, which was in them, pointed to, when he predicted the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that would follow them. 12To them it was revealed, that not to themselves, but to you, they ministered these things, which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Good News to you by the Holy Spirit sent out from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

[a]5:19 M TR omit “My”
[b]5:20 M TR read “a” instead of “his”
[c]1:8 M reads “known” instead of “seen”

13Therefore, prepare your
minds for action,[a] be sober and set
your hope fully on the grace that
will be brought to you when Jesus
Christ is revealed. 14As obedient
children, do not be conformed to
the desires as in your ignorance,
15but just as he who called you is
holy, you yourselves also be holy in
all of your behavior; 16because it is
written, "Be holy, for I am holy."[bc]
17If you call on him as Father, who
without respect of persons judges
according to each man's work, pass
the time of your living as foreigners
here in reverent fear: 18knowing
that you were redeemed, not with
corruptible things, with silver or
gold, from the useless way of life
handed down from your fathers,
19but with precious blood, as of an
unblemished and spotless lamb,
namely Christ. 20He was chosen in
advance before the foundation of
the world, but was revealed in these
last times for your sake, 21who
through him are believers in God,
who raised him from the dead, and
gave him glory; so that your faith
and hope might be in God.

22Seeing you have purified
your souls in your obedience to the
truth[d] in sincere brotherly affection,
love one another from a pure[e] heart
fervently: 23having been born
again, not of corruptible seed, but
of incorruptible, through the living
and abiding word of God.[f] 24For,
"All flesh is like grass,
and all its[g] glory like the
flower in the grass.
The grass withers, and its flower
falls;
25but the word of the Lord
endures forever."[h]

This is the word of Good
News which was preached to you.

2 Putting away therefore
all wickedness, and all
deceit, and hypocrisy,
and envy, and all slander, 2as
newborn babies, long for the pure
milk of the word, that you may
grow thereby to salvation, 3if
indeed you have tasted that the
Lord is good: 4coming to him, a
living stone, though rejected by
people but chosen by God,
precious. 5You also, as living
stones, are built up as a spiritual
house, to be a holy priesthood, to
offer up spiritual sacrifices,
acceptable to God through Jesus

[a]1:13 literally, "gird up the waist of your mind"
[b]1:16 M reads "Be becoming holy" instead of "Be holy"
[c]1:16 Leviticus 11:44-45
[d]1:22 M TR add "through the Spirit"
[e]1:22 NU (p72 Aleph* C K P Psi 33 1739 1881 al Byz Lect lat(t) vg(Mss) syr(p.h) sa bo (arm) slav). Some Mss (A B 1852 lat(ar) vg geo; Var) lack "pure" from haplography: ka(thar)as-ka(rdi)as
[f]1:23 M TR add "forever," reading "through the Word of God, which lives and remains forever" instead of "through the living and abiding Word of God"
[g]1:24 M TR read "of man's" instead of "its"
[h]1:25 Isaiah 40:6-8

Christ. 6Because it is contained in[a]
Scripture,
"Look, I am laying in Zion Zion a
stone, a chosen
precious cornerstone,
and whoever believes in him
will not be put to
shame."[b]

7For you who believe
therefore is the honor, but for those
who do not believe[c],
"The stone which the builders
rejected,
has become the chief
cornerstone,"[d]

8and,
"a stone to stumble over, and a
rock to trip over."[e]

For they stumble at the word,
being disobedient, to which also
they were appointed. 9But you are a
chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
holy nation, a people for his own
possession, that you may proclaim
the excellence of him who called
you out of darkness into his
marvelous light: 10who once were
not a people, but now are God's
people, who had not obtained
mercy, but now have obtained
mercy. 11Beloved, I urge you as
foreigners and temporary residents,
to abstain from fleshly lusts, which
war against the soul; 12having good
behavior among the nations, so in
that of which they speak against
you as evildoers, they may by your
good works, which they see, glorify
God in the day of visitation.
13fSubject yourselves to every
human institution for the Lord's
sake: whether to the king, as
supreme; 14or to governors, as sent
by him for vengeance on evildoers
and for praise to those who do well.
15For this is the will of God, that by
well-doing you should put to
silence the ignorance of foolish
people: 16as free, and not using
your freedom as a cover-up for evil,
but as slaves of God.

17Honor all people. Love the
brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the
king. 18Servants, be in subjection to
your masters with all fear; not only
to the good and gentle, but also to
the wicked. 19For it is
commendable if someone endures
pain, suffering unjustly, because of
conscience toward God. 20For what
glory is it if, when you sin, you
patiently endure beating? But if,
when you do well, you patiently
endure suffering, this is
commendable with God. 21For to
this you were called, because Christ
also suffered for you[g], leaving you
an example, that you should follow
his steps, 22who "committed no sin,
nor was deceit found in his
mouth."[h] 23Who, when he was
cursed, did not curse back. When
he suffered, did not threaten, but

[a]2:6 M TR add "the"
[b]2:6 Isaiah 28:16
[c]2:7 M TR read "are disobedient"
instead of "do not believe"
[d]2:7 Psalm 118:22
[e]2:8 Isaiah 8:14
[f]2:13 M TR add "Therefore"
[g]2:21 TR reads "us" instead of "you"
[h]2:22 Isaiah 53:9

committed himself to him who judges righteously; 24who his own self bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose wounds[a] you were healed.[b] 25For you were going astray like sheep; but now have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

3 In like manner, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; so that, even if any do not obey the word, they may be won by the behavior of their wives without a word; 2seeing your pure behavior in fear. 3Let your beauty be not just the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on fine clothing; 4but in the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very precious. 5For this is how the holy women before, who hoped in God also adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own husbands: 6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you now are, if you do well, and are not put in fear by any terror.

7You husbands, in like manner, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor to the woman, as to the weaker vessel, as being also joint heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers may not be hindered.

8Finally, be all like-minded, compassionate, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, humble[c], 9not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but instead blessing; because[d] to this were you called, that you may inherit a blessing. 10For,

"He who would love life,
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil,
and his lips from speaking deceit.
11Let him turn away from evil, and do good.
Let him seek peace, and pursue it.
12For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears open to their prayer;
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."[e]

13Now who is he who will harm you, if you become zealous[f] of that which is good? 14But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not fear what they

[a]2:24 Greek "molopi" for the Hebrew word "chabburah" in Isaiah 53:5, which is singular with a collective meaning, referring to the welts or bruises resulting from being beaten, or from a lashing or a scourging
[b]Isaiah 53:5
[c]3:8 M TR read "courteous" instead of "humble"
[d]3:9 M TR read "knowing that" instead of "because"
[e]3:12 Psalm 34:12-16
[f]3:13 M TR read "imitators" instead of "zealous"

fear, nor be troubled."[a] 15But sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord[b]; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet[c] with humility and fear: 16having a good conscience; so that when they speak evil against you, they may be put to shame who slander your good manner of life in Christ.

17For it is better, if it is God's will, that you suffer for doing well than for doing evil. 18Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; 19in which he also went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who before were disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the box-shaped ship was being built. In it, few, that is, eight souls, were saved by means of water. 21This is a symbol of baptism, which now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body, but an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

4 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered[d] in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind; for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; 2that you no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh for human desires, but for the will of God. 3For enough time in the past has been spent[e] doing the will of the unbelievers, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries. 4They think it is strange that you do not run with them into the same flood of debauchery, blaspheming: 5who will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6For this reason also the Good News was preached[f] to those who are now dead,[g] that they might be judged according to man in the flesh, but might live according to God in the Spirit.[h] 7But the end of all things is near. Therefore be serious and disciplined in your prayers. 8Above[i] all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love[j] covers a multitude of sins. 9Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one

[a]3:14 Isaiah 8:12
[b]3:15 M TR read "the Lord God in your hearts" instead of "in your hearts Christ as Lord"
[c]3:15 M TR omit "yet"
[d]4:1 M TR add "for us"
[e]4:3 M TR read "lifetime" instead of "time"
[f]4:6 The Gk is passive: "Good News was preached"
[g]4:6 Gk: "preached to the dead"
[h]4:6 Or, "spirit"
[i]4:8 M TR add "And," i.e., "And above"
[j]4:8 M TR add "will"

another, as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms. 11If anyone speaks, let it be as it were the very words of God. If anyone serves, let it be as of the strength which[a] God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
12Beloved, do not be astonished at the fiery trial which has come upon you, to test you, as though a strange thing happened to you. 13But because you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory you also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory[b] and of God rests on you. On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.[c] 15For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil doer, or a meddler. 16But if as a Christian,[d] let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.[e] 17For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins first with us, what will happen to those who do not obey the Good News of God? 18And "If the righteous is delivered with difficulty, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"[f] 19Therefore let them also who suffer according to the will of God in doing good entrust their souls to him, as to a faithful Creator.

5 I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and who will also share in the glory that will be revealed: 2Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion, but voluntarily, as God wants;[g] not for dishonest gain, but willingly; 3neither as lording it over those entrusted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. 4When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

5Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of

[a]4:11 M reads "as" instead of "which"
[b]4:14 NU (p72 B K L Psi 642 1448 2492 Byz five lect lat(ar.t) syr(p) geo slav(Mss); Cl, Cyr). Aleph A P 33 1739 al. some Byz Lect lat(z) vg(Mss); Ath, Thret add "and of power," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai, or it is a homiletic addition
[c]4:14 Text: Aleph(1) (Psi) K L P S 69 1448 1563 1611 2191 2495 Byz L590 lat(ar.q.t.z) vg(ww) syr(h*) sa(Mss) (bo(Ms)) slav; (Cyp), Aug. NU (p72 Aleph A B 049 33 81 218 436 945 1175 1243 1735 1739 al vg(cl.st) syr(p.h) sa(Ms) bo arm eth geo; Cl, Thret, Cyr) lack "On their part…glorified" from homoioteleuton: etai-etai. James R. Royse, New Testament Studies vol. 29 (1983), 540; P. R. Rodgers, Catholic Biblical Quarterly 43 (1981) 93-95
[d]4:16 Or, "follower of Christ," "follower of Christ"
[e]4:16 Some Mss read "matter"
[f]4:18 Proverbs 11:31
[g]5:2 M TR omit "as God wants"

you[a] clothe yourselves with humility, towards one another; for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.[b] 6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; 7casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.

8Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. 10And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ,[c] after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11To him be the[d] power forever[e]. Amen.

