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Genesis

- 001:001 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- 001:002 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- 001:003 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 001:004 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 001:005 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 001:006 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 001:007 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
- 001:008 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 001:009 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
- 001:010 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.
- 001:011 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- 001:012 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
- 001:013 And the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 001:014 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- 001:015 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
- 001:016 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
- 001:017 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
- 001:018 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light

from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

001:019 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

001:020 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

001:021 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

001:022 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

001:023 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

001:024 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

001:025 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

001:026 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

001:027 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

001:028 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

001:029 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

001:030 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

001:031 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

002:001 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

002:002 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had

made.

002:003 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

002:004 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

002:005 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

002:006 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

002:007 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

002:008 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

002:009 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

002:010 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

002:011 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

002:012 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

002:013 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

002:014 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

002:015 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

002:016 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

002:017 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

002:018 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

002:019 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

002:020 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

002:021 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

002:022 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

002:023 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

002:024 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

002:025 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

003:001 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

003:002 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

003:003 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

003:004 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

003:005 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

003:006 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

003:007 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

003:008 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

003:009 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

003:010 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

003:011 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

003:012 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

003:013 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

003:014 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

003:015 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

003:016 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

003:017 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

003:018 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

003:019 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

003:020 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

003:021 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

003:022 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

003:023 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden,

to till the ground from whence he was taken.

003:024 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

004:001 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

004:002 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

004:003 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

004:004 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

004:005 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

004:006 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

004:007 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

004:008 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

004:009 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

004:010 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

004:011 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

004:012 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

004:013 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

004:014 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

004:015 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

004:016 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in

the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

004:017 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

004:018 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

004:019 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

004:020 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

004:021 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

004:022 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

004:023 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

004:024 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

004:025 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

004:026 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

005:001 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

005:002 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

005:003 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth:

005:004 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

005:005 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

005:006 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

005:007 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:008 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

005:009 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

005:010 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:011 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

005:012 And Cainan lived seventy years and begat Mahalaleel:

005:013 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:014 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

005:015 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

005:016 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:017 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

005:018 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

005:019 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:020 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

005:021 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

005:022 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:023 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

005:024 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

005:025 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech.

005:026 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:027 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

005:028 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

005:029 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

005:030 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

005:031 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

005:032 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

006:001 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

006:002 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

006:003 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

006:004 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

006:005 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

006:006 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

006:007 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

006:008 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

006:009 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

006:010 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

006:011 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

006:012 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

006:013 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

006:014 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

006:015 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

006:016 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side

thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

006:017 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

006:018 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

006:019 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

006:020 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

006:021 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

006:022 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

007:001 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

007:002 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.

007:003 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

007:004 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.

007:005 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

007:006 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

007:007 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

007:008 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

007:009 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

007:010 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

007:011 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the

seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

007:012 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

007:013 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

007:014 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

007:015 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

007:016 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

007:017 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

007:018 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

007:019 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

007:020 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

007:021 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man:

007:022 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

007:023 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.

007:024 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

008:001 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

008:002 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

008:003 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

008:004 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

008:005 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

008:006 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

008:007 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

008:008 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

008:009 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

008:010 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

008:011 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

008:012 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

008:013 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

008:014 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

008:015 And God spake unto Noah, saying,

008:016 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

008:017 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

008:018 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

008:019 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

008:020 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

008:021 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

008:022 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

009:001 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

009:002 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

009:003 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

009:004 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

009:005 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

009:006 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

009:007 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

009:008 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

009:009 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

009:010 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

009:011 And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

009:012 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

009:013 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

009:014 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

009:015 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

009:016 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

009:017 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

009:018 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

009:019 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

009:020 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:

009:021 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

009:022 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

009:023 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

009:024 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

009:025 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

009:026 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

009:027 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

009:028 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.

009:029 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

010:001 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

010:002 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

010:003 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

010:004 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

010:005 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

010:006 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

010:007 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

010:008 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

010:009 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

010:010 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

010:011 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

010:012 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.

010:013 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

010:014 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (out of whom came Philistim,) and Caphtorim.

010:015 And Canaan begat Sidon his first born, and Heth,

010:016 And the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite,

010:017 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

010:018 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanites spread abroad.

010:019 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.

010:020 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

010:021 Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were children born.

010:022 The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

010:023 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash.

010:024 And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

010:025 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

010:026 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and

Jerah,

010:027 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

010:028 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

010:029 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan.

010:030 And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar a mount of the east.

010:031 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

010:032 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

011:001 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

011:002 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

011:003 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

011:004 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

011:005 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

011:006 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

011:007 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

011:008 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

011:009 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

011:010 These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

011:011 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

011:012 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:

011:013 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

011:014 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:
011:015 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years,
and begat sons and daughters.
011:016 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:
011:017 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years,
and begat sons and daughters.
011:018 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:
011:019 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years,
and begat sons and daughters.
011:020 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:
011:021 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years,
and begat sons and daughters.
011:022 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:
011:023 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and
begat sons and daughters.
011:024 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:
011:025 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen
years, and begat sons and daughters.
011:026 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and
Haran.
011:027 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram,
Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.
011:028 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in
Ur of the Chaldees.
011:029 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife
was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of
Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.
011:030 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.
011:031 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's
son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they
went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land
of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.
011:032 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah
died in Haran.
012:001 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country,
and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that
I will shew thee:
012:002 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and
make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
012:003 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth

thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

012:004 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

012:005 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

012:006 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

012:007 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

012:008 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

012:009 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

012:010 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

012:011 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

012:012 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

012:013 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

012:014 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

012:015 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

012:016 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

012:017 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

012:018 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

012:019 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to

me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

012:020 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

013:001 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

013:002 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

013:003 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;

013:004 Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

013:005 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

013:006 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

013:007 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

013:008 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

013:009 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

013:010 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

013:011 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

013:012 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

013:013 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

013:014 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

013:015 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy

seed for ever.

013:016 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

013:017 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

013:018 Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

014:001 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

014:002 That these 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, which is Zoar.

014:003 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

014:004 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

014:005 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emins in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

014:006 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which is by the wilderness.

014:007 And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar.

014:008 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;

014:009 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

014:010 And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

014:011 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

014:012 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom,

and his goods, and departed.

014:013 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

014:014 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

014:015 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

014:016 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

014:017 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

014:018 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

014:019 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

014:020 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

014:021 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

014:022 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

014:023 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

014:024 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

015:001 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

015:002 And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

015:003 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo,

one born in my house is mine heir.
015:004 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.
015:005 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
015:006 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.
015:007 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.
015:008 And he said, LORD God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?
015:009 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.
015:010 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.
015:011 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
015:012 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.
015:013 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
015:014 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.
015:015 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.
015:016 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.
015:017 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.
015:018 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:
015:019 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,
015:020 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,
015:021 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and

the Jebusites.

016:001 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

016:002 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

016:003 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

016:004 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

016:005 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

016:006 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thine hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

016:007 And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

016:008 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

016:009 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

016:010 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

016:011 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

016:012 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

016:013 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

016:014 Wherefore the well was called Beerlahairoi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

016:015 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name,

which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

016:016 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

017:001 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

017:002 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

017:003 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

017:004 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

017:005 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

017:006 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

017:007 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

017:008 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

017:009 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

017:010 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

017:011 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

017:012 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

017:013 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

017:014 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

017:015 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

017:016 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will

bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

017:017 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

017:018 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

017:019 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

017:020 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

017:021 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

017:022 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

017:023 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

017:024 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

017:025 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

017:026 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

017:027 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

018:001 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

018:002 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

018:003 And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

018:004 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

018:005 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

018:006 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

018:007 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

018:008 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

018:009 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

018:010 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.

018:011 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

018:012 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

018:013 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

018:014 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

018:015 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

018:016 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

018:017 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

018:018 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

018:019 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

018:020 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

018:021 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

018:022 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward

Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

018:023 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

018:024 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

018:025 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

018:026 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

018:027 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:

018:028 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

018:029 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

018:030 And he said unto him, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

018:031 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

018:032 And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

018:033 And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

019:001 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

019:002 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

019:003 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

019:004 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

019:005 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

019:006 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

019:007 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

019:008 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

019:009 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

019:010 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

019:011 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

019:012 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

019:013 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

019:014 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

019:015 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

019:016 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

019:017 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad,

that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

019:018 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my LORD:

019:019 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

019:020 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

019:021 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

019:022 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

019:023 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

019:024 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

019:025 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

019:026 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

019:027 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

019:028 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

019:029 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

019:030 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

019:031 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

019:032 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

019:033 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn

went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

019:034 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

019:035 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

019:036 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

019:037 And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

019:038 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

020:001 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

020:002 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

020:003 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

020:004 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

020:005 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

020:006 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

020:007 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

020:008 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

020:009 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

020:010 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

020:011 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

020:012 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

020:013 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

020:014 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

020:015 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

020:016 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

020:017 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

020:018 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

021:001 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

021:002 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

021:003 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

021:004 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

021:005 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

021:006 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.

021:007 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born him a son in his old age.

021:008 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

021:009 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

021:010 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

021:011 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

021:012 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

021:013 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

021:014 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

021:015 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

021:016 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bow shot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

021:017 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

021:018 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

021:019 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

021:020 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

021:021 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

021:022 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:

021:023 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt

do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

021:024 And Abraham said, I will swear.