12Through Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.[f] 13She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son. 14Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.[g]

2Peter

1 Simeon[h] Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: 2Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3seeing that his divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own[i] glory and virtue; 4by which he has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; 6and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, perseverance; and in perseverance, godliness; 7and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. 8For if

[a] 5:5 M TR add "be subjected to one another"
[b] 5:5 Proverbs 3:34
[c] 5:10 NU (Aleph B 614 630 1505 2495 syr(h) sa(Ms)). M TR (p72 A K P Psi 33 1739 1881 al Byz Lect Latt vg syr(p) sa(Mss) bo arm geo) add "Jesus"
[d] 5:11 M TR add "glory and the"
[e] 5:11 M TR add "and ever"
[f] 5:12 M TR read "in which you stand" instead of "Stand firm in it"
[g] 5:14 M TR add "Jesus. Amen"
[h] 1:1 TR reads "Simon" instead of "Simeon." Cf. Acts 15:14
[i] 1:3 M TR omit "his own"

these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10Therefore, brothers, be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble. 11For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

12Therefore I will be ready always[a] to remind you of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. 13I think it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you; 14knowing that the putting off of my tent comes swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15Yes, I will make every effort that you may always be able to remember these things even after my departure. 16For we did not follow cunningly devised tales, when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."[b] 18We heard this voice come out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

19We have the more sure word of prophecy; and you do well that you heed it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts: 20knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation. 21For no prophecy ever came by human will, but people spoke from[c] God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 But false prophets also arose among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master who bought them, bringing on themselves swift destruction. 2Many will follow their immoral[d] ways, and as a result, the way of the truth will be maligned. 3In covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words: whose sentence now from of old does not linger, and their destruction is not asleep[e]. 4For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them down to the lower parts of hell,[f] and committed them to

[a]1:12 M TR read "not be negligent" instead of "be ready always"
[b]1:17 Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35
[c]1:21 M TR read "holy" instead of "from"
[d]2:2 TR reads "destructive" instead of "immoral"
[e]2:3 M reads "will not sleep" instead of "is not asleep"
[f]2:4 Greek: Tartarus. The lowest parts, or below, Sheol

chains[a] of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; [5]and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood on the world of the ungodly; [6]and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, having made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; [7]and delivered righteous Lot, who was very distressed by the lustful life of the wicked [8](for that righteous man dwelling among them, was tormented in his righteous soul from day to day with seeing and hearing lawless deeds): [9]the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment; [10]but chiefly those who walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they are not afraid to blaspheme the glories; [11]whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not bring a railing judgment against them before the Lord. [12]But these, as unreasoning creatures, born natural animals to be taken and destroyed, speaking evil in matters about which they are ignorant, will in their destroying surely be destroyed, [13]suffering the penalty as the wages of evil; people who count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and blemishes, reveling in their deceit while they feast with you; [14]having eyes full of adultery, and insatiable for sin, enticing unstable people, having a heart trained in greed. Children under a curse. [15]Forsaking the right way they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor,[b] who loved the wages of unrighteousness. [16]But he was rebuked for his own transgression; a donkey that could not talk spoke with a human voice and stopped the irrationality of the prophet. [17]These are wells without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved[c]. [18]For, uttering great swelling words of emptiness, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by licentiousness, those who actually[d] escape from those who live in error; [19]promising them liberty, while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for a person is brought into bondage by whoever overcomes him.

[20]For if, after they have escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of our[e] Lord

[a]2:4 Other Mss read “pits/caverns” instead of “chains”
[b]2:15 Text: B 453 vg(Mss) syr(ph) cop(sa) arm; Aug. Aleph* reads Beworsor. NU (p72 Aleph(2) A(c) C K L P Psi 048 81 1175 1243 1611 1735 1739 Byz Lect lat(ar.c.dem.p.z) vg syr(h) cop(bo(pt)) (eth) geo slav) reads “Bosor,” an early corruption where epsilon was misread as omicron, and omega as sigma and omicron
[c]2:17 M TR add “forever”
[d]2:18 NA27 reads “barely”
[e]2:20 NU (p72 Aleph A C P Psi 048(vid) 056 0142 33 81 436 442 642 1175 1243 1448 1505 1563 1611 1735 1739 2464 L596(vid) lat(ar.c.dem.div.p) vg syr(h) arm (eth)

and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in it and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22It[a] has happened to them according to the true proverb, "The dog turns to his own vomit again,"[b] and "the sow that has washed to wallowing in the mire."

3 This is now, beloved, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by reminding you; 2that you should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles: 3knowing this first, that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking[c] and walking after their own lusts, 4and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 5For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth formed out of water and amid water, by the word of God; 6by which means the world that then was, being deluged with water, was destroyed. 7But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same[d] word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people. 8But do not forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient toward[e] you[f], not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10But the day of the Lord will come as a thief[g]; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works on it will not[h] be found[i]. 11Therefore since all these things will be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness, 12looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be

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geo slav; Pel Aug JnD). M TR (B K 049 307 1241 1877 2492 2495 Byz Lect lat(z) vg(mss); PsOec) lack "our"

[a] 2:22 M TR read "But it" instead of "It"

[b] 2:22 Proverbs 26:11

[c] 3:3 M TR omit "mocking"

[d] 3:7 M reads "His" instead of "the same"

[e] 3:9 Some Mss read "because" instead of "toward"

[f] 3:9 M TR reads "us" instead of "you"

[g] 3:10 M TR add "in the night"

[h] 3:10 NU (syr(ph(Mss) cop(sa.cv(vid)). Aleph B K P 1175 1448 1739(txt) 1852 syr(ph(Mss)) (arm) lack "not." M TR (A 048 33 81 1611 al Byz Lect lat(ar) syr(ph(Mss(mg))).h.pal) (cop(bo)) eth geo slav; Cyr) read "will be burned up"

[i] 3:10 M TR read "burned up" instead of "disclosed"

dissolved, and the elements will
melt with fervent heat? [13]But,
according to his promise, we look
for new heavens and a new earth, in
which righteousness dwells.

[14]Therefore, beloved, seeing
that you look for these things, be
diligent to be found in peace,
without blemish and blameless in
his sight. [15]Regard the patience of
our Lord as salvation; even as our
beloved brother Paul also,
according to the wisdom given to
him, wrote to you; [16]as also in all of
his letters, speaking in them of
these things. In those, there are
some things that are hard to
understand, which the ignorant and
unsettled twist, as they also do to
the other Scriptures, to their own
destruction. [17]You therefore,
beloved, knowing these things
beforehand, beware, lest being
carried away with the error of the
wicked, you fall from your own
steadfastness. [18]But grow in the
grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be
the glory both now and forever.[a]

1John

1 That which was from
the beginning, that
which we have heard,
that which we have seen with our
eyes, that which we saw, and our
hands touched, concerning the
Word of life [2](and the life was
revealed, and we have seen, and
testify, and declare to you the life,
the eternal life, which was with the
Father, and was revealed to us);
[3]that which we have seen and heard
we declare to you also[b], that you
also may have fellowship with us.
Yes, and our fellowship is with the
Father, and with his Son, Jesus
Christ. [4]And we write these things[c],
that our joy may be fulfilled.

[5]This is the message which
we have heard from him and
announce to you, that God is light,
and in him is no darkness at all. [6]If
we say that we have fellowship
with him and walk in the darkness,
we lie, and do not tell the truth. [7]But
if we walk in the light, as he is in
the light, we have fellowship with
one another, and the blood of
Jesus[d], his Son, cleanses us from all
sin. [8]If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth
is not in us. [9]If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and righteous to
forgive us the sins, and to cleanse
us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we
say that we have not sinned, we
make him a liar, and his word is not
in us.

2 My little children, I
write these things to
you so that you may not
sin. If anyone sins, we have an

[a]3:18 Many Mss add “Amen”
[b]1:3 M TR omit “also”
[c]1:4 M TR add “to you”
[d]1:7 M TR add “Christ”

advocate[a] with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. 2And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. 3This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commandments. 4One who says, "I know him," and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5But whoever keeps his word, God's love has truly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him: 6he who says he remains in him ought himself also to walk just like he walked.

7Beloved[b], I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard[c]. 8Again, I write a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shines. 9He who says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now. 10He who loves his brother remains in the light, and there is no occasion for stumbling in him. 11But he who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13I am writing[d] to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, little children, because you know the Father.

14I have written to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I have written to you, young people, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15Do not love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love is not in him. 16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not the Father's, but is the world's. 17The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.

18Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the antichrist is coming, even now

[a]2:1 Greek parakleton
[b]2:7 M TR read "Brothers" instead of "Beloved"
[c]2:7 M TR add "from the beginning"
[d]2:13 M TR read "I write" instead of "I am writing"

many antichrists have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour. 19They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have continued with us. But they left, that they might be revealed that none of them belong to us. 20But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.[a] 21I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. 22Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23Whoever denies the Son, the same does not have the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.[b]

24[c]As for you, let that remain in you which you heard from the beginning. If that which you heard from the beginning remains in you, you also will remain in the Son, and in the Father. 25This is the promise which he promised us, the everlasting life. 26These things I have written to you concerning those who would lead you astray. 27As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his[d] anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you[e] remain in him. 28Now, little children, remain in him, that when he appears, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone also[f] who practices righteousness is born of him.

3 See what kind of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God; and we are.[g] For this reason the world does not know us[h], because it did not know him. 2Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. [i]We know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is. 3Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure. 4Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away[j] sins, and in him is no sin. 6Whoever remains in him does not sin. Whoever sins hasn't seen him, neither knows him.

7Children, let no one lead you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of

[a]2:20 NU reads "and you all know"
[b]2:23 M lacks "He who confesses the Son has the Father also"
[c]2:24 M TR add "Therefore"
[d]2:27 M TR read "the same" instead of "his"
[e]2:27 M TR add "will"
[f]2:29 M TR omit "also"
[g]3:1 M TR omit "and we are"
[h]3:1 M reads "you" instead of "us"
[i]3:2 M TR add "But"
[j]3:5 M TR add "our"

God was revealed, to destroy the works of the devil. 9Whoever is born of God does not commit sin, because his seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever does not do righteousness is not of God, neither is he who does not love his brother. 11For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; 12unlike Cain, who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. Why did he kill him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13Therefore do not be surprised,[a] brothers, if the world hates you. 14We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love[b] remains in death. 15Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has everlasting life remaining in him[c].

16By this we know love,[d] because he laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and closes his heart of compassion against him, how does the love of God remain in him? 18Little[e] children, let us not love in word only, neither with the tongue only, but in deed and truth. 19And by this we will[f] know that we are of the truth, and persuade our heart[g] before him, 20because if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 23This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded us[h]. 24He who keeps his commandments remains in him, and he in him. By this we know that he remains in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3and every spirit who does not confess[i] Jesus is not of God; and this is that of the antichrist, of whom you have heard that it comes. Now it is in the world already. 4You are of God, little children, and have overcome them;

[a] 3:13 M TR add "my"
[b] 3:14 M TR add "his brother"
[c] 3:15 M reads "himself" instead of "him"
[d] 3:16 TR adds "of God." Syr reads "his love toward us" instead of "know love"
[e] 3:18 M TR read "My little"
[f] 3:19 M TR omit "will"
[g] 3:19 M TR: "hearts"
[h] 3:23 M lacks "us"
[i] 4:3 M TR add "the Christ has come in the flesh"

because greater is he who is in you
than he who is in the world. 5They
are of the world. Therefore they
speak of the world, and the world
hears them. 6We are of God. He
who knows God listens to us. He
who is not of God does not listen to
us. By this we know the spirit of
truth, and the spirit of error.

7Beloved, let us love one
another, for love is of God; and
everyone who loves is born of God,
and knows God. 8He who does not
love does not know God, for God is
love. 9By this God's love was
revealed in us, that God has sent his
one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him. 10In
this is love, not that we have[a] loved
God, but that he loved us, and sent
his Son as the atoning sacrifice for
our sins. 11Beloved, if God loved us
in this way, we also ought to love
one another. 12No one has seen God
at any time. If we love one another,
God remains in us, and his love has
been perfected in us.

13By this we know that we
remain in him and he in us, because
he has given us of his Spirit. 14We
have seen and testify that the Father
has sent the Son as the Savior of the
world. 15Whoever confesses that
Jesus is the Son of God, God
remains in him, and he in God.
16We know and have believed the
love which God has for us. God is
love, and he who remains in love
remains in God, and God remains
in him. 17In this love has been made
perfect among us, that we may have
boldness in the day of judgment,
because as he is, even so are we in
this world. 18There is no fear in
love; but perfect love casts out fear,
because fear has punishment. He
who fears is not made perfect in
love. 19We love[b], because he first
loved us. 20If anyone says, "I love
God," and hates his brother, he is a
liar; for he who does not love his
brother whom he has seen, cannot
love God whom he has not seen.
21This commandment we have
from him, that he who loves God
should also love his brother.

5 Whoever believes that
Jesus is the Christ is
born of God. Whoever
loves the Father also loves the child
who is born of him. 2By this we
know that we love the children of
God, when we love God and do his
commandments. 3For this is the
love of God, that we keep his
commandments. His
commandments are not grievous.
4For whatever is born of God
overcomes the world. This is the
victory that has overcome the
world: our[c] faith. 5Who is he who
overcomes the world, but he who
believes that Jesus is the Son of
God? 6This is he who came by
water and blood, Jesus Christ; not
with the water only, but with the
water and the blood. It is the Spirit
who testifies, because the Spirit is

[a]4:10 NU (B Psi 81vid 323 945 1241 1505 1739 eth). M TR (Aleph A 048vid Byz arm geo)

[b]4:19 M TR add "him"

[c]5:4 M reads "your" instead of "our"

the truth. [7]For there are three who testify[a]: [8]the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and the three agree as one. [9]If we accept human testimony, the witness of God is greater; for this is God's testimony that he has testified concerning his Son. [10]He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. [11]The testimony is this, that God gave to us everlasting life, and this life is in his Son. [12]He who has the Son has the life. He who does not have God's Son does not have the life. [13]These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have everlasting life[b].

[14]This is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us. [15]And if we know that he listens to us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.

[16]If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not leading to death, he should ask, and he will give him life for those who sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death. I do not say that he should make a request concerning this. [17]All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death. [18]We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. [19]We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. [20]We know that the Son of God has come, and has given us an understanding, that we know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

[21]Little children, keep yourselves from idols.[c]

2John

1 The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all those who know the truth; [2]for the truth's sake, which remains in us, and it will be with us forever: [3]Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father, and from[d] Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

[a]5:7 TR adds "in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth"

[b]5:13 M TR add "and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God"

[c]5:21 M TR add "Amen"

[d]1:3 M TR add "the Lord"

[4]I rejoice greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we have been commanded by the Father. [5]And now I ask you, dear lady, not as though I wrote to you a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. [6]And this is love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. [7]For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. [8]Watch yourselves, that you[a] do not lose the things which we have accomplished, but that you[b] receive a full reward. [9]Whoever goes on[c] and does not remain in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. He who remains in the teaching, the same has both the Father and the Son. [10]If anyone comes to you, and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not welcome him, [11]for he who welcomes him participates in his evil works.

[12]Having many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you, and to speak face to face, that our joy may be made full. [13]The children of your chosen sister greet you.[d]

3John

1 The elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.

[2]Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good health, even as your soul prospers. [3]For I rejoiced greatly, when brothers came and testified about your truth, even as you walk in truth. [4]I have no greater joy than this, to hear about my children walking in truth.

[5]Beloved, you do a faithful work in whatever you accomplish for those who are brothers and strangers. [6]They have testified about your love before the church. You will do well to send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, [7]because for the sake of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the pagans[e]. [8]We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

[9]I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say. [10]Therefore, if

[a]1:8 M TR read “we” instead of “you”
[b]Ibid
[c]1:9 M TR read “transgresses” instead of “goes on”
[d]1:13 M TR add “Amen”
[e]1:7 M TR read “the non-Jews” instead of “pagans”

I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words. Not content with this, neither does he himself receive the brothers, and those who would, he forbids and throws out of the church. 11Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God. He who does evil hasn't seen God. 12Demetrius has the testimony of all, and of the truth itself; yes, we also testify, and you know that our testimony is true.

13I had many things to write to you[a], but I am unwilling to write to you with ink and pen; 14but I hope to see you soon, and we will speak face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

Jude

1 Jude,[b] a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, loved[c] by God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: 2Mercy to you and peace and love be multiplied.

3Beloved, while I was very eager to write to you about our[d] common salvation, I was constrained to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4For there are certain people who crept in secretly, even those who were long ago written about for this condemnation: ungodly people, turning the grace of our God into sensuality, and denying our only Master[e] and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5Now I want to remind you, though you already know all these things, that the Lord,[f] having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6Angels who did not keep their first domain, but deserted their own dwelling place, he has kept in everlasting bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. 7Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them, having, in the same way as these, given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of everlasting fire.
8Yet in like manner these also in their dreaming defile the flesh, despise authority, and blaspheme the glories. 9But Michael, the

[a]1:13 M TR omit "to you"
[b]1:1 Greek: "Ioudas" for Hebrew "Judah." "Jude" has been traditionally used to distinguish him from the one who betrayed Jesus
[c]1:1 M TR read "sanctified" instead of "loved"
[d]1:3 M TR read "the" instead of "our"
[e]1:4 NU (p72 p78 Aleph A B C 0251 33 1739 al some Byz Lect it vg sa bo arm eth geo). M TR (P Psi Byz syr(p.h.ph.pal) add "God"
[f]1:5 Text: Aleph 326 431. NU (B) reads "Jesus"

archangel, when contending with the devil and arguing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him an abusive condemnation, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you." [10]But these speak evil of whatever things they do not know. What they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, they are destroyed in these things. [11]Woe to them. For they went in the way of Cain, and ran riotously in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in Korah's rebellion. [12]These are hidden rocky reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you, shepherds who without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; [13]wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever. [14]About these also Hanoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Look, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, [15]to execute judgment on all, and to convict every person of all their works of ungodliness which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." [16]These are murmurers and complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaks proud things), showing respect of persons to gain advantage.

[17]But you, beloved, remember the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. [18]They said to you that "In the end time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts."[a]

[19]These are they who cause divisions, and are sensual, not having the Spirit. [20]But you, beloved, keep building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. [21]Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to everlasting life. [22]And be merciful on those who doubt, [23]and some save,[b] snatching them out of the fire, and on some have mercy with fear[c]; hating even the clothing stained by the flesh.

[24]Now to him who is able to keep you[d] from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory in great joy, [25]to the only[e] God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,[f] be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

[a]1:18 2 Peter 3:3
[b]1:23 M TR add "with fear"
[c]1:23 M TR omit "and on some have mercy with fear"
[d]1:24 M reads "them"
[e]1:25 M TR add "wise"
[f]1:25 M TR omit "through Jesus Christ our Lord" from haplography: hmwn-hmwn

Revelation

1 This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things which must happen soon, which he sent and made known by his angel[a] to his servant, John, 2who testified to God's word, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, about everything that he saw.

3Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is near.

4John, to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him[b] who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before his throne; 5and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us, and freed[c] us from our sins by his blood; 6and he made us to be a kingdom,[d] priests[e] to his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, including those who pierced him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. Even so, Amen.

8"I am the Alpha and the Omega,[f]" says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9I John, your brother and fellow-partner with you in persecution, kingdom, and patient endurance in Jesus,[g] was on the island that is called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.[h] 10I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet[i] 11saying, "[j]What you see, write on a scroll and send to the seven churches[k]: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

12I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. Having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands. 13And among the[l] lampstands was

[a]1:1 Or, "messenger" (here and wherever angel is mentioned)
[b]1:4 M TR read "God" instead of "him"
[c]1:5 NU (p18 Aleph A C 1 1611 2344 Byz(A) two lat syr(ph.h); Vic Prim). M TR (P 046 94 1006 1854 2053 Byz(K.B.C) lat vg bo) read "washed" instead of "freed"
[d]1:6 TR reads "kings" instead of "kingdom"
[e]1:6 Exodus 19:6; Isaiah 61:6
[f]1:8 TR adds "the Beginning and the End"
[g]1:9 M TR add "Christ"
[h]1:9 M TR adds "Christ"
[i]1:9 Or, "shofar" (here and wherever trumpet is mentioned)
[j]1:11 TR adds "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last"
[k]1:11 TR adds "which are in Asia"
[l]1:13 M TR add "seven"

one like a son of man,[a] clothed with a robe reaching down to his feet, and with a golden sash around his chest. 14His head and his hair were white as white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. 15His feet were like burnished bronze, as if it had been refined in a furnace. His voice was like the voice of many waters. 16He had seven stars in his right hand. Out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining at its brightest. 17When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man.

He laid his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, 18and the Living one. I was dead, but look, I am alive forevermore.[b] I have the keys of Death and of hell[c]. 19Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will happen hereafter; 20the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels[d] of the seven churches. The seven lampstands are seven churches.

2 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

"He who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he who walks among the seven golden lampstands says these things:

2"I know your works, and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate those who are evil, and have tested those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and found them false. 3You have perseverance and have endured for my name's sake, and have[e] not grown weary. 4But I have this against you, that you left your first love. 5Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I am coming to you[f], and will move your lampstand[g] out of its place, unless you repent. 6But this you have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the[h] Paradise of[i] God.

8"To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

"The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life says these things:

[a]1:13 Daniel 7:13
[b]1:18 M TR add "Amen"
[c]1:18 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol
[d]1:20 Or, "messengers" (here and wherever angels are mentioned)
[e]2:3 TR adds "have labored and"
[f]2:5 M TR add "quickly"
[g]2:3 Or, "Menorah" (here and wherever lampstand is mentioned)
[h]2:7 M TR add "midst of the"
[i]2:7 NU TR (Aleph A C 1854 2329 Byz(A) syr(ph) arm). M (1006 1611 1841 al Byz(k) latt vg syr(h) eth sa bo) adds "my"

9"I know your[a] tribulation
and your poverty (but you are rich),
and the blasphemy of those who
say they are Jews, and they are not,
but are a synagogue of Satan. 10Do
not be afraid of the things which
you are about to suffer. Look, the
devil is about to throw some of you
into prison, that you may be tested;
and you will have oppression for
ten days. Be faithful until death,
and I will give you the crown of
life. 11He who has an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit says to the
churches. He who overcomes
won't be harmed by the second
death.