021:025 And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

021:026 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.

021:027 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

021:028 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

021:029 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

021:030 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.

021:031 Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they sware both of them.

021:032 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

021:033 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.

021:034 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

022:001 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

022:002 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

022:003 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

022:004 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

022:005 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

022:006 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and

they went both of them together.

022:007 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

022:008 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

022:009 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

022:010 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

022:011 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

022:012 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

022:013 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

022:014 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

022:015 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

022:016 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

022:017 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

022:018 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

022:019 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

022:020 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

022:021 Huz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

022:022 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.
022:023 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor,
Abraham's brother.
022:024 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also
Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.
023:001 And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these
were the years of the life of Sarah.
023:002 And Sarah died in Kirjatharba; the same is Hebron in the land of
Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for
her.
023:003 And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the
sons of Heth, saying,
023:004 I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of
a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.
023:005 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,
023:006 Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice
of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from
thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.
023:007 And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the
land, even to the children of Heth.
023:008 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I
should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me
to Ephron the son of Zohar,
023:009 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which
is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall
give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.
023:010 And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the
Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth,
even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,
023:011 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is
therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people
give I it thee: bury thy dead.
023:012 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.
023:013 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the
land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give
thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead
there.
023:014 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,
023:015 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels
of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy

dead.

023:016 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

023:017 And the field of Ephron which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure

023:018 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

023:019 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

023:020 And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

024:001 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

024:002 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

024:003 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

024:004 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

024:005 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

024:006 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

024:007 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

024:008 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

024:009 And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him concerning that matter.

024:010 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and

departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

024:011 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

024:012 And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

024:013 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

024:014 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

024:015 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

024:016 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

024:017 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

024:018 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

024:019 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

024:020 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

024:021 And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

024:022 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

024:023 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

024:024 And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

024:025 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender

enough, and room to lodge in.

024:026 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.

024:027 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

024:028 And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

024:029 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

024:030 And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.

024:031 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

024:032 And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

024:033 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.

024:034 And he said, I am Abraham's servant.

024:035 And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

024:036 And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

024:037 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

024:038 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

024:039 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

024:040 And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

024:041 Then shalt thou be clear from this my oath, when thou comest to

my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

024:042 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

024:043 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

024:044 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

024:045 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew water: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

024:046 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

024:047 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, the daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

024:048 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

024:049 And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

024:050 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

024:051 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

024:052 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth.

024:053 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

024:054 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

024:055 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

024:056 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

024:057 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

024:058 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

024:059 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

024:060 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

024:061 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

024:062 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

024:063 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

024:064 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

024:065 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

024:066 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

024:067 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

025:001 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

025:002 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

025:003 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

025:004 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

025:005 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

025:006 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

025:007 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he

lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

025:008 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

025:009 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

025:010 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

025:011 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.

025:012 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

025:013 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

025:014 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,

025:015 Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah:

025:016 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

025:017 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

025:018 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

025:019 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:

025:020 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

025:021 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

025:022 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

025:023 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

025:024 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

025:025 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

025:026 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.

025:027 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

025:028 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

025:029 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

025:030 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

025:031 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

025:032 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

025:033 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

025:034 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright.

026:001 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

026:002 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

026:003 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;

026:004 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

026:005 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

026:006 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

026:007 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was

fair to look upon.

026:008 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.

026:009 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife; and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

026:010 And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

026:011 And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

026:012 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

026:013 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

026:014 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

026:015 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

026:016 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

026:017 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

026:018 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; 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 them.

026:019 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

026:020 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

026:021 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

026:022 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

026:023 And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

026:024 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

026:025 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

026:026 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

026:027 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

026:028 And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

026:029 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD.

026:030 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

026:031 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

026:032 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

026:033 And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day.

026:034 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

026:035 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

027:001 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I.

027:002 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

027:003 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;

027:004 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

027:005 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau

went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

027:006 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

027:007 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

027:008 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

027:009 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth:

027:010 And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

027:011 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man:

027:012 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

027:013 And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them.

027:014 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

027:015 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

027:016 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

027:017 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

027:018 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

027:019 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy first born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

027:020 And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought it to me.

027:021 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

027:022 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

027:023 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

027:024 And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? And he said, I am.

027:025 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine and he drank.

027:026 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

027:027 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

027:028 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

027:029 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

027:030 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

027:031 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

027:032 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau.

027:033 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

027:034 And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

027:035 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

027:036 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

027:037 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him

thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

027:038 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.

027:039 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;

027:040 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

027:041 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

027:042 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

027:043 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

027:044 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

027:045 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

027:046 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

028:001 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

028:002 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

028:003 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

028:004 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a

stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

028:005 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

028:006 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

028:007 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

028:008 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

028:009 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

028:010 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.

028:011 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

028:012 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

028:013 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

028:014 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

028:015 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

028:016 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

028:017 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

028:018 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

028:019 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

028:020 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

028:021 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:

028:022 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

029:001 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

029:002 And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

029:003 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.

029:004 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we.

029:005 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.

029:006 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

029:007 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.

029:008 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

029:009 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.

029:010 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

029:011 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

029:012 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

029:013 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his

sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

029:014 And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

029:015 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?

029:016 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

029:017 Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

029:018 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

029:019 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

029:020 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

029:021 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.

029:022 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

029:023 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

029:024 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.

029:025 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

029:026 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

029:027 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

029:028 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

029:029 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

029:030 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

029:031 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

029:032 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

029:033 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.

029:034 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.

029:035 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.

030:001 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

030:002 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

030:003 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.

030:004 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

030:005 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

030:006 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.

030:007 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

030:008 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

030:009 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

030:010 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.

030:011 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.

030:012 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.

030:013 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

030:014 And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found

mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.

030:015 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.

030:016 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

030:017 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

030:018 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.

030:019 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

030:020 And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.

030:021 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

030:022 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.

030:023 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:

030:024 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

030:025 And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

030:026 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

030:027 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

030:028 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.

030:029 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.

030:030 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee

since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

030:031 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock.

030:032 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire.

030:033 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.

030:034 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

030:035 And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.

030:036 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

030:037 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.

030:038 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink.

030:039 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.

030:040 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.

030:041 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

030:042 But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

030:043 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

031:001 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken

away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's
hath he gotten all this glory.

031:002 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was
not toward him as before.

031:003 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy
fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

031:004 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his
flock,

031:005 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not
toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

031:006 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

031:007 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten
times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

031:008 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle
bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy
hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

031:009 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given
them to me.

031:010 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I
lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams
which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and
grisled.

031:011 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob:
And I said, Here am I.

031:012 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which
leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I
have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

031:013 I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and
where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from
this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

031:014 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet
any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

031:015 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath
quite devoured also our money.

031:016 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is
ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said
unto thee, do.

031:017 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

031:018 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had
gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in

Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.
031:019 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.
031:020 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.
031:021 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.
031:022 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.
031:023 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.
031:024 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.
031:025 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.
031:026 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?
031:027 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?
031:028 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.
031:029 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.
031:030 And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?
031:031 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.
031:032 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.
031:033 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.
031:034 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's

furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

031:035 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched but found not the images.

031:036 And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

031:037 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

031:038 This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

031:039 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

031:040 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

031:041 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

031:042 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

031:043 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

031:044 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

031:045 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

031:046 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

031:047 And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.

031:048 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

031:049 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee,

when we are absent one from another.

031:050 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.

031:051 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee:

031:052 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

031:053 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.

031:054 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

031:055 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

032:001 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

032:002 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

032:003 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

032:004 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

032:005 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

032:006 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

032:007 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

032:008 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

032:009 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

032:010 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

032:011 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

032:012 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

032:013 And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;

032:014 Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,

032:015 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.

032:016 And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

032:017 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?

032:018 Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us.

032:019 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.

032:020 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

032:021 So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

032:022 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

032:023 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

032:024 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

032:025 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of

joint, as he wrestled with him.

032:026 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

032:027 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

032:028 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

032:029 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

032:030 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

032:031 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

032:032 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

033:001 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

033:002 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

033:003 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

033:004 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

033:005 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

033:006 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

033:007 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

033:008 And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

033:009 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

033:010 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have

seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

033:011 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

033:012 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

033:013 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

033:014 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

033:015 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

033:016 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

033:017 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

033:018 And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padanaram; and pitched his tent before the city.

033:019 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

033:020 And he erected there an altar, and called it Eleloheisrael.

034:001 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

034:002 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.

034:003 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

034:004 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

034:005 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

034:006 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

034:007 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter: which thing ought not to be done.

034:008 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

034:009 And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

034:010 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.

034:011 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

034:012 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

034:013 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

034:014 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

034:015 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

034:016 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

034:017 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

034:018 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

034:019 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

034:020 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

034:021 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

034:022 Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

034:023 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of their's be our's? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

034:024 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

034:025 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

034:026 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

034:027 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

034:028 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,

034:029 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

034:030 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

034:031 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?

035:001 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

035:002 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

035:003 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

035:004 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

035:005 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

035:006 So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is,

Bethel, he and all the people that were with him.

035:007 And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

035:008 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth.

035:009 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.

035:010 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

035:011 And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

035:012 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

035:013 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

035:014 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

035:015 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

035:016 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

035:017 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

035:018 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

035:019 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

035:020 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

035:021 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.