12"To the angel of the church
in Pergamum write:

"He who has the sharp two-
edged sword says these things:

13"I know[b] where you dwell,
where Satan's throne is. You hold
firmly to my name, and did not
deny my faith even[c] in the days of
Antipas, my witness, my[d] faithful
one, who was killed among you,
where Satan dwells. 14But I have a
few things against you, because
you have there some who hold the
teaching of Balaam, who taught
Balak to throw a stumbling block
before the children of Israel, to eat
things sacrificed to idols, and to
commit sexual immorality. 15So
you also have some who hold to the
teaching of the Nicolaitans
likewise[e]. 16Repent therefore, or
else I am coming to you quickly,
and I will make war against them
with the sword of my mouth. 17He
who has an ear, let him hear what
the Spirit says to the churches. To
him who overcomes, to him I will
give[f] of the hidden manna, and I
will give him a white stone, and on
the stone a new name written,
which no one knows but he who
receives it.

18"To the angel of the church
in Thyatira write:

"The Son of God, who has
his eyes like a flame of fire, and his
feet are like burnished bronze, says
these things:

19"I know your works, your
love, faith, service, patient
endurance, and that your last works
are more than the first. 20But I have
this against you, that you tolerate
the[g] woman, Jezebel, who calls
herself a prophetess. She teaches
and seduces my servants to commit
sexual immorality, and to eat things
sacrificed to idols. 21I gave her time
to repent, but she refuses to repent
of her sexual immorality. 22Look, I
will throw her into a sickbed,[h] and

[a] 2:9 M TR add "works, and "
[b] 2:13 M TR add "your works and"
[c] 2:13 M lacks "even"
[d] 2:13 NU (A C 2050 2053 2351 pc syr(h)). M TR (Aleph Byz Latt syr(ph)) lack "my"
[e] 2:15 TR reads "which I hate" instead of "likewise"
[f] 2:17 M TR add "to eat"
[g] 2:20 M TR read "your" instead of "the"
[h] 2:22 Greek: "into a bed." In the context a possible idiom for illness

those who commit adultery with her into great oppression, unless they repent of her[a] works. 23I will kill her children with Death, and all the churches will know that I am he who searches the minds and hearts. I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24But to you I say, to the rest who are in Thyatira, as many as do not have this teaching, who do not know what some call 'the deep things of Satan,' to you I say, I am not putting any other burden on you. 25Nevertheless, hold that which you have firmly until I come. 26He who overcomes, and he who keeps my works to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations. 27He will rule them with an iron scepter, shattering them like clay pots;[b] as I also have received of my Father: 28and I will give him the morning star. 29He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

3 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

"He who has the seven Spirits of God,[c] and the seven stars says these things:

"I know your works, that you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2Wake up, and keep the things that remain, which were about to die[d], for I have found no works of yours perfected before my God. 3Remember therefore how you have received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If therefore you do not wake up, I will come as a thief, and you won't know what hour I will come to you. 4Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5He who overcomes will be arrayed in white garments, and I will in no way blot his name out of the Book of Life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

7"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

"These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, he who has the key of David, he who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one opens:

8"I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. For you have a little power, and have kept my word, and did not deny my name. 9Look, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but lie; look, I will make them to

[a]2:22 TR reads "their" instead of "her"
[b]2:27 Psalm 2:9
[c]3:1 The seven different expressions of the One God: Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of Wisdom, Spirit of Understanding, Spirit of Counsel, Spirit of Strength, Spirit of Knowledge and the Spirit of the Reverence of the Lord. Isaiah 11:2; Revelation 4:5, 5:6
[d]3:2 M reads "which you were about to throw away" instead of "which were about to die"

come and worship before your feet,
and to know that I have loved you.
10Because you kept my command
to endure, I also will keep you from
the hour of testing, which is to
come on the whole world, to test
those who dwell on the earth. 11I am
coming quickly. Hold firmly that
which you have, so that no one
takes your crown. 12He who
overcomes, I will make him a pillar
in the temple of my God, and he
will go out from there no more. I
will write on him the name of my
God, and the name of the city of my
God, the new Jerusalem, which
comes down out of heaven from my
God, and my own new name. 13He
who has an ear, let him hear what
the Spirit says to the churches.

14"To the angel of the church
in Laodicea write:

"The Amen, the Faithful and
True Witness, the Head of God's
creation, says these things:

15"I know your works, that
you are neither cold nor hot. I wish
you were cold or hot. 16So, because
you are lukewarm, and neither hot
nor cold, I will vomit you out of my
mouth. 17Because you say, 'I am
rich, and have gotten riches, and
have need of nothing;' and do not
know that you are wretched[a],
miserable, poor, blind, and naked;
18I counsel you to buy from me
gold refined by fire, that you may
become rich; and white garments,
that you may clothe yourself, and
that the shame of your nakedness
may not be revealed; and eye salve
to put on your eyes, that you may
see. 19As many as I love, I rebuke
and discipline. Be zealous
therefore, and repent. 20Look, I
stand at the door and knock. If
anyone hears my voice and opens
the door, I will come in to him, and
will dine with him, and he with me.
21He who overcomes, I will give to
him to sit down with me on my
throne, as I also overcame, and sat
down with my Father on his throne.
22He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the
churches."

4 After these things I looked and saw a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, like a trumpet speaking with me, was one saying, "Come up here, and I will show you the things which must happen after this."

2Immediately I was in the
Spirit; and look, there was a throne
set in heaven, and one sitting on the
throne. 3And the one who sat there[b]
looked like a jasper stone and a
sardius. There was a rainbow
around the throne, like an emerald
to look at. 4Around the throne were
twenty-four thrones. On the thrones
were twenty-four elders sitting,
dressed in white garments, with
crowns of gold on their heads. 5And
from the throne came flashes of

[a]3:17 M reads "the wretched one" instead of "wretched"

[b]4:3 M lacks "And the one who sat there"

lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven torches of fire burning before the[a] throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6Before the throne was something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal. In the midst of the throne, and around the throne were four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. 7The first living creature was like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature[b] was like a flying eagle. 8The four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within. They have no rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

9And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives forever and ever, 10the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever, and throw their crowns before the throne, saying, 11"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,[c] to receive the glory, the honor, and the power, for you created all things, and because of your desire they existed, and were created."

5 I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a scroll written inside and on the back[d], sealed shut with seven seals. 2I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to break its seals?" 3No one in heaven above,[e] or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the scroll, or to look in it. 4And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll, or to look in it. 5One of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Look, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that he can open the scroll and loose[f] its seven seals." 6I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven[g] Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 7Then he came, and he took it out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8Now when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden

[a]4:5 M reads "his" instead of "the"
[b]4:7 M lacks "living creature"
[c]4:11 M adds "the Holy One". TR lacks "and God"
[d]5:1 M reads "outside" instead of "on the back"
[e]5:3 Text 046 1006 1841 2351 Byz(K) syr(h); And. NU (1854 2845) lack anw "above," from homoioteleuton: anw-anw
[f]5:5 Text: Aleph 2344 Byz vg(cl) syr(ph) arm(Mss); Cyp, Apr, And. NU (A 69 1006 1854 al syr(p) vg) lacks "loose," from homoioteleuton: ai-ai
[g]5:6 Vg lacks "seven"

bowls full of incense, which are the
prayers of the saints. 9They sang a
new song, saying,
"You are worthy to take the scroll,
and to open its seals:
for you were killed,
and redeemed for God with
your blood
those from every tribe,
language, people, and
nation,
10and made them a kingdom[a] and
priests to our God,
and they[b] will reign on
earth."

11I saw, and I heard[c] the voice
of many angels around the throne,
the living creatures, and the elders;
and the number of them was ten
thousands of ten thousands, and
thousands of thousands; 12saying
with a loud voice, "Worthy is the
Lamb who has been killed to
receive the power, wealth, wisdom,
strength, honor, glory, and
blessing."

13I heard every created thing
which is in heaven, on the earth,
under the earth, on the sea, and
everything in them, saying, "To
him who sits on the throne, and to
the Lamb be the blessing, the
honor, the glory, and the dominion,
forever and ever.[d]"

14The four living creatures
were saying, "Amen." The [e]elders
fell down and worshiped.[f]

6 I saw when[g] the Lamb
opened one of the
seven[h] seals, and I
heard one of the four living
creatures saying, as with a voice of
thunder, "Come."[i] 2And I looked,[j]
and suddenly there was a white
horse, and he who sat on it had a
bow; and a crown was given to him,
and he came forth conquering, and
to conquer.

3When he opened the second
seal, I heard the second living
creature saying, "Come[k]."
4Another came forth, a fiery red[l]
horse. To him who sat on it was
given power to take peace from the
earth, and that they should kill one
another. There was given to him a
great sword.

5When he opened the third
seal, I heard the third living
creature saying, "Come."[m] And I
looked, and suddenly there was a
black horse, and he who sat on it

[a]5:10 M TR read "made us kings" instead of "made them to be a kingdom"
[b]5:10 TR reads "we" instead of "they"
[c]5:11 M adds "as it were"
[d]5:13 M adds "Amen"
[e]5:14 TR adds "twenty-four"
[f]5:14 TR adds "the one living forever and ever"
[g]6:1 M reads "that" instead of "when"
[h]6:1 TR lacks "seven"
[i]6:1 M TR add "and see," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai
[j]6:2 M lacks "And I looked"
[k]6:3 TR adds "and see," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai
[l]6:4 M reads "firey" instead of "fiery red"
[m]6:5 M TR add "and see," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai

had a balance in his hand. 6I heard
something like a voice in the midst
of the four living creatures saying,
"A choenix[a] of wheat for a
denarius, and three choenixes of
barley for a denarius. Do not
damage the oil and the wine."

7When he opened the fourth
seal, I heard the fourth living
creature saying, "Come."[b] 8And I
looked, and suddenly there was a
pale horse, and he who sat on it had
the name Death. Hell[c] followed
with him. Authority over one fourth
of the earth, to kill with the sword,
with famine, with death, and by the
wild animals of the earth was given
to him.

9When he opened the fifth
seal, I saw underneath the altar the
souls of people[d] who had been
killed for the Word of God, and for
the testimony[e] which they had.
10They called out with a loud voice,
saying, "How long, Master, the
holy and true, until you judge and
avenge our blood on those who
dwell on the earth?" 11A long white
robe was given to each of them.
They were told that they should rest
yet for a little longer, until their
fellow servants and their brothers,
who would also be killed even as
they were, should complete their
course.

12I saw when he opened the
sixth seal, and there was a great
earthquake. The sun became black
as sackcloth made of hair, and the
whole moon became as blood.
13The stars of the sky fell to the
earth, like a fig tree dropping its
unripe figs when it is shaken by a
great wind. 14The sky was removed
like a scroll when it is rolled up.
Every mountain and island were
moved out of their places. 15The
kings of the earth, the princes, the
commanding officers, the rich, the
strong, and every slave and free
person, hid themselves in the caves
and in the rocks of the mountains.
16They told the mountains and the
rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from
the face of him who sits on the
throne, and from the wrath of the
Lamb, 17for the great day of their[f]
wrath has come; and who is able to
stand?"

7 And[g] after this, I saw
four angels standing on
the four quarters[h] of the

[a]6:6 A choenix is a dry volume measure that is a little more than a litre (a little more than a quart)
[b]6:7 M TR add "and see," possibly lost from haplography: kai-kai
[c]6:8 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol
[d]6:9 Text: Aleph P 1841 2344 Byz(A) sa bo arm eth(ro). NU lacks "people," from haplography: twn-twn
[e]6:9 M adds "of the Lamb"
[f]6:17 M TR read "his" instead of "their"
[g]7:1 Text: Aleph 046 1611 2329 2344 al. Byz(K) syr(ph) arm eth; Bea. NU (A C 1006 1854 2053 pc Latt) lacks kai "And," from homoioteleuton: ai-ai
[h]7:1 Gk gonia: angle, corner, quarter, chief, secret place. Figuratively, speaking of the entire earth into four quadrants, quarters, divisions or directions (of north, south, east, west),

earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree. [2]I saw another angel ascend from the sunrise, having the seal of the living God. He called out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea, [3]saying, "Do not harm the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." [4]I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel:

[5]of the tribe of Judah were sealed
twelve thousand,
of the tribe of Reuben twelve
thousand,
of the tribe of Gad twelve
thousand,
[6]of the tribe of Asher twelve
thousand,
of the tribe of Naphtali twelve
thousand,
of the tribe of Manasseh twelve
thousand,
[7]of the tribe of Simeon twelve
thousand,
of the tribe of Levi twelve
thousand,
of the tribe of Issachar twelve
thousand,
[8]of the tribe of Zebulun twelve
thousand,
of the tribe of Joseph twelve
thousand[a],
of the tribe of Benjamin were
sealed twelve
thousand.

[9]After these things I looked, and suddenly there was a great multitude, which no one could number, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. [10]They shouted with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation be to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

[11]All the angels were standing around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the[b] throne, and worshiped God, [12]saying, "Amen. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

[13]One of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and from where did they come?"

[14]So I said to him, "My lord, you know."

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or meaning "throughout" (Cf. 2 Chronicles 28:24 LXX where Ahaz made altars in every corner (gonia) of Jerusalem, i.e. figuratively throughout).

[a]7:8 TR adds "sealed" after each tribe from Reuben to Joseph
[b]7:11 M reads "his" instead of "the"

He said to me, “These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes, and made them white in the Lamb’s blood. 15Therefore they are before the throne of God, they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. 16They will hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither will the sun beat on them, nor any heat; 17for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shepherds them, and leads them to springs of waters of life. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.[a]”

8 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3Another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer. Much incense was given to him to offer up, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel’s hand. 5The angel took the censer, and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it on the earth. There followed thunders, sounds, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6The seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. 7And the first[b] sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. One third of the earth was burnt up,[c] and one third of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire[d] was thrown into the sea. One third of the sea became blood, 9and one third of the living creatures which were in the sea died. One third of the ships were destroyed.

10The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch, and it fell on one third of the rivers, and on the springs of the waters. 11The name of the star is called “Wormwood.” One third of the waters became wormwood. Many people died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

12The fourth angel sounded, and one third of the sun was struck, and one third of the moon, and one third of the stars; so that one third

[a] 7:17 An allusion to Isaiah 25:8 LXX, which shares ho theos pan dacryon with this verse

[b] 8:7 NU (Aleph A 1854 al. Byz(K) syr). 2329 Byz(A) latt vg(ww) cop(sa(mss).bo) arm eth add “angel,” possibly lost from homoioteleuton: os-os

[c] 8:7 TR lacks “One third of the earth was burnt up”

[d] 8:8 M reads “a great burning mountain” instead of “a great mountain burning with fire”

of them would be darkened, and the day would not shine for one third of it, and the night in the same way. 13I saw, and I heard an eagle,[a] flying in mid heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe. Woe. Woe for those who dwell on the earth, because of the other voices of the trumpets of the three angels, who are yet to sound."

9 The fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from the sky which had fallen to the earth. The key to the pit of the abyss was given to him. 2He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the shaft, like the smoke from a great[b] furnace. The sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke from the pit. 3Then out of the smoke came forth locusts on the earth, and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4They were told that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those people who do not have God's seal on their[c] foreheads. 5They were given power not to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion, when it strikes a person. 6In those days people will seek death, and will in no way find it. They will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7The shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared for war. On their heads were something like golden crowns, and their faces were like people's faces. 8They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like those of lions. 9They had breastplates, like breastplates of iron. The sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, or of many horses rushing to war. 10They have tails like those of scorpions, and stings. In their tails is their[d] power to harm people for five months. 11They have over them as king the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew is "Abaddon,"[e] and in Greek, he has the name "Apollyon."[f] 12The first woe is past. Look, there are still two woes coming after this.

13The sixth angel sounded. I heard a[g] voice from the four[h] horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14saying to the sixth angel who had one trumpet, "Free the

[a]8:13 TR reads "angel" instead of "eagle"
[b]9:2 M reads "a burning furnace" instead of "a great furnace"
[c]9:4 Text: 046 1006 2329 2814 al Byz(K) vg(ww) syr arm eth; Tyc Prim. NU (Aleph A P 1854 lat(ar.gig) vg(st)) lacks "their" from homoioteleuton: on-on
[d]9:10 M TR read "they have" instead of "is their"
[e]9:11 "Abaddon" is a Hebrew word that means ruin, destruction, or the place of destruction
[f]9:11 "Apollyon" means "Destroyer"
[g]9:13 Minuscule 424 adds "loud," possibly lost from h.t.: hn-hn
[h]9:13 NU (P 046 1 1006 1841 1854 Byz one lat syr(ph)). Some Mss (p47 A 0207 94 1611 2053 2344 Byz(A(pt)) lat(ar.gig) vg(ww.st) syr(h) sa bo eth) lacks "four" from homoioteleuton: on-on

four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.[a]"

15The four angels were freed who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year, so that they might kill one third of humanity. 16The number of the armies of the horsemen[b] was two[c] hundred million[d]. I heard the number of them. 17Thus I saw the horses in the vision, and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of lions. Out of their mouths proceed fire, smoke, and sulfur. 18By these three plagues were one third of humanity killed: from the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19For the power of the horses[e] is in their mouths, and in their tails. For their tails are like serpents, and have heads, and with them they harm. 20The rest of humanity, who were not killed with these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they would not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of bronze, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk. 21They did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries,[f] nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.

10 I saw another[g] mighty angel coming down out of the sky, clothed with a cloud. A rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his legs[h] like pillars of fire. 2He had in his hand a little[i] open scroll. He set his right foot on the sea, and his left on the land. 3He shouted with a loud voice, as a lion roars. When he shouted, the seven thunders uttered their voices. 4When the seven thunders sounded, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from the sky saying, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders said, and do not write them."

5The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right[j] hand to the sky, 6and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there will no longer be delay, 7but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as he declared to his servants, the prophets. 8The

[a] 9:14 Also known as the Perath
[b] 9:16 M reads "horse" instead of "horseman"
[c] 9:16 M reads "one" (ten thousand ten thousand) instead of "two" (twenty thousand ten thousand)
[d] 9:16 literally, "ten thousands of ten thousands"
[e] 9:19 TR lacks "of the horses"
[f] 9:21 The word for "sorceries" (pharmakeia) also implies the use of potions, poisons, and drugs
[g] 10:1 M reads "a" instead of "another"
[h] 10:1 Or, feet. LEH 7433: "foot…leg" Exodus 25:26
[i] 10:2 M lacks "little"
[j] 10:5 TR lacks "right"

voice which I heard from heaven,
again speaking with me, said, "Go,
take the[a] scroll which is open in the
hand of the angel who stands on the
sea and on the land."

9 I went to the angel, telling
him to give me the little scroll.

He said to me, "Take it, and
eat it up. It will make your stomach
bitter, but in your mouth it will be
as sweet as honey."

10 I took the little[b] scroll out of
the angel's hand, and ate it up. It
was as sweet as honey in my
mouth. When I had eaten it, my
stomach was made bitter. 11 They[c]
told me, "You must prophesy again
about many peoples, nations,
languages, and kings."

11 A reed like a rod
was given to me.
Someone said[d],
"Rise and measure God's temple,
and the altar, and those who
worship in it. 2 Leave out the court
which is outside of the temple, and
do not measure it, for it has been
given to the nations. They will
tread the holy city under foot for
forty-two months. 3 I will give
power to my two witnesses, and
they will prophesy one thousand
two hundred sixty days, clothed in
sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive
trees and the two lampstands,
standing before the Lord[e] of the
earth. 5 If anyone desires to harm
them, fire proceeds out of their
mouth and devours their enemies.
If anyone desires to harm them, he
must be killed in this way. 6 These
have the power to shut up the sky,
that it may not rain during the days
of their prophecy. They have power
over the waters, to turn them into
blood, and to strike the earth with
every plague, as often as they
desire. 7 When they have finished
their testimony, the beast that
comes up out of the abyss will
make war with them, and overcome
them, and kill them. 8 Their dead
bodies will be in the street of the
great city, which spiritually is
called Sodom and Egypt, where
also their[f] Lord was crucified.
9 From among the peoples, tribes,
languages, and nations people will
look at their dead bodies for three
and a half days, and will not allow
their dead bodies to be placed in a
tomb[g]. 10 Those who dwell on the
earth rejoice over them, and they
will be glad. They will give gifts to
one another, because these two
prophets tormented those who
dwell on the earth. 11 After the three
and a half days, the breath of life
from God entered into them, and
they stood on their feet. Great fear
fell on those who saw them. 12 I
heard a loud voice from heaven
saying to them, "Come up here."

[a] 10:8 M TR add "little"
[b] 10:10 M omits "little"
[c] 10:11 TR read "He" instead of "They"
[d] 11:1 TR reads "And the angel stood, saying" instead of "Someone said"
[e] 11:4 TR reads "God" instead of "the Lord"
[f] 11:8 TR reads "our" instead of "their"
[g] 11:9 TR reads "in tombs" rather than "a tomb"

They went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies saw them.
13 In that hour[a] there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified, and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past. Look, the third woe comes quickly.

15 The seventh angel sounded, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, "The kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."

16 The twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God's throne, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, the one who is and who was[b]; because you have taken your great power, and reigned. 18 The nations were angry, and your wrath came, as did the time for the dead to be judged, and to give your servants the prophets, their reward, as well as to the saints, and those who fear your name, to the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 God's temple that is in heaven was opened, and the ark of his[c] covenant was seen in his temple. Lightnings, sounds, thunders, an earthquake, and great hail followed.