035:022 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

035:023 The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:

035:024 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:
035:025 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:
035:026 And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad, and Asher: these
are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padanaram.
035:027 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of
Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.
035:028 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.
035:029 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his
people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob
buried him.

036:001 Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.
036:002 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the
daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah
the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;
036:003 And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.
036:004 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;
036:005 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah: these are
the sons of Esau, which were born unto him in the land of
Canaan.

036:006 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all
the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all
his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went
into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.
036:007 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and
the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them
because of their cattle.

036:008 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.
036:009 And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites
in mount Seir:
036:010 These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the
wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.
036:011 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam,
and Kenaz.
036:012 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to
Eliphaz Amalek: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.
036:013 And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah,
and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.
036:014 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the
daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and
Jaalam, and Korah.

036:015 These were dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,

036:016 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these were the sons of Adah.

036:017 And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

036:018 And these are the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah: these were the dukes that came of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife.

036:019 These are the sons of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes.

036:020 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

036:021 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.

036:022 And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

036:023 And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

036:024 And these are the children of Zibeon; both Ajah, and Anah: this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

036:025 And the children of Anah were these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

036:026 And these are the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

036:027 The children of Ezer are these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan.

036:028 The children of Dishan are these; Uz, and Aran.

036:029 These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,

036:030 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

036:031 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

036:032 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

036:033 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

036:034 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

036:035 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith.

036:036 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

036:037 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

036:038 And Saul died, and Baalhanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

036:039 And Baalhanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

036:040 And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth,

036:041 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

036:042 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

036:043 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he is Esau the father of the Edomites.

037:001 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

037:002 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

037:003 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

037:004 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

037:005 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

037:006 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

037:007 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my

sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

037:008 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

037:009 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

037:010 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

037:011 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

037:012 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

037:013 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

037:014 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

037:015 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

037:016 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

037:017 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

037:018 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

037:019 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

037:020 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

037:021 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

037:022 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

037:023 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours

that was on him;

037:024 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

037:025 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

037:026 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

037:027 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

037:028 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

037:029 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.

037:030 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

037:031 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

037:032 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

037:033 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

037:034 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

037:035 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

037:036 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

038:001 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah.

038:002 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name was Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

038:003 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.

038:004 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.

038:005 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him.

038:006 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, whose name was Tamar.

038:007 And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

038:008 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

038:009 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother.

038:010 And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

038:011 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house.

038:012 And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

038:013 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep.

038:014 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

038:015 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face.

038:016 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

038:017 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?

038:018 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

038:019 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

038:020 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not.

038:021 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place.

038:022 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place.

038:023 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

038:024 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

038:025 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff.

038:026 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

038:027 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb.

038:028 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first.

038:029 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez.

038:030 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

039:001 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

039:002 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

039:003 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

039:004 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand.

039:005 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

039:006 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

039:007 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

039:008 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand;

039:009 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?

039:010 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

039:011 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within.

039:012 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

039:013 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

039:014 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice:

039:015 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

039:016 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

039:017 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me:

039:018 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

039:019 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

039:020 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the

prison.

039:021 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

039:022 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

039:023 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

040:001 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

040:002 And Pharaoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

040:003 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

040:004 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them: and they continued a season in ward.

040:005 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in the prison.

040:006 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad.

040:007 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

040:008 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

040:009 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

040:010 And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

040:011 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.

040:012 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

040:013 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his

hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

040:014 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

040:015 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

040:016 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

040:017 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

040:018 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

040:019 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

040:020 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

040:021 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

040:022 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

040:023 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

041:001 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

041:002 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine and fattleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

041:003 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river.

041:004 And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

041:005 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

041:006 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

041:007 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears.

And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

041:008 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

041:009 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day:

041:010 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house, both me and the chief baker:

041:011 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

041:012 And there was there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

041:013 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

041:014 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

041:015 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

041:016 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

041:017 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river:

041:018 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in a meadow:

041:019 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness:

041:020 And the lean and the ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine:

041:021 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

041:022 And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good:

041:023 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them:

041:024 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears: and I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

041:025 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

041:026 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

041:027 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

041:028 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

041:029 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

041:030 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

041:031 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

041:032 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

041:033 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

041:034 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

041:035 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

041:036 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine.

041:037 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

041:038 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

041:039 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

041:040 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall

all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

041:041 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

041:042 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

041:043 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

041:044 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

041:045 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

041:046 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

041:047 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

041:048 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

041:049 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

041:050 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

041:051 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.

041:052 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

041:053 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended.

041:054 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

041:055 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go

unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

041:056 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

041:057 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands.

042:001 Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

042:002 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.

042:003 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

042:004 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

042:005 And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

042:006 And Joseph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

042:007 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

042:008 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

042:009 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

042:010 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

042:011 We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.

042:012 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

042:013 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

042:014 And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies:

042:015 Hereby ye shall be proved: By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go

forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

042:016 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

042:017 And he put them all together into ward three days.

042:018 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live; for I fear God:

042:019 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses:

042:020 But bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

042:021 And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.

042:022 And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required.

042:023 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spake unto them by an interpreter.

042:024 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

042:025 Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

042:026 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

042:027 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it was in his sack's mouth.

042:028 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us?

042:029 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

042:030 The man, who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

042:031 And we said unto him, We are true men; we are no spies:

042:032 We be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

042:033 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone:

042:034 And bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffick in the land.

042:035 And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

042:036 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.

042:037 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

042:038 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

043:001 And the famine was sore in the land.

043:002 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

043:003 And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

043:004 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food:

043:005 But if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.

043:006 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

043:007 And they said, The man asked us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down?

043:008 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and

thou, and also our little ones.

043:009 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever:

043:010 For except we had lingered, surely now we had returned this second time.

043:011 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

043:012 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight:

043:013 Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man:

043:014 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

043:015 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

043:016 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and slay, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon.

043:017 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

043:018 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

043:019 And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

043:020 And said, O sir, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food:

043:021 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

043:022 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

043:023 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of

your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

043:024 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender.

043:025 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

043:026 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

043:027 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive?

043:028 And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

043:029 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

043:030 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

043:031 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

043:032 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

043:033 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

043:034 And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of their's. And they drank, and were merry with him.

044:001 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth.

044:002 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

044:003 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they

and their asses.

044:004 And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

044:005 Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

044:006 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

044:007 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing:

044:008 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold?

044:009 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

044:010 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless.

044:011 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

044:012 And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

044:013 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

044:014 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

044:015 And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine?

044:016 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found.

044:017 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: but the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

044:018 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

044:019 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

044:020 And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

044:021 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

044:022 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

044:023 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

044:024 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

044:025 And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

044:026 And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

044:027 And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:

044:028 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

044:029 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

044:030 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

044:031 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

044:032 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

044:033 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

044:034 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

045:001 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

045:002 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

045:003 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father

yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

045:004 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

045:005 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

045:006 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

045:007 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

045:008 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

045:009 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

045:010 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

045:011 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

045:012 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

045:013 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

045:014 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

045:015 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

045:016 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

045:017 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;

045:018 And take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land.

045:019 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

045:020 Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's.

045:021 And the children of Israel did so: and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

045:022 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment.

045:023 And to his father he sent after this manner; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

045:024 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

045:025 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

045:026 And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not.

045:027 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived:

045:028 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

046:001 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac.

046:002 And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.

046:003 And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:

046:004 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

046:005 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

046:006 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his

seed with him:

046:007 His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

046:008 And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn.

046:009 And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

046:010 And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman.

046:011 And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

046:012 And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

046:013 And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

046:014 And the sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

046:015 These be the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padanaram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three.

046:016 And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

046:017 And the sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

046:018 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, even sixteen souls.

046:019 The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin.

046:020 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him.

046:021 And the sons of Benjamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

046:022 These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

046:023 And the sons of Dan; Hushim.

046:024 And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

046:025 These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto Jacob: all the souls were

seven.

- 046:026 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were threescore and six;
- 046:027 And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.
- 046:028 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.
- 046:029 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.
- 046:030 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.
- 046:031 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me;
- 046:032 And the men are shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.
- 046:033 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?
- 046:034 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.
- 047:001 Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.
- 047:002 And he took some of his brethren, even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.
- 047:003 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers.
- 047:004 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

047:005 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee:

047:006 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

047:007 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

047:008 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?

047:009 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

047:010 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

047:011 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

047:012 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

047:013 And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

047:014 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

047:015 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

047:016 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.

047:017 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.

047:018 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:

047:019 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

047:020 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

047:021 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Egypt even to the other end thereof.

047:022 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

047:023 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

047:024 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

047:025 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

047:026 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part, except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

047:027 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

047:028 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

047:029 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt:

047:030 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

047:031 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

048:001 And it came to pass after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons,

Manasseh and Ephraim.

048:002 And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

048:003 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

048:004 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession.

048:005 And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

048:006 And thy issue, which thou begetteth after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

048:007 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.

048:008 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these?

048:009 And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them.

048:010 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them.

048:011 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath shewed me also thy seed.

048:012 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

048:013 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

048:014 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

048:015 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

048:016 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the

midst of the earth.

048:017 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head.

048:018 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

048:019 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.

048:020 And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

048:021 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

048:022 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

049:001 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

049:002 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.

049:003 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

049:004 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

049:005 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

049:006 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall.