12 A great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was with child. She screamed out in pain, laboring to give birth.
3 Another sign was seen in heaven. Look, a great fiery red serpent,[d] having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven crowns.
4 His tail drew one third of the stars of the sky, and threw them to the earth. The serpent stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with an iron scepter. Her child was caught up to God, and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that there they may nourish her one thousand two hundred sixty days.

7 There was war in the sky. Michael and his angels made war on the serpent. The serpent and his angels made war. 8 They did not prevail, neither was a place found

[a] 11:13 M reads "day" instead of "hour"
[b] 11:17 TR adds "and who is coming"
[c] 11:19 M reads "the Lord's" instead of "his"
[d] 12:3 Gk: drakon, which is used in the LXX for Heb. tannin "serpent/snake" (Deuteronomy 32:33) or "sea-monster" (Job 7:12), Heb."Leviathan" (Psalm 74:14), and Heb. nachash "serpent/snake" (Amos 9:3). In Revelation Gk drakon is used metaphorically as a designation for the devil, and is usually transliterated in Revelation as "dragon"

for them[a] any more in heaven. [9]The great serpent was thrown down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. [10]I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now is come the salvation, the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ; for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. [11]They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. They did not love their life, even to death. [12]Therefore rejoice, heavens, and you who dwell in them. Woe to the land and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time."

[13]When the serpent saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. [14]Two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, so that she might be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. [15]The serpent spewed water out of his mouth after the woman like a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. [16]The earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the serpent spewed out of his mouth. [17]The serpent grew angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.[b] [18]And he[c] stood on the sand of the sea.

13 And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads, blasphemous names.[d] [2]The beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The serpent gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. [3]One of his heads looked like it had been wounded fatally. His fatal wound was healed, and the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast. [4]They worshiped the serpent, because he gave his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" [5]A mouth was given to him speaking proud words and blasphemies. There was given to him authority to act[e] for forty-two months. [6]He opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his dwelling, those who dwell in

[a]12:8 M reads "him" instead of "them"
[b]12:17 TR adds "Christ"
[c]12:18 M TR read "I" instead of "he"
[d]13:1 M TR read "name" instead of "names"
[e]13:5 M reads "make war" instead of "act"

heaven. 7It was given to him to make war with the saints,[a] and to overcome them. Authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation was given to him. 8All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life of the Lamb who has been killed. 9If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10If anyone is to go into[b] captivity,[c] he will go into captivity. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, he must[d] be killed with the sword. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.

11I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a serpent. 12He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13He performs great signs, even making fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of people. 14He deceives those[e] who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast; saying to those who dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who had been wounded by the sword and yet lived. 15It was given to him to give breath to it, to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast could both speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given a mark[f] on their right hand, or on their forehead[g]; 17and that no one could be able to buy or to sell, unless he has that mark, the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18Here is wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six hundred sixty-six.

14 And I looked, and suddenly on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him[h] one hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. 2I heard a sound from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of a great thunder. The sound

[a]13:7 The first eleven Greek words in this verse dropped out in many Mss (p47 A C P 2053 pc(~50) syr(h) sa arm(Mss); Ir(lat), And) from haplography: kai edothe autw-kai edothe autw
[b]13:10 M TR lack “into” from homoioteleuton: is-is
[c]13:10 Gk: “If anyone into captivity”
[d]13:10 Text: p47vid (Aleph) C P 046 051txt 2053 2329 2814 pc Byz(A) lat. NU (A Byz(K) vg(ww.st); Ps-Ambr) lacks “must” from homoioteleuton: ei-ei
[e]13:14 M reads “my own people” instead of “those”
[f]13:16 M reads “marks” instead of “a mark”
[g]13:16 M TR reads “foreheads” instead of “forehead”
[h]14:1 M adds “a number”

which I heard was like that of harpists playing on their harps. 3They sing a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the one hundred forty-four thousand, those who had been redeemed out of the earth. 4These are those who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed[a] from among humanity, the first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5In their mouth was found no lie; they are blameless.[b]

6I saw another[c] angel flying in mid heaven, having an everlasting Good News to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7He said with a loud voice, "Fear God[d], and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and the springs of waters."

8Another, a second[e] angel, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, which has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality."

9Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or on his hand, 10he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. 11The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. They have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. 12Here is the patience of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

13I heard the voice from heaven saying[f], "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them."

14And I looked, and suddenly there was a white cloud, and on the cloud one sitting like a son of man,[g] having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15Another angel came out from the temple, crying with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Send forth your sickle, and reap; for the hour to reap has come; for the

[a]14:4 M adds "by Jesus"
[b]14:5 TR adds "before the throne of God"
[c]14:6 M reads "an angel" instead of "another angel"
[d]14:7 M reads "Lord" instead of "God"
[e]14:8 TR lacks "a second"
[f]14:13 TR adds "to me"
[g]14:14 Daniel 7:13

harvest of the earth is ripe." [16]He who sat on the cloud thrust his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
[17]Another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. [18]Another angel came out from the altar, he who has power over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Send forth your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are fully ripe." [19]The angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. [20]The winepress was trodden outside of the city, and blood came out from the winepress, even to the bridles of the horses, as far as about one hundred eighty four miles.[a]

15 I saw another great and marvelous sign in the sky: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them God's wrath is finished. [2]I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who overcame the beast, his image,[b] and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. [3]They sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

"Great and marvelous are your
works, Lord God
Almighty.
Righteous and true are your ways,
King of the nations.[c]
[4]Who would not fear you, Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you only are holy.
For all the nations will come
and worship before
you.
For your righteous acts have
been revealed."

[5]After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. [6]The seven angels came out of the temple[d] who had the seven plagues, clothed with pure, bright linen, and wearing golden sashes around their chests.

[7]One of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. [8]The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power. No one was able to enter into the temple, until the seven plagues of the seven angels would be finished.

16 I heard a loud voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven[e]

[a]14:20 Or, 296 kilometers. Lit. 1600 stadia
[b]15:2 TR adds "his mark"
[c]15:3 NU (Aleph(1) A P 046 051 1854 2053 pc Byz lat(gig) bo arm eth; And). Some Mss (p47 Aleph* C 1006 1611 1841 al lat(ar) vg syr(ph.h) sa(Mss)) read "King of Ages." TR (296 2049) reads "King of the holy ones"
[d]15:6 M lacks "out of the temple"
[e]16:1 TR lacks "seven"

bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

2The first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth, and it became a harmful and evil sore on the people who had the mark of the beast, and who worshiped his image.

3The second one poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood as of a corpse. And every living thing in the sea died.

4The third poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are righteous,[a] who is and who was, the Holy One,[b] because you have judged these things. 6For they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve this." 7I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are your judgments."

8The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was given to him to scorch people with fire. 9People were scorched with great heat, and they[c] blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

10The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was darkened. They gnawed their tongues because of the pain, 11and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores. They did not repent of their works.

12The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates.[d] Its water was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that come from the sunrise. 13I saw coming out of the mouth of the serpent, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, something like frogs; 14for they are spirits of demons, performing signs; which go forth to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God the Almighty.
15"Look, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his clothes, so that he does not walk naked, and they see his shame." 16He gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew, Har Megiddo.[e]
17The seventh poured out his bowl into the air. A loud voice came

[a]16:5 TR adds "O Lord"
[b]16:5 TR reads "and shall be" instead of "the Holy One"
[c]16:9 M reads "people" instead of "they"
[d]16:12 Also known as the Perath
[e]16:16 Or, "Har Megiddo" (Friberg 3557). Gk: Harmagedon, cf. Joshua 12:21 LXX (12:22) and 2 Chronicles 35:22 LXX where Hebrew Megiddo is translated as Gk Magedon. Megiddo comes from the verb gadad: "to cut, or invade"

forth out of the temple[a], from the throne, saying, "It is done." [18]There were lightnings, voices, and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since man was on the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. [19]The great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. [20]Every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. [21]Great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each,[b] came down out of the sky on people. People blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for this plague is exceedingly severe.

17 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, [2]with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality, and those who dwell in the earth were made drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality." [3]He carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored animal, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. [4]The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. [5]And on her forehead a name was written, "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." [6]I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered with great amazement. [7]The angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. [8]The beast that you saw was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss and is going[c] to destruction. Those who dwell on the earth and whose names have not been written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will marvel when they see that the beast was, and is not, but is to come. [9]Here is the mind that has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sits. [10]They are seven kings. Five have fallen, the one is, the other has not yet come. When he comes, he must continue a little while. [11]The beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goes to destruction. [12]The ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority as kings,

[a]16:17 M TR add "of heaven"
[b]16:21 Gk. talantiaios. UBS 5980 suggests "about 90 lbs" (40 kg). Lit. a talent
[c]17:8 M TR read "and to go" instead of "and is going"

with the beast, for one hour. 13These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast. 14These will war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings. They also will overcome who are with him, called and chosen and faithful." 15He said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. 16The ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the prostitute, and will make her desolate and[a] naked, and will eat her flesh, and will burn her utterly with fire. 17For God has put in their hearts to do what he has in mind, and to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. 18The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

18 After these things, I saw another angel coming down out of the sky, having great authority. The earth was illuminated with his glory. 2He shouted with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and she has become a habitation of demons, a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean bird, and a prison of every unclean and detestable beast.[b] 3For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality, the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from the abundance of her luxury."

4I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you have no participation in her sins, and that you do not receive of her plagues, 5for her sins have reached to the sky, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6Return to her just as she returned, and repay her double as she did, and according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her double. 7However much she glorified herself, and grew wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning. For she says in her heart, 'I sit a queen, and am no widow, and will in no way see mourning.' 8Therefore in one day her plagues will come: death, mourning, and famine; and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who has judged her is strong. 9The kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived wantonly with her, will weep and wail over her, when they look at the smoke of her burning, 10standing far away for the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city. For your judgment has come in one hour.' 11The merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise any

[a]17:16 M adds "will make her"

[b]18:2 NU (2329 some Byz(B) lat(gig) syr(h) (sa) (arm) (eth Ms); (Hipp), (Prim)). M TR (Aleph C 051 1006 2053 Byz(K.C) some Byz(B) lat(ar) vg bo (eth Ms); And, Bea) omit "and a prison of every unclean {and detestable} beast."

more; [12]merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, purple, silk, scarlet, all expensive wood, every vessel of ivory, every vessel made of most precious wood, and of bronze, and iron, and marble; [13]and cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, horses, chariots, slaves and human lives. [14]The fruits which your soul lusted after have been lost to you, and all things that were luxury and splendor have perished from you, and you will never ever find them again. [15]The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far away for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning; [16]saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, she who was dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. [17]For in an hour such great riches are made desolate.' Every shipmaster, and everyone who sails anywhere, and mariners, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood far away, [18]and exclaimed as they looked at the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like the great city?' [19]They cast dust on their heads, and shouting, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her great wealth.' For in one hour is she made desolate.