049:007 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

049:008 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

049:009 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

049:010 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

049:011 Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

049:012 His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

049:013 Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.

049:014 Issachar is a strong ass couching down between two burdens:

049:015 And he saw that rest was good, and the land that it was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

049:016 Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel.

049:017 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

049:018 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

049:019 Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last.

049:020 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

049:021 Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

049:022 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

049:023 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

049:024 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

049:025 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

049:026 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

049:027 Benjamin shall ravine as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

049:028 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their

father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

049:029 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

049:030 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a buryingplace.

049:031 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

049:032 The purchase of the field and of the cave that is therein was from the children of Heth.

049:033 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

050:001 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.

050:002 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel.

050:003 And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians mourned for him threescore and ten days.

050:004 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

050:005 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

050:006 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

050:007 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

050:008 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

050:009 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

050:010 And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond

Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.

050:011 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abelmizraim, which is beyond Jordan.

050:012 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them:

050:013 For his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a buryingplace of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

050:014 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

050:015 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

050:016 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

050:017 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

050:018 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

050:019 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

050:020 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

050:021 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

050:022 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

050:023 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

050:024 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

050:025 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

050:026 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they

embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

I Samuel

- 001:001 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:
- 001:002 And he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.
- 001:003 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.
- 001:004 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:
- 001:005 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.
- 001:006 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.
- 001:007 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.
- 001:008 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?
- 001:009 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.
- 001:010 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.
- 001:011 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.
- 001:012 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
- 001:013 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.
- 001:014 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.
- 001:015 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a

sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

001:016 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

001:017 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

001:018 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

001:019 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.

001:020 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

001:021 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

001:022 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

001:023 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

001:024 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

001:025 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

001:026 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

001:027 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

001:028 Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

002:001 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

002:002 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

002:003 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

002:004 The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength.

002:005 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

002:006 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.

002:007 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

002:008 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them.

002:009 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

002:010 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

002:011 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

002:012 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

002:013 And the priest's custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

002:014 And he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

002:015 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

002:016 And if any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force.

002:017 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

002:018 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen ephod.

002:019 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

002:020 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

002:021 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

002:022 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

002:023 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

002:024 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

002:025 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

002:026 And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

002:027 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

002:028 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

002:029 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

002:030 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

002:031 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

002:032 And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

002:033 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

002:034 And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.

002:035 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

002:036 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

003:001 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

003:002 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

003:003 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

003:004 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

003:005 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

003:006 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

003:007 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

003:008 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

003:009 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

003:010 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

003:011 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

003:012 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

003:013 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

003:014 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

003:015 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

003:016 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

003:017 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

003:018 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

003:019 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

003:020 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

003:021 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

004:001 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

004:002 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

004:003 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

004:004 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

004:005 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

004:006 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

004:007 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

004:008 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

004:009 Be strong and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

004:010 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

004:011 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

004:012 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

004:013 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

004:014 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

004:015 Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

004:016 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

004:017 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the

people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

004:018 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

004:019 And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

004:020 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it.

004:021 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

004:022 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

005:001 And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod.

005:002 When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

005:003 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.

005:004 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.

005:005 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

005:006 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

005:007 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

005:008 They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines

unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about thither.

005:009 And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

005:010 Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.

005:011 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

005:012 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

006:001 And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

006:002 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

006:003 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

006:004 Then said they, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on you all, and on your lords.

006:005 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

006:006 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

006:007 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

006:008 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

006:009 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us.

006:010 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

006:011 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

006:012 And the kine took the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bethshemesh.

006:013 And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it.

006:014 And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bethshemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt offering unto the LORD.

006:015 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD.

006:016 And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

006:017 And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

006:018 And the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great stone of Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.

006:019 And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked

into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.

006:020 And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us?

006:021 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjathjearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.

007:001 And the men of Kirjathjearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

007:002 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

007:003 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

007:004 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

007:005 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

007:006 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

007:007 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

007:008 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

007:009 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him.

007:010 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a

great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

007:011 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Bethcar.

007:012 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

007:013 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

007:014 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

007:015 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

007:016 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

007:017 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

008:001 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

008:002 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba.

008:003 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

008:004 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

008:005 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

008:006 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

008:007 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

008:008 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

008:009 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that

shall reign over them.

008:010 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

008:011 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

008:012 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

008:013 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

008:014 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.

008:015 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

008:016 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

008:017 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

008:018 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

008:019 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

008:020 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.

008:021 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

008:022 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

009:001 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

009:002 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

009:003 And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

009:004 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not.

009:005 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

009:006 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

009:007 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?

009:008 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

009:009 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)

009:010 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.

009:011 And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

009:012 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for there is a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place:

009:013 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

009:014 And they went up into the city: and when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

009:015 Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul

came, saying,

009:016 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.

009:017 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.

009:018 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.

009:019 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

009:020 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

009:021 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

009:022 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

009:023 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

009:024 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

009:025 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

009:026 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

009:027 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on), but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

010:001 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and

kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

010:002 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

010:003 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

010:004 And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

010:005 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:

010:006 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

010:007 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.

010:008 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

010:009 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

010:010 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

010:011 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

010:012 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

010:013 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the

high place.

010:014 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

010:015 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

010:016 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

010:017 And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh;

010:018 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you:

010:019 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

010:020 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

010:021 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

010:022 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff.

010:023 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

010:024 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

010:025 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

010:026 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

010:027 But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his

peace.

011:001 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabeshgilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

011:002 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel.

011:003 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

011:004 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

011:005 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabesh.

011:006 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

011:007 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

011:008 And when he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

011:009 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabeshgilead, To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

011:010 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

011:011 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

011:012 And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

011:013 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for

to day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

011:014 Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

011:015 And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

012:001 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

012:002 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

012:003 Behold, here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

012:004 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.

012:005 And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

012:006 And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

012:007 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.

012:008 When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

012:009 And when they forgat the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

012:010 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

012:011 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

012:012 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.

012:013 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

012:014 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God:

012:015 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against your fathers.

012:016 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

012:017 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

012:018 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

012:019 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.

012:020 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

012:021 And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain.

012:022 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

012:023 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

012:024 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

012:025 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and

your king.

013:001 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

013:002 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel; whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

013:003 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

013:004 And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

013:005 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven.

013:006 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

013:007 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

013:008 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

013:009 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

013:010 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

013:011 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

013:012 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced

myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

013:013 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

013:014 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

013:015 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men.

013:016 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

013:017 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:

013:018 And another company turned the way to Bethhoron: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

013:019 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears:

013:020 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

013:021 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.

013:022 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

013:023 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

014:001 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

014:002 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were

with him were about six hundred men;

014:003 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

014:004 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

014:005 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

014:006 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

014:007 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

014:008 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

014:009 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

014:010 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.

014:011 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

014:012 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

014:013 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

014:014 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

014:015 And there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

014:016 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and,

behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

014:017 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.

014:018 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

014:019 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

014:020 And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

014:021 Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

014:022 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

014:023 So the LORD saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over unto Bethaven.

014:024 And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people tasted any food.

014:025 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

014:026 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

014:027 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

014:028 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were faint.

014:029 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray

you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

014:030 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

014:031 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

014:032 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood.

014:033 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day.

014:034 And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there.

014:035 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

014:036 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.

014:037 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

014:038 And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

014:039 For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him.

014:040 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

014:041 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped.

014:042 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

014:043 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And

Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die.

014:044 And Saul answered, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

014:045 And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

014:046 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

014:047 So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed them.

014:048 And he gathered an host, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

014:049 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger Michal:

014:050 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

014:051 And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

014:052 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

015:001 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

015:002 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

015:003 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

015:004 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of

Judah.

015:005 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.

015:006 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

015:007 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

015:008 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

015:009 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

015:010 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

015:011 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

015:012 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

015:013 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

015:014 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

015:015 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

015:016 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

015:017 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

015:018 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until

they be consumed.

015:019 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

015:020 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

015:021 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

015:022 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

015:023 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

015:024 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

015:025 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

015:026 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

015:027 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

015:028 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

015:029 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

015:030 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

015:031 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

015:032 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

015:033 And Samuel said, As the sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

015:034 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

015:035 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

016:001 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

016:002 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

016:003 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

016:004 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

016:005 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

016:006 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

016:007 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

016:008 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

016:009 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

016:010 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

016:011 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

016:012 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of

a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

016:013 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

016:014 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

016:015 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

016:016 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

016:017 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

016:018 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

016:019 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.

016:020 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

016:021 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

016:022 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

016:023 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

017:001 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.

017:002 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines.

017:003 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

017:004 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines,

named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.
017:005 And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.
017:006 And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.
017:007 And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.
017:008 And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.
017:009 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.
017:010 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.
017:011 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.
017:012 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.
017:013 And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.
017:014 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.
017:015 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.
017:016 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.
017:017 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren;
017:018 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.
017:019 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.
017:020 And 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 trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

017:021 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army.

017:022 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

017:023 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.

017:024 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

017:025 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.

017:026 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

017:027 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

017:028 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

017:029 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

017:030 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

017:031 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

017:032 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

017:033 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this

Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

017:034 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

017:035 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

017:036 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

017:037 David said moreover, The LORD that 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. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

017:038 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

017:039 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

017:040 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

017:041 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

017:042 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

017:043 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

017:044 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

017:045 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

017:046 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of

the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

017:047 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

017:048 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

017:049 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

017:050 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

017:051 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

017:052 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

017:053 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

017:054 And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

017:055 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

017:056 And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.

017:057 And 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.

017:058 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.

018:001 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

018:002 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to

his father's house.

018:003 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

018:004 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

018:005 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

018:006 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

018:007 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.

018:008 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?

018:009 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

018:010 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

018:011 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

018:012 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

018:013 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

018:014 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

018:015 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

018:016 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

018:017 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him,

but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

018:018 And David said unto 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?

018:019 But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

018:020 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

018:021 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.

Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.

018:022 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

018:023 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

018:024 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David.

018:025 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

018:026 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

018:027 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

018:028 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

018:029 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

018:030 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

019:001 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

019:002 But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan

told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

019:003 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

019:004 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

019:005 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

019:006 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

019:007 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

019:008 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

019:009 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

019:010 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin: but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

019:011 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

019:012 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

019:013 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

019:014 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

019:015 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

019:016 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an

image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

019:017 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

019:018 So 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 dwelt in Naioth.

019:019 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

019:020 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

019:021 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

019:022 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

019:023 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

019:024 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

020:001 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

020:002 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so.

020:003 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

020:004 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.

020:005 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me

go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.

020:006 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.

020:007 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him.

020:008 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

020:009 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

020:010 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

020:011 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

020:012 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

020:013 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

020:014 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

020:015 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

020:016 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

020:017 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

020:018 Then Jonathan said to David, To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

020:019 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

020:020 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot

at a mark.

020:021 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth.

020:022 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

020:023 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever.

020:024 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

020:025 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty.

020:026 Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean.

020:027 And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

020:028 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem:

020:029 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

020:030 Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?

020:031 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

020:032 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

020:033 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

020:034 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no

meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

020:035 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

020:036 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

020:037 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

020:038 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

020:039 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

020:040 And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

020:041 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

020:042 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

021:001 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

021:002 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

021:003 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.

021:004 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

021:005 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this

day in the vessel.

021:006 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

021:007 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

021:008 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.

021:009 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

021:010 And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath.

021:011 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

021:012 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

021:013 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

021:014 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

021:015 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

022:001 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

022:002 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

022:003 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come

forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

022:004 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

022:005 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

022:006 When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;)

022:007 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;

022:008 That all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

022:009 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

022:010 And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

022:011 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

022:012 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

022:013 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

022:014 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

022:015 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

022:016 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all

thy father's house.

022:017 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD: because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

022:018 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

022:019 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

022:020 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.

022:021 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

022:022 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew it that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house.

022:023 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

023:001 Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

023:002 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

023:003 And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

023:004 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

023:005 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

023:006 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

023:007 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by

entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

023:008 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men.

023:009 And David knew that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

023:010 Then said David, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake.

023:011 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

023:012 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

023:013 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

023:014 And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

023:015 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

023:016 And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

023:017 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.

023:018 And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

023:019 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of Jeshimon?

023:020 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

023:021 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

023:022 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his

haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly.

023:023 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

023:024 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

023:025 Saul also and his men went to seek him. And they told David; wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

023:026 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

023:027 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land.

023:028 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Selahammahlekoth.

023:029 And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at Engedi.

024:001 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.

024:002 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

024:003 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

024:004 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

024:005 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.

024:006 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this

thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

024:007 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

024:008 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

024:009 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

024:010 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed.

024:011 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

024:012 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

024:013 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

024:014 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

024:015 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

024:016 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.

024:017 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

024:018 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

024:019 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

024:020 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

024:021 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

024:022 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

025:001 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

025:002 And 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.

025:003 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

025:004 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

025:005 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

025:006 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

025:007 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

025:008 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

025:009 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

025:010 And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

025:011 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?

025:012 So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

025:013 And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword.
And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded
on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred
men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

025:014 But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying,
Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute
our master; and he railed on them.

025:015 But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt,
neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with
them, when we were in the fields:

025:016 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we
were with them keeping the sheep.

025:017 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is
determined against our master, and against all his household: for
he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.

025:018 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two
bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures
of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two
hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses.

025:019 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me; behold, I come
after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

025:020 And it was so, as she rode on the ass, that she came down by the
covert on the hill, and, behold, David and his men came down
against her; and she met them.

025:021 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow
hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that
pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

025:022 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of
all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against
the wall.

025:023 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass,
and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the
ground,

025:024 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this
iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine
audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.

025:025 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal:
for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with
him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord,
whom thou didst send.

025:026 Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

025:027 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

025:028 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days.

025:029 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling.

025:030 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

025:031 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

025:032 And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:

025:033 And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

025:034 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

025:035 So David received of her hand that which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

025:036 And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

025:037 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.

025:038 And it came to pass about ten days after, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

025:039 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

025:040 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

025:041 And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

025:042 And Abigail hasted, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

025:043 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.

025:044 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

026:001 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?

026:002 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.

026:003 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

026:004 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

026:005 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

026:006 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

026:007 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold,

Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

026:008 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

026:009 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

026:010 David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

026:011 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

026:012 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

026:013 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space being between them:

026:014 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king?

026:015 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

026:016 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

026:017 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king.

026:018 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?

026:019 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from

abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

026:020 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

026:021 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

026:022 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

026:023 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.

026:024 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

026:025 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

027:001 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

027:002 And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath.

027:003 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

027:004 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

027:005 And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

027:006 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

027:007 And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

027:008 And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

027:009 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

027:010 And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.

027:011 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.

027:012 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

028:001 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

028:002 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

028:003 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

028:004 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

028:005 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

028:006 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

028:007 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

028:008 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by

night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

028:009 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

028:010 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

028:011 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

028:012 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.

028:013 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

028:014 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

028:015 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

028:016 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

028:017 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

028:018 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

028:019 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

028:020 Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no

strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

028:021 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.

028:022 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.

028:023 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

028:024 And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

028:025 And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

029:001 Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

029:002 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish.

029:003 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?

029:004 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

029:005 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

029:006 Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day:

nevertheless the lords favour thee not.

029:007 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.

029:008 And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

029:009 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

029:010 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

029:011 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

030:001 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

030:002 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

030:003 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

030:004 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

030:005 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

030:006 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

030:007 And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

030:008 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

030:009 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him,

and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

030:010 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

030:011 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

030:012 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and 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.

030:013 And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And 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.

030:014 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.

030:015 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

030:016 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and 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.

030:017 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

030:018 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives.

030:019 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

030:020 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

030:021 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet

the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them.

030:022 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.

030:023 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.

030:024 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

030:025 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

030:026 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;

030:027 To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir,

030:028 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa,

030:029 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites,

030:030 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach,

030:031 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

031:001 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

031:002 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons.

031:003 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

031:004 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for

he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.
031:005 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell
likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
031:006 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his
men, that same day together.
031:007 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the
valley, and they that were on the other side Jordan, saw that the
men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they
forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in
them.
031:008 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to
strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in
mount Gilboa.
031:009 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent
into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the
house of their idols, and among the people.
031:010 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they
fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.
031:011 And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the
Philistines had done to Saul;
031:012 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of
Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and
came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.
031:013 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at
Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

Ruth

- 001:001 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.
- 001:002 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.
- 001:003 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.
- 001:004 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.
- 001:005 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.
- 001:006 Then 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 the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.
- 001:007 Wherefore she 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 unto the land of Judah.
- 001:008 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.
- 001:009 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.
- 001:010 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.
- 001:011 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?
- 001:012 Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;
- 001:013 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth

me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

001:014 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

001:015 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

001:016 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

001:017 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

001:018 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

001:019 So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

001:020 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

001:021 I went out full and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

001:022 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

002:001 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

002:002 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

002:003 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

002:004 And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

002:005 Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

002:006 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the

country of Moab:

002:007 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

002:008 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

002:009 Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

002:010 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

002:011 And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

002:012 The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

002:013 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

002:014 And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

002:015 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

002:016 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

002:017 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

002:018 And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

002:019 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.

002:020 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

002:021 And Ruth the Moabite said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

002:022 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

002:023 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

003:001 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

003:002 And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.

003:003 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

003:004 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

003:005 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

003:006 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

003:007 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

003:008 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

003:009 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

003:010 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the

beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

003:011 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

003:012 And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

003:013 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

003:014 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

003:015 Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.

003:016 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

003:017 And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

003:018 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

004:001 Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

004:002 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

004:003 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:

004:004 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

004:005 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of

Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

004:006 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

004:007 Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.

004:008 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

004:009 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

004:010 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

004:011 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:

004:012 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

004:013 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

004:014 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

004:015 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

004:016 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

004:017 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

004:018 Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron,
004:019 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,
004:020 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon,
004:021 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,
004:022 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

Esther

- 001:001 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)
- 001:002 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,
- 001:003 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:
- 001:004 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.
- 001:005 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;
- 001:006 Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.
- 001:007 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.
- 001:008 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.
- 001:009 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.
- 001:010 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,
- 001:011 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.
- 001:012 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.
- 001:013 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so

was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:
001:014 And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

001:015 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

001:016 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

001:017 For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

001:018 Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

001:019 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

001:020 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

001:021 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

001:022 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

002:001 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

002:002 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

002:003 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom,

that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them:

002:004 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

002:005 Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite;

002:006 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

002:007 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

002:008 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

002:009 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

002:010 Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it.