[20]"Rejoice over her, O heaven, you saints, apostles, and prophets; for God has judged your judgment on her." [21]A mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down, and will be found no more at all. [22]The voice of harpists, minstrels, flute players, and trumpeters will be heard no more at all in you. No craftsman, of whatever craft, will be found any more at all in you. The sound of a mill will be heard no more at all in you. [23]The light of a lamp will shine no more at all in you. The voice of the bridegroom and of the bride will be heard no more at all in you; for your merchants were the princes of the earth; for with your sorcery all the nations were deceived. [24]In her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on the earth."

19 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah. Salvation, glory, and power belong to [a]our God: [2]for true and righteous are his judgments. For he has judged the great prostitute, who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand."

[a]19:1 TR adds "the Lord"

3 A second said, “Hallelujah.
Her smoke goes up forever and
ever.” 4 The twenty-four elders and
the four living creatures fell down
and worshiped God who sits on the
throne, saying, “Amen.
Hallelujah.”

5 A voice came forth from the
throne, saying, “Give praise to our
God, all you his servants, you who
fear him, the small and the great.”

6 I heard something like the
voice of a great multitude, and like
the voice of many waters, and like
the voice of mighty thunders,
saying, “Hallelujah. For the Lord
our God the Almighty reigns. 7 Let
us rejoice and be exceedingly glad,
and let us give the glory to him. For
the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his wife has made herself
ready.” 8 It was given to her that she
would array herself in bright, pure,
fine linen: for the fine linen is the
righteous acts of the saints.

9 He said to me, “Write,
‘Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the
Lamb.’” He said to me, “These are
true words of God.”

10 I fell down before his feet to
worship him. He said to me, “Look.
Do not do it. I am a fellow servant
with you and with your brothers
who hold the testimony of Jesus.
Worship God, for the testimony of
Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.”

11 And I saw heaven opened,
and suddenly there was a white
horse, and he who sat on it is called
Faithful and True. In righteousness
he judges and makes war. 12 His
eyes are a flame of fire, and on his
head are many crowns. He had[a] a
name written which no one knows
but he himself. 13 He is clothed in a
garment dipped[b] in blood. His
name is called “The Word of God.”
14 The armies which are in heaven
followed him on white horses,
clothed in white, pure, fine linen.
15 Out of his mouth proceeds a
sharp[c] sword, that with it he should
strike the nations. He will rule them
with an iron scepter.[d] He treads the
winepress of the fierceness of the
wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 He
has on his garment and on his thigh
a name written, “King of kings, and
Lord of lords.”

17 I saw an angel standing in
the sun. He shouted with a loud
voice, saying to all the birds that fly
in the sky, “Come. Be gathered
together to the great supper of
God,[e] 18 that you may eat the flesh
of kings, the flesh of captains, the
flesh of mighty people, and the
flesh of horses and of those who sit
on them, and the flesh of all people,
both free and slave, and small and
great.” 19 I saw the beast, and the
kings of the earth, and their armies,

[a] 19:12 M adds “names written and”
[b] 19:13 Other Mss read “sprinkled”
[c] 19:15 M adds “double edged”
[d] 19:15 Psalm 2:9
[e] 19:17 TR reads “supper of the great God” instead of “great supper of God”

gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse, and against his army. 20The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked the signs in his sight, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21The rest were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, the sword which came forth out of his mouth. All the birds were filled with their flesh.

20 I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2He seized the serpent, the ancient snake,[a] which is the devil and Satan,[b] and bound him for a thousand years, 3and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were finished. After this, he must be freed for a short time. 4I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as did not worship the beast nor his image, and did not receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived, and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him one thousand years.

7And after the thousand years, Satan will be released from his prison, 8and he will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9They went up over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the saints, and the beloved city, and fire came down out of heaven[c] and devoured them. 10The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are also. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

11I saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There was found no place for them. 12I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne[d], and they opened books. Another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were

[a]20:2 Gk: ophis "snake," used in Genesis 3:1 LXX for the devil, Heb. nachash "snake"
[b]20:2 M adds "who deceives the whole inhabited earth"
[c]20:9 M TR add "from God"
[d]20:12 TR reads "God" instead of "the throne"

judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13The sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and hell[a] gave up the dead who were in them. They were judged, each one according to his works. 14Death and hell[b] were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15If anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

21 I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more. 2I[c] saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. 3I heard a loud voice from the throne[d] saying, "Look, the tabernacle of God is with humans, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people,[e] and God himself will be with them and be their God.[f] 4And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, nor will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for[g] the first things have passed away."

5He who sits on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things new." He said[h], "Write, for these words are faithful and true." 6He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life. 7He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son. 8But to the cowards, and unbelieving,[i] and detestable, and murderers, and sexually immoral, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

9One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, full of the seven last plagues came, and he spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10He carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, as if it was a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12having a great and high wall; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. 13On the east

[a]20:13 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol
[b]20:14 Greek: Hades, Hebrew: Sheol
[c]21:2 TR adds "John"
[d]21:3 M TR read "out of heaven" instead of "from the throne"
[e]21:3 NU reads "peoples"
[f]21:3 NU (A {P 051 205 209} 1854 2030 2053 al Byz(A(pt)) Lat vg syr(ph.h) eth; Ir(lat), {And}). Aleph 046 1 94 Byz(K.B.C) Byz(A(pt))) lat(gig) bo(Mss) omit "*and be* their God"
[g]21:4 Some Mss lack "for" from haplography by homoioteleuton: ti-ti
[h]21:5 M TR add "to me"
[i]21:8 M adds "sinners"

were three gates; and on the north three gates; and on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. [14]The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. [15]He who spoke with me had for a measure, a golden reed, to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. [16]The city lies foursquare, and its length is as great as its breadth. He measured the city with the reed, one thousand three hundred eighty miles.[a] Its length, breadth, and height are equal. [17]Its wall is one hundred forty-four cubits,[b] by human measurement**,** that is, of an angel. [18]The construction of its wall was jasper. The city was pure gold, like pure glass. [19]The foundations of the city's wall were adorned with all kinds of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire[c]; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; [20]the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, jacinth; and the twelfth, amethyst. [21]The twelve gates were twelve pearls. Each one of the gates was made of one pearl. The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. [22]I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. [23]The city has no need for the sun, neither of the moon, to shine, for the very glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24]The nations will walk[d] in its light. The kings of the earth bring their splendor[e] into it. [25]Its gates will in no way be shut by day (for there will be no night there), [26]and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.[f] [27]There will in no way enter into it anything profane, or one who causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

22 He showed me a[g] river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God[h] and of the Lamb,[i] [2]in the middle of its street. On this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, yielding its fruit every month.[j] The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. [3]There will be no curse any more. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants serve him.

[a]21:16 Or, 2,200 kilometers. Lit. 12,000 stadia. M reads 12,012 stadia
[b]21:17 About 248 feet, or 75.6 meters, using the Hebrew royal cubit of 52.5 centimeters
[c]21:19 Or, "lapis lazuli"
[d]21:24 TR reads "nations of the saved will walk" instead of "nations will walk"
[e]21:24 TR reads "splendor and honor into it" instead of "splendor into it." M reads "the splender and honor of the nations" instead of "their splendor"
[f]21:26 M(k) adds "so that they may enter"
[g]22:1 M TR adds "pure"
[h]22:1 Ezekiel 47:1; Zechariah 14:8
[i]22:1 Daniel 7:13,14; Matthew 26:64; John 1:36; Revelation 5:12,13 etc.
[j]22:2 Ezekiel 47:12

4They will see his face, and his
name will be on their foreheads.
5There will no longer be any night,
and they have no need for the light
of a lamp or the light of the sun,
because the Lord God will shine on
them. And they will reign forever
and ever.[a]

6He said to me, "These words
are faithful and true. The Lord God
of the spirits of the prophets sent
his angel to show to his servants the
things which must happen soon."

7"Look, I am coming
quickly. Blessed is he who keeps
the words of the prophecy of this
book."

8Now I, John, am the one
who heard and saw these things.
When I heard and saw, I fell down
to worship before the feet of the
angel who had shown me these
things. 9He said to me, "See you do
not do it. I am a fellow servant with
you and with your brothers, the
prophets, and with those who keep
the words of this book. Worship
God." 10He said to me, "Do not seal
up the words of the prophecy of this
book, for the time is near. 11He who
acts unjustly, let him act unjustly
still. He who is filthy, let him be
filthy still. He who is righteous, let
him do righteousness still. He who
is holy, let him be holy still."

12"Look, I am coming
quickly. My reward is with me, to
repay to each person according to
his work.[b] 13I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the First and the Last, the
Beginning and the End.[c] 14Blessed
are they who wash their robes[d], that
they may have the right to the tree
of life, and may enter in by the
gates into the city. 15Outside are the
dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually
immoral, the murderers, the
idolaters, and everyone who loves
and practices falsehood. 16I, Jesus,
have sent my angel to testify these
things to you for the churches. I am
the root[e] and the offspring[f] of
David; the bright morning star.[g]"

17The Spirit and the bride
say, "Come." He who hears, let him
say, "Come." He who is thirsty, let
him come. He who desires, let him
take the water of life freely. 18I
testify to everyone who hears the
words of the prophecy of this book,
if anyone adds to them, God will
add[h] to him the plagues which are
written in this book. 19If anyone
takes away from the words of the
book of this prophecy, God will
take away[i] his part from the tree of
life,[j] and out of the holy city, which

[a]22:5 Daniel 7:27
[b]22:12 Isaiah 40:10, 62:11; Romans 2:6, 14:12
[c]22:13 Isaiah 41:4
[d]22:14 M TR read "who do his commandments" instead of "who wash their robes"
[e]22:16 Isaiah 11:1, 10; Revelation 5:5
[f]22:16 Matthew 1:1; Romans 1:3
[g]22:16 Numbers 24:17
[h]22:18 M reads "may God add"
[i]22:19 M reads "may God take away" instead of "God will take away"
[j]22:19 TR reads "book of life." Many Latin Mss read "libro" (book) instead

are written in this book. [20]He who testifies these things says, "Yes, I come quickly."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
[21]The grace of the Lord Jesus[a] be with all.[b] [c]

of "ligno" (tree), a scribal error. All Greek Mss read "tree of life"
[a]22:21 Most Mss add "Christ"
[b]22:21 NU (A lat(ar) vg(st) (vg(ww) adds "Amen"); Tyc, Bea). Other Mss add "the holy ones"
[c]22:21 NU (A lat(ar) vg(st); Bea(1/2)). M TR (051supp 205 209 1611 1854 2053 2062 2377 Byz syr(h) sa arm) add "the saints. Amen"

PROPHECY

Psalm 22

For the Chief Musician. Set to "The Doe of the Morning." A Psalm by David.