002:011 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

002:012 Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;)

002:013 Then thus came every maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.

002:014 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the

second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

002:015 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

002:016 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

002:017 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

002:018 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

002:019 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

002:020 Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

002:021 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus.

002:022 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name.

002:023 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

003:001 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.

003:002 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

003:003 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

- 003:004 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.
- 003:005 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.
- 003:006 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.
- 003:007 In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.
- 003:008 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.
- 003:009 If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.
- 003:010 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.
- 003:011 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.
- 003:012 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.
- 003:013 And the letters were sent by posts 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 upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.
- 003:014 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every

province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.

003:015 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

004:001 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

004:002 And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

004:003 And in every province, whithersoever 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.

004:004 So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not.

004:005 Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.

004:006 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.

004:007 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

004:008 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.

004:009 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

004:010 Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

004:011 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been

called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

004:012 And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

004:013 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

004:014 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

004:015 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

004:016 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

004:017 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

005:001 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

005:002 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

005:003 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

005:004 And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

005:005 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

005:006 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

005:007 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is;

005:008 If I have found favour 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 shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.

005:009 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

005:010 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

005:011 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

005:012 Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

005:013 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

005:014 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

006:001 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

006:002 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

006:003 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

006:004 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

006:005 And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in.

006:006 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

006:007 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,

006:008 Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:

006:009 And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

006:010 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

006:011 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

006:012 And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered.

006:013 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

006:014 And while they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hastened to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

007:001 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.

007:002 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.

007:003 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

007:004 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

007:005 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

007:006 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

007:007 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and 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.

007:008 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

007:009 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

007:010 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

008:001 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her.

008:002 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

008:003 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews.

008:004 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

008:005 And said, If it please the king, and if I have favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be 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 which are in all the king's provinces:

008:006 For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

008:007 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

008:008 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh 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 no man reverse.

008:009 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language.

008:010 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries:

008:011 Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

008:012 Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

008:013 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

008:014 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

008:015 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.

008:016 The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.

008:017 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the

land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

009:001 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)

009:002 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

009:003 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

009:004 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

009:005 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

009:006 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men.

009:007 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

009:008 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

009:009 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

009:010 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

009:011 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king.

009:012 And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done.

009:013 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

009:014 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

009:015 For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together

on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

009:016 But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

009:017 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

009:018 But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

009:019 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

009:020 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far,

009:021 To stablish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,

009:022 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

009:023 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;

009:024 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

009:025 But when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

009:026 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

009:027 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;

009:028 And 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 memorial of them perish from their seed.

009:029 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

009:030 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,

009:031 To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

009:032 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

010:001 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea.

010:002 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

010:003 For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

Nehemiah

- 001:001 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,
- 001:002 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
- 001:003 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.
- 001:004 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,
- 001:005 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:
- 001:006 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.
- 001:007 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.
- 001:008 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:
- 001:009 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.
- 001:010 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.
- 001:011 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

002:001 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

002:002 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

002:003 And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

002:004 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

002:005 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.

002:006 And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

002:007 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

002:008 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

002:009 Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me.

002:010 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

002:011 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

002:012 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

002:013 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port, and viewed the walls of

Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

002:014 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass.

002:015 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

002:016 And the rulers knew not whither 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 that did the work.

002:017 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

002:018 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

002:019 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

002:020 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

003:001 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananeel.

003:002 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

003:003 But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

003:004 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana.

003:005 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their LORD.

- 003:006 Moreover the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
- 003:007 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river.
- 003:008 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of one of the apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.
- 003:009 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem.
- 003:010 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah.
- 003:011 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahathmoab, repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces.
- 003:012 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
- 003:013 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.
- 003:014 But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhaccerem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.
- 003:015 But the gate of the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the city of David.
- 003:016 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Bethzur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty.
- 003:017 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.
- 003:018 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of Henadad, the

ruler of the half part of Keilah.

003:019 And next to him repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over against the going up to the armoury at the turning of the wall.

003:020 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.

003:021 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib.

003:022 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the plain.

003:023 After him repaired Benjamin and Hashub over against their house. After him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah by his house.

003:024 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, even unto the corner.

003:025 Palal the son of Uzai, over against the turning of the wall, and the tower which lieth out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

003:026 Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that lieth out.

003:027 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

003:028 From above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his house.

003:029 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his house. After him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

003:030 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

003:031 After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.

003:032 And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

004:001 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the

Jews.

004:002 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?

004:003 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

004:004 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity:

004:005 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

004:006 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

004:007 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

004:008 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

004:009 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

004:010 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

004:011 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease.

004:012 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

004:013 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

004:014 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and

your houses.

004:015 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

004:016 And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah.

004:017 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

004:018 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

004:019 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

004:020 In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

004:021 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

004:022 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

004:023 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, saving that every one put them off for washing.

005:001 And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews.

005:002 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many: therefore we take up corn for them, that we may eat, and live.

005:003 Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

005:004 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards.

005:005 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them;

for other men have our lands and vineyards.

005:006 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

005:007 Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

005:008 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer.

005:009 Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

005:010 I likewise, and my brethren, and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury.

005:011 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.

005:012 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

005:013 Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

005:014 Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor.

005:015 But the former governors that had been before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God.

005:016 Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work.

005:017 Moreover there were at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that are about us.

005:018 Now that which was prepared for me daily 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 required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people.

005:019 Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

006:001 Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)

006:002 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.

006:003 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

006:004 Yet they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner.

006:005 Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand;

006:006 Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words.

006:007 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

006:008 Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

006:009 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

006:010 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

006:011 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that,

being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

006:012 And, lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

006:013 Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

006:014 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

006:015 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

006:016 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

006:017 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them.

006:018 For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

006:019 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

007:001 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

007:002 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many.

007:003 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.

007:004 Now the city was large and great: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

007:005 And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by

genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

007:006 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;

007:007 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, I say, of the men of the people of Israel was this;

007:008 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

007:009 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

007:010 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

007:011 The children of Pahathmoab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

007:012 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

007:013 The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

007:014 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

007:015 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

007:016 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

007:017 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

007:018 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

007:019 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

007:020 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

007:021 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

007:022 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

007:023 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

007:024 The children of Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

007:025 The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.

007:026 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

007:027 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

007:028 The men of Bethazmaveth, forty and two.

007:029 The men of Kirjathjearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

007:030 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

007:031 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

007:032 The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

007:033 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.
007:034 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.
007:035 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.
007:036 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.
007:037 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.
007:038 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.
007:039 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.
007:040 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.
007:041 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.
007:042 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.
007:043 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four.
007:044 The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty and eight.
007:045 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.
007:046 The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
007:047 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,
007:048 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal,
007:049 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,
007:050 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,
007:051 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,
007:052 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,
007:053 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
007:054 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
007:055 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,
007:056 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
007:057 The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the

children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,
007:058 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of
Giddel,
007:059 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of
Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Amon.
007:060 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, were
three hundred ninety and two.
007:061 And these were they which went up also from Telmelah,
Telharsa, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew
their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel.
007:062 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of
Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.
007:063 And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the
children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai
the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.
007:064 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by
genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted,
put from the priesthood.
007:065 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the
most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and
Thummim.
007:066 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand
three hundred and threescore,
007:067 Beside their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there
were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they
had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women.
007:068 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two
hundred forty and five:
007:069 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: six thousand seven
hundred and twenty asses.
007:070 And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The
Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty
basins, five hundred and thirty priests' garments.
007:071 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the
work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two
hundred pound of silver.
007:072 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand
drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore
and seven priests' garments.
007:073 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers,

and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

008:001 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

008:002 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

008:003 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

008:004 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

008:005 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

008:006 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

008:007 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.

008:008 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

008:009 And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law.

008:010 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is

prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

008:011 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.

008:012 And all 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 unto them.

008:013 And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law.

008:014 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:

008:015 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.

008:016 So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

008:017 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

008:018 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

009:001 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

009:002 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

009:003 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

009:004 Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani,

Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

009:005 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

009:006 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

009:007 Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham;

009:008 And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:

009:009 And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea;

009:010 And shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day.

009:011 And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters.

009:012 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

009:013 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

009:014 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

009:015 And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

009:016 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks,
and hearkened not to thy commandments,
009:017 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou
didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion
appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God
ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of
great kindness, and forsookest them not.
009:018 Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy
God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great
provocations;
009:019 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the
wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day,
to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew
them light, and the way wherein they should go.
009:020 Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldst
not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their
thirst.
009:021 Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so that
they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet
swelled not.
009:022 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, and didst
divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon,
and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of
Bashan.
009:023 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and
broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst
promised to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it.
009:024 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou
subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the
Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings,
and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they
would.
009:025 And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses
full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit
trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became
fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.
009:026 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee,
and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which
testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great
provocations.

- 009:027 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.
- 009:028 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the land of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies;
- 009:029 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.
- 009:030 Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.
- 009:031 Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.
- 009:032 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.
- 009:033 Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:
- 009:034 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them.
- 009:035 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.
- 009:036 Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it:

009:037 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.

009:038 And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

010:001 Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah,

010:002 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

010:003 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,

010:004 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,

010:005 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

010:006 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

010:007 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

010:008 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these were the priests.

010:009 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azariah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

010:010 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

010:011 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

010:012 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

010:013 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.

010:014 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahathmoab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,

010:015 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

010:016 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

010:017 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,

010:018 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

010:019 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

010:020 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

010:021 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,

010:022 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

010:023 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,

010:024 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,

010:025 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

010:026 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

010:027 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

010:028 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

010:029 They clave to their brethren, 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 the LORD our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

010:030 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, not take their daughters for our sons:

010:031 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

010:032 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God;

010:033 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God.

010:034 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the law:

010:035 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

010:036 Also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

010:037 And that we should bring the firstfruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

010:038 And 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 unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house.

010:039 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests

that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

011:001 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

011:002 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

011:003 Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants.

011:004 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

011:005 And 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 Shiloni.

011:006 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

011:007 And these 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 Jesaiah.

011:008 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

011:009 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah was second over the city.

011:010 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

011:011 Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the ruler of the house of God.

011:012 And their brethren that did the work of the house were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah.

011:013 And his brethren, chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

011:014 And their brethren, mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of one of the great men.

011:015 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

011:016 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God.

011:017 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, was the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

011:018 All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred fourscore and four.

011:019 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were an hundred seventy and two.

011:020 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

011:021 But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa were over the Nethinims.

011:022 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God.

011:023 For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

011:024 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people.

011:025 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjatharba, and in the villages thereof, and at Dibon, and in the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and in the villages thereof,

011:026 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Bethpheet,

011:027 And at Hazarshual, and at Beersheba, and in the villages thereof,

011:028 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof,

011:029 And at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

011:030 Zanoah, Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beersheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

011:031 The children also of Benjamin from Geba dwelt at Michmash, and Aija, and Bethel, and in their villages.

011:032 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

011:033 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

011:034 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,
011:035 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.
011:036 And of the Levites were divisions in Judah, and in Benjamin.
012:001 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah,
Ezra,
012:002 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,
012:003 Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,
012:004 Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah,
012:005 Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,
012:006 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,
012:007 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chief of the priests
and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua.
012:008 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah,
and Mattaniah, which was over the thanksgiving, he and his
brethren.
012:009 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, were over against them
in the watches.
012:010 And Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and
Eliashib begat Joiada,
012:011 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.
012:012 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, the chief of the fathers: of
Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;
012:013 Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;
012:014 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;
012:015 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;
012:016 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;
012:017 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai:
012:018 Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;
012:019 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;
012:020 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;
012:021 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.
012:022 The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and
Jaddua, were recorded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the
reign of Darius the Persian.
012:023 The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the book
of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of
Eliashib.
012:024 And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua
the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to

praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.

012:025 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates.

012:026 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.

012:027 And 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 thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.

012:028 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi;

012:029 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem.

012:030 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

012:031 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:

012:032 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

012:033 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

012:034 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

012:035 And certain of the priests' sons with trumpets; namely, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph:

012:036 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

012:037 And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

012:038 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;

012:039 And from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of

Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate.

012:040 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

012:041 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets;

012:042 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer.

012:043 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

012:044 And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

012:045 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son.

012:046 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

012:047 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

013:001 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

013:002 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

013:003 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

013:004 And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah:

013:005 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was

commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests.

013:006 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:

013:007 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

013:008 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff to Tobiah out of the chamber.

013:009 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.

013:010 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field.

013:011 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

013:012 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries.

013:013 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

013:014 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

013:015 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

013:016 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

013:017 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?

013:018 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil

upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

013:019 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

013:020 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice.

013:021 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

013:022 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

013:023 In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

013:024 And their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people.

013:025 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

013:026 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

013:027 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

013:028 And one 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.

013:029 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

013:030 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

013:031 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

Job

- 001:001 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.
- 001:002 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.
- 001:003 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.
- 001:004 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.
- 001:005 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, 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 God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.
- 001:006 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
- 001:007 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
- 001:008 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?
- 001:009 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?
- 001:010 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.
- 001:011 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- 001:012 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.
- 001:013 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- 001:014 And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

001:015 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

001:016 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

001:017 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

001:018 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

001:019 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

001:020 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

001:021 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

001:022 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

002:001 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

002:002 And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

002:003 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

002:004 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

002:005 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

002:006 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

002:007 So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

002:008 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

002:009 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

002:010 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

002:011 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

002:012 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

002:013 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

003:001 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

003:002 And Job spake, and said,

003:003 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.

003:004 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

003:005 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

003:006 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

003:007 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein.

003:008 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

003:009 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day:

003:010 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

003:011 Why died I not from the womb? why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

003:012 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

003:013 For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest,

003:014 With kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves;

003:015 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

003:016 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.

003:017 There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

003:018 There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

003:019 The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

003:020 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul;

003:021 Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;

003:022 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the grave?

003:023 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?

003:024 For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

003:025 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

003:026 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

004:001 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

004:002 If we assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but who can withhold himself from speaking?

004:003 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.

004:004 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.

004:005 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

004:006 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

004:007 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or
where were the righteous cut off?

004:008 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness,
reap the same.

004:009 By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils
are they consumed.

004:010 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and the
teeth of the young lions, are broken.

004:011 The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lion's whelps
are scattered abroad.

004:012 Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a
little thereof.

004:013 In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth
on men,

004:014 Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to
shake.

004:015 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:
004:016 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image was
before mine eyes, there was silence, and I heard a voice, saying,
004:017 Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more
pure than his maker?

004:018 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged
with folly:

004:019 How much less in them that dwell in houses of clay, whose
foundation is in the dust, which are crushed before the moth?

004:020 They are destroyed from morning to evening: they perish for ever
without any regarding it.

004:021 Doth not their excellency which is in them go away? they die, even
without wisdom.

005:001 Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the
saints wilt thou turn?

005:002 For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

005:003 I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his
habitation.

005:004 His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate,
neither is there any to deliver them.

005:005 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the
thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

005:006 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble
spring out of the ground;

005:007 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.
005:008 I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:
005:009 Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things
without number:
005:010 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the
fields:
005:011 To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may
be exalted to safety.
005:012 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands
cannot perform their enterprise.
005:013 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the
froward is carried headlong.
005:014 They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the
noonday as in the night.
005:015 But he saveth the poor from the sword, from their mouth, and from
the hand of the mighty.
005:016 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
005:017 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise
not thou the chastening of the Almighty:
005:018 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands
make whole.
005:019 He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no
evil touch thee.
005:020 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the
power of the sword.
005:021 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt
thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
005:022 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be
afraid of the beasts of the earth.
005:023 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the
beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
005:024 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and
thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.
005:025 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine
offspring as the grass of the earth.
005:026 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn
cometh in in his season.
005:027 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for
thy good.
006:001 But Job answered and said,

006:002 Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

006:003 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore my words are swallowed up.

006:004 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

006:005 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

006:006 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

006:007 The things that my soul refused to touch are as my sorrowful meat.

006:008 Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

006:009 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

006:010 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

006:011 What is my strength, that I should hope? and what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

006:012 Is my strength the strength of stones? or is my flesh of brass?

006:013 Is not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

006:014 To him that is afflicted pity should be shewed from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

006:015 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away;

006:016 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid:

006:017 What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

006:018 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing, and perish.

006:019 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

006:020 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.

006:021 For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down, and are afraid.

006:022 Did I say, Bring unto me? or, Give a reward for me of your

substance?

006:023 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

006:024 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

006:025 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

006:026 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

006:027 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

006:028 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie.

006:029 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness is in it.

006:030 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot my taste discern perverse things?

007:001 Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

007:002 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

007:003 So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

007:004 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

007:005 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsome.

007:006 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

007:007 O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good.

007:008 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more: thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.

007:009 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

007:010 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

007:011 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

007:012 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

007:013 When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaints;

007:014 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through
visions:

007:015 So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life.

007:016 I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are
vanity.

007:017 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou
shouldest set thine heart upon him?

007:018 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every
moment?

007:019 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I
swallow down my spittle?

007:020 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men?
why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a
burden to myself?

007:021 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away
my iniquity? for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek
me in the morning, but I shall not be.

008:001 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

008:002 How long wilt thou speak these things? and how long shall the
words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

008:003 Doth God pervert judgment? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

008:004 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them
away for their transgression;

008:005 If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy
supplication to the Almighty;

008:006 If thou wert pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee,
and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

008:007 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly
increase.

008:008 For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to
the search of their fathers:

008:009 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days
upon earth are a shadow:)

008:010 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their
heart?

008:011 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without
water?

008:012 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth
before any other herb.

008:013 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope

shall perish:

008:014 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web.

008:015 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

008:016 He is green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

008:017 His roots are wrapped about the heap, and seeth the place of stones.

008:018 If he destroy him from his place, then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

008:019 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

008:020 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

008:021 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

008:022 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

009:001 Then Job answered and said,

009:002 I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

009:003 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.

009:004 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

009:005 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.

009:006 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.

009:007 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealet up the stars.

009:008 Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

009:009 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

009:010 Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.

009:011 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

009:012 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?

009:013 If God will not withdraw his anger, the proud helpers do stoop under him.

009:014 How much less shall I answer him, and choose out my words to reason with him?

009:015 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my judge.

009:016 If I had called, and he had answered me; yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

009:017 For he breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

009:018 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

009:019 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong: and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

009:020 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

009:021 Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life.

009:022 This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

009:023 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

009:024 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?