22:1My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, and from my anguished cries?
22:2My God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; and by night, and have no rest.
22:3But you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
22:4Our fathers trusted in you. They trusted, and you delivered them.
22:5They cried to you, and escaped. They trusted in you, and were not put to shame.
22:6But I am a worm, not a man; scorned by men, and despised by the people.
22:7All those who see me mock me. They insult me with their lips. They shake their heads, saying,
22:8"He trusts in YHWH; let him deliver him. Let him rescue him, since he delights in him."
22:9You brought me out of the womb. You made me trust at my mother's breasts.
22:10I was cast upon you from my mother's womb. You are my God since my mother bore me.
22:11Do not be far from me, for trouble is near. For there is none to help.
22:12Many bulls have surrounded me. Mighty ones of Bashan have encircled me.
22:13They open their mouths wide against me, lions tearing prey and roaring.
22:14I am poured out like water. All my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; it is melted within me.
22:15My strength is dried up like a potsherd. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have brought me into the dust of death.
22:16For dogs have surrounded me. A company of evildoers have enclosed me. They have pierced my hands and my feet.
22:17I can count all of my bones. They look and stare at me.
22:18They divide my clothes among them. They cast lots for my clothing.
22:19But do not be far off, YHWH. You are my help: hurry to help me.
22:20Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog.
22:21Save me from the lion's mouth. Yes, from the horns of the wild oxen, you have answered me.
22:22I will declare your name to my brothers. In the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

22:23You who fear YHWH, praise him. All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him. Revere him, all you descendants of Israel.
22:24For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, neither has he hidden his face from him; but when he cried to him, he heard.
22:25Of you comes my praise in the great assembly. I will pay my vows before those who fear him.
22:26The humble shall eat and be satisfied. They shall praise YHWH who seek after him. Let your hearts live forever.
22:27Every part of the earth shall remember and turn to YHWH. All the families of the nations shall worship before you.
22:28For the kingdom is YHWH's. He is the ruler over the nations.
22:29All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship. All those who go down to the dust shall bow before him, and my soul shall live for him.
22:30Posterity shall serve him. Future generations shall be told about the Lord.
22:31They shall come and shall declare his righteousness to a people that shall be born, for he has done it.

Psalm 22**:**1 -- Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34
Psalm 22**:**7 -- Matthew 27:39; Mark 15:29; Luke 23:35
Psalm 22**:**8 -- Matthew 27:43
Psalm 22:15 -- John 19:28
Psalm 22:16 -- Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:33; John 19:23, 37; 20:25
Psalm 22:17 -- Luke 23:27,35
Psalm 22:18 – Luke 23:34; John 19:23, 24
Psalm 22:22 – Hebrews 2:12
Psalm 22:24 -- Hebrews 5:7

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

52:13Look, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
52:14Just as many were astonished at you (his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men),
52:15so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they understand.
53:1YHWH, who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of YHWH been revealed? 53:2For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness. When we see him, there is no

beauty that we should desire him. 53:3He was despised, and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and familiar with illness; and as one from whom men hide their face. He was despised, and we did not value him.
53:4Surely he has borne our sicknesses, and carried our pains; yet we considered him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
53:5But he was pierced for our transgressions, and he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his stripes we are healed.
53:6All we like sheep have gone astray. Everyone has turned to his own way; and YHWH has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
53:7He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he didn't open his mouth. As a sheep that is led to the slaughter, and as a lamb that before its shearers is mute, so he didn't open his mouth.
53:8In his oppression his justice was taken away; Who will consider his generation? For his life was cut off from the earth. For the transgression of my people he was led to death.
53:9And they made his grave with the wicked, yet with the rich at his death, although he had done no wrong, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
53:10Yet YHWH was pleased to crush him and make him ill. When you make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring. He shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of YHWH shall prosper in his hand.
53:11After the suffering of his soul he will see light and be satisfied by his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, will make many righteous, and he will bear their iniquities. 53:12Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and he was numbered with transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:1 -- John 12:37-38; Romans 10:16-17
Isaiah 53:4 -- Matthew 8:16-17
Isaiah 53:5-6 -- 1Peter 2:24-25
Isaiah 53:7-8 -- Acts 8:32-35
Isaiah 53:9 -- 1Peter 2:22
Isaiah 53:12 -- Luke 22:37

Zechariah 12

[10]I will pour on the house of David, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of petition; and they will look to me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and will grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves for his firstborn.

Zechariah 12:10 – John 19:34; Revelation 1:7

Jeremiah 31

[31]Look, the days come, says YHWH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
[32]not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they broke, and I disregarded them, says YHWH.
[33]But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says YHWH: I will put my law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:

[34]and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH; for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says YHWH: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

Jeremiah 31:31 -- Hebrews 8:8-12;10:16, 17
Jeremiah 31:33 – 2Corinthians 3:3
Jeremiah 31:34 – John 6:45;Acts 10:43,13:39;Romans 11:27;1Corinthians 2:10;1John 2:20

SALVATION

Joshua 24:15 "…choose this day whom you will serve…"

God created humankind, but in the beginning Adam and Eve sinned. The sin nature has been passed down to everyone. In addition, we all have chosen to do sins. Our sins separate us from God and we stand condemned. But God declares that he loves us and wants to have a personal relationship with us always.

If we want to be with God forever, he has provided a way to have forgiveness of our sins and bring reconciliation with him. If one chooses to stay in rebellion against God, that is a choice also. We are to choose this day whom we will serve.

If you want to be with God forever and want to have your sins forgiven, the way he has provided is through faith in his atonement, in the finished work of his Son, the lamb of God, the promised Christ. He gave up his life willingly, taking the punishment for our sins, past, present, & future, so that we can have fellowship with a Holy God forever.

Here is how to invite Christ Jesus (Hebrew: Yeshua) into your heart and life as an act of faith to receive his atonement for your sins. Pray this:

"Dear God, I realize that I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I believe that Christ Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins, and that you raised him from the dead. I ask you, Jesus, to come into my heart and life. Thank you, Jesus."

Grow in the knowledge of the Lord, and in your walk with him. Be transformed from a self-centered life to a God-centered life. As you surrender your own plans and will for your life, God's Holy Spirit will guide you in every aspect of your life to fulfill the specific plan that God has for you. Put the word and your faith into action. The Christ is our supreme example. Read the Bible daily, and locate a congregation that believes that the Bible in its entirety is the word of God. Encourage one another, even more as you see the Day approaching.

Assurance of Salvation

"Truly, truly, I tell you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has everlasting life and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." John 5:24

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

yet now has reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and blameless before him, Colossians 1:22

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give everlasting life to them. They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27

Sins Forgotten

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

Look, for peace I had great anguish, but you have in love for my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption; for you have cast all my sins behind your back. Isaiah 38:17

'I will remember their sins and their iniquities no more.' Now where forgiveness of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Hebrews 10:17-18 {Jeremiah 31:34}

A Spiritual Journey

Forgetting the things which are behind, and reaching forward to the things which are ahead, Philippians 3:13

TRUST / FAITH

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:5-8

Look, in the God of my salvation I will trust, and will not be afraid; Isaiah 12:2a

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who makes wicked plots happen.
For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Psalm 37:7,9

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth trembles, though the mountains are shaken into the heart of the seas; though its waters roar and are troubled, though the mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46:1-4

Let me hear of your loving kindness in the morning, for I trust in you. Let me know the way in which I should go, for I lift up my soul to you. Psalm 143:8

He himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up, and told him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are dying?" And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace. Be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? How is it that you have no faith?" Mark 4:38-39

…the genuineness of your faith, …is more precious than gold… 1 Peter 1:7a

above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

HOPE

having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance among the saints, Ephesians 1:18

We desire that each one of you may show the same diligence to have the full assurance of hope until the end…imitators of those who through faith and patience inherited the promises. Hebrews 6:11

that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of everlasting life. Titus 3:7

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. John 14:2

looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; Titus 2:13

Christ in you, the hope of glory Colossians 1:27b

And not only this, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for adoption, the redemption of our body. Romans 8:23

For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. Galatians 5:5

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52

But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:13

He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more…. Revelation 21:4

LOVE

God is Love 1John 4:16

You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' …and…'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.' Mark 12:29 /Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. John 13:34

A friend loves at all times Proverbs 17:17

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

but God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Love one another with a pure heart fervently 1 Peter 1:22

Love builds up 1 Corinthians 8:1

Love is patient and is kind;
love does not envy.
Love does not brag,
is not proud,
does not behave itself inappropriately,
does not seek its own way,
is not irritable,
does not keep a record of wrongs;
does not rejoice in unrighteousness,
but rejoices with the truth;
bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
Love never fails..." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Clothe yourselves with… love Colossians 3:12

Let everything you do be done in love. I Corinthians 16:14

And so faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. ICorinthians 13:13

PROPHETIC

"Therefore, look, I send to you prophets, wise people, and scribes…" (Matthew 23:34)

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me…" (John 10:27)

"Having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, if prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith;" (Romans 12:6)

"Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit." (1Corinthians 12:4)
"…and to another prophecy" (1Corinthians 12:7)

HEALING

"…they will place their hands on the sick, and they will be made well." (Mark 16:18)

"…Just say the word, and my servant will be healed. (Matthew 8:8)

"He sent his word and healed them… (Psalm 107:20)

"so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and the evil spirits went out. (Acts 19:12)

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

"He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases." (Luke 9:1)
"Look, I have given you authority…over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will in any way hurt you. (Luke 10:19)

"Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all

things that I commanded you. And look, I am with you every day, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Healing Examples

One ministry gives the following examples.

For 'hands on,' place your hands on the person (Mark 16:18; e.g. shoulders), and say, "Father, in the name of Jesus I lay my hands on this person. Be healed of [x] [or, 'from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet']. I release my faith, and expect a miracle."

For 'hands off' (Matthew 8:8; Psalm 107:20; person in front of you, or not present), say, "Father, in the name of Jesus I send the word for this person to be healed of [x] [or, 'from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet']. I release my faith, and expect a miracle."

Sometimes added, "Come out, in the name of Jesus!" Or, "I rebuke this satanic attack in the name of Jesus! Come out!"

For addition of oil (James 5:14-15). Anoint and pray one of above prayers. Oil is symbolic of the power of God.

For prayer cloths (Acts 19:12). Person touches cloth and prays, releases faith. Give to person that needs to be healed. "A point of contact for people to release their faith." "Symbolic of the name of Jesus."

Also, pray for the healing of one another (James 5:16).

While one should believe for instantaneous healing, an example was given of healing occurring ten days later. Another example was given of praying many verses on healing from the Bible a day, and healing came some time later.

See also: Richard Roberts, He's a Healing Jesus; Joan Hunter, Healing the Whole Man Handbook; Bill Johnson and Randy Clark, The Essential Guide to Healing; Randy Clark, Equipping you to heal the sick.

Word of Knowledge

"For to one is given…the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;" (1Corinthians 12:8)

Types of word of knowledge that have been experienced by someone concerning someone else before or during healing:

-Feel it (feel pain or discomfort somewhere)
-Think it (thought)
-See it (a vision)
-Read it (vision of a word(s))
-Say it (a word during speaking)
-Dream it (a dream prior)

"Lord, I'm here. If you give me a word of knowledge I'll give it."

See: Art Thomas, The Word of Knowledge in Action; Randy Clark, Equipping you to heal the sick.