009:025 Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good.

009:026 They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

009:027 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:

009:028 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

009:029 If I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?

009:030 If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;

009:031 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me.

009:032 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

009:033 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand

upon us both.

009:034 Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrify me:

009:035 Then would I speak, and not fear him; but it is not so with me.

010:001 My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

010:002 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.

010:003 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

010:004 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or seest thou as man seeth?

010:005 Are thy days as the days of man? are thy years as man's days,

010:006 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?

010:007 Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

010:008 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

010:009 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

010:010 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

010:011 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

010:012 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

010:013 And these things hast thou hid in thine heart: I know that this is with thee.

010:014 If I sin, then thou markest me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

010:015 If I be wicked, woe unto me; and if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine affliction;

010:016 For it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.

010:017 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, and increasest thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me.

010:018 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!

010:019 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.

010:020 Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may

take comfort a little,
010:021 Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness
and the shadow of death;
010:022 A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death,
without any order, and where the light is as darkness.
011:001 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
011:002 Should not the multitude of words be answered? and should a
man full of talk be justified?
011:003 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? and when thou
mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
011:004 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in thine
eyes.
011:005 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;
011:006 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are
double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee
less than thine iniquity deserveth.
011:007 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the
Almighty unto perfection?
011:008 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what
canst thou know?
011:009 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the
sea.
011:010 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder
him?
011:011 For he knoweth vain men: he seeth wickedness also; will he not
then consider it?
011:012 For vain men would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's
colt.
011:013 If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him;
011:014 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness
dwell in thy tabernacles.
011:015 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be
stedfast, and shalt not fear:
011:016 Because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters
that pass away:
011:017 And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday: thou shalt shine
forth, thou shalt be as the morning.
011:018 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt
dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.
011:019 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea,

many shall make suit unto thee.

011:020 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape,
and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.

012:001 And Job answered and said,

012:002 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

012:003 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you:
yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

012:004 I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and
he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn.

012:005 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the
thought of him that is at ease.

012:006 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God
are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.

012:007 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls
of the air, and they shall tell thee:

012:008 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the
sea shall declare unto thee.

012:009 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath
wrought this?

012:010 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all
mankind.

012:011 Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat?

012:012 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

012:013 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and
understanding.

012:014 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he
shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

012:015 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he
sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

012:016 With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver
are his.

012:017 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges
fools.

012:018 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

012:019 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

012:020 He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the
understanding of the aged.

012:021 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of
the mighty.

012:022 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to

light the shadow of death.

012:023 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again.

012:024 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

012:025 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

013:001 Lo, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

013:002 What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you.

013:003 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

013:004 But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value.

013:005 O that ye would altogether hold your peace! and it should be your wisdom.

013:006 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

013:007 Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

013:008 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

013:009 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?

013:010 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

013:011 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

013:012 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

013:013 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

013:014 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

013:015 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

013:016 He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

013:017 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

013:018 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

013:019 Who is he that will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

013:020 Only do not two things unto me: then will I not hide myself from

thee.

013:021 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.

013:022 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

013:023 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

013:024 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy?

013:025 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

013:026 For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

013:027 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.

013:028 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

014:001 Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.

014:002 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

014:003 And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee?

014:004 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

014:005 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

014:006 Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

014:007 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

014:008 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

014:009 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

014:010 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

014:011 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

014:012 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

014:013 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest

appoint me a set time, and remember me!

014:014 If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

014:015 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

014:016 For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?

014:017 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity.

014:018 And surely the mountains falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

014:019 The waters wear the stones: thou washest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

014:020 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

014:021 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

014:022 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

015:001 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

015:002 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

015:003 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

015:004 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

015:005 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty.

015:006 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

015:007 Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

015:008 Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?

015:009 What knowest thou, that we know not? what understandest thou, which is not in us?

015:010 With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

015:011 Are the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

015:012 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at,

015:013 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?

015:014 What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

015:015 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

015:016 How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

015:017 I will shew thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

015:018 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid it:

015:019 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

015:020 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.

015:021 A dreadful sound is in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

015:022 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

015:023 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it? he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

015:024 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

015:025 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty.

015:026 He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

015:027 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on his flanks.

015:028 And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

015:029 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth.

015:030 He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

015:031 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.

015:032 It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

015:033 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

015:034 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

015:035 They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

016:001 Then Job answered and said,

016:002 I have heard many such things: miserable comforters are ye all.

016:003 Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

016:004 I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

016:005 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

016:006 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and though I forbear, what am I eased?

016:007 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

016:008 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

016:009 He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.

016:010 They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me.

016:011 God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

016:012 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark.

016:013 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

016:014 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

016:015 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

016:016 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

016:017 Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure.

016:018 O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.

016:019 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

016:020 My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

016:021 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!

016:022 When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

017:001 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

017:002 Are there not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?

017:003 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who is he that will strike hands with me?

017:004 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt them.

017:005 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

017:006 He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret.

017:007 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

017:008 Upright men shall be astonied at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

017:009 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

017:010 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find one wise man among you.

017:011 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

017:012 They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness.

017:013 If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

017:014 I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

017:015 And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

017:016 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

018:001 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

018:002 How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

018:003 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

018:004 He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

018:005 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

018:006 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

018:007 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

018:008 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

018:009 The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

018:010 The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

018:011 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

018:012 His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

018:013 It shall devour the strength of his skin: even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.

018:014 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

018:015 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

018:016 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

018:017 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

018:018 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

018:019 He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

018:020 They that come after him shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

018:021 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

019:001 Then Job answered and said,
019:002 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?
019:003 These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that
ye make yourselves strange to me.
019:004 And be it indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with
myself.
019:005 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against
me my reproach:
019:006 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me
with his net.
019:007 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but
there is no judgment.
019:008 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set
darkness in my paths.
019:009 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my
head.
019:010 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine
hope hath he removed like a tree.
019:011 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me
unto him as one of his enemies.
019:012 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and
encamp round about my tabernacle.
019:013 He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are
verily estranged from me.
019:014 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
019:015 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a
stranger: I am an alien in their sight.
019:016 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I intreated him
with my mouth.
019:017 My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the
children's sake of mine own body.
019:018 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against
me.
019:019 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are
turned against me.
019:020 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped
with the skin of my teeth.
019:021 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the
hand of God hath touched me.
019:022 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my

flesh?

019:023 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

019:024 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

019:025 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

019:026 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

019:027 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

019:028 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

019:029 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

020:001 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

020:002 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.

020:003 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

020:004 Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

020:005 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?

020:006 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;

020:007 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

020:008 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

020:009 The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

020:010 His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

020:011 His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

020:012 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;

020:013 Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:

020:014 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within

him.

020:015 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again:
God shall cast them out of his belly.

020:016 He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.

020:017 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and
butter.

020:018 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow
it down: according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he
shall not rejoice therein.

020:019 Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because
he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

020:020 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of
that which he desired.

020:021 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look
for his goods.

020:022 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of
the wicked shall come upon him.

020:023 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his
wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.

020:024 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall
strike him through.

020:025 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword
cometh out of his gall: terrors are upon him.

020:026 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall
consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

020:027 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up
against him.

020:028 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow
away in the day of his wrath.

020:029 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage
appointed unto him by God.

021:001 But Job answered and said,

021:002 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

021:003 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.

021:004 As for me, is my complaint to man? and if it were so, why should
not my spirit be troubled?

021:005 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.

021:006 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on
my flesh.

021:007 Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in

power?

- 021:008 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.
- 021:009 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.
- 021:010 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
- 021:011 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.
- 021:012 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.
- 021:013 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.
- 021:014 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.
- 021:015 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?
- 021:016 Lo, their good is not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 021:017 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger.
- 021:018 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.
- 021:019 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it.
- 021:020 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
- 021:021 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?
- 021:022 Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.
- 021:023 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.
- 021:024 His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.
- 021:025 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.
- 021:026 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.
- 021:027 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

021:028 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince? and where are the dwelling places of the wicked?

021:029 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens,

021:030 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

021:031 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him what he hath done?

021:032 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

021:033 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

021:034 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

022:001 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

022:002 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

022:003 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

022:004 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment?

022:005 Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

022:006 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

022:007 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

022:008 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it.

022:009 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

022:010 Therefore snares are round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

022:011 Or darkness, that thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.

022:012 Is not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

022:013 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

022:014 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

022:015 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden?

022:016 Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

022:017 Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?

022:018 Yet he filled their houses with good things: but the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

022:019 The righteous see it, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

022:020 Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

022:021 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

022:022 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

022:023 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

022:024 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

022:025 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

022:026 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

022:027 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

022:028 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

022:029 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

022:030 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

023:001 Then Job answered and said,

023:002 Even to day is my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

023:003 Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!

023:004 I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

023:005 I would know the words which he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

023:006 Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would

put strength in me.

023:007 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

023:008 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

023:009 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him:

023:010 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

023:011 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

023:012 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

023:013 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

023:014 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.

023:015 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

023:016 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

023:017 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.

024:001 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?

024:002 Some remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof.

024:003 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

024:004 They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

024:005 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.

024:006 They reap every one his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

024:007 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

024:008 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

024:009 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the

poor.

- 024:010 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry;
- 024:011 Which make oil within their walls, and tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
- 024:012 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly to them.
- 024:013 They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
- 024:014 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.
- 024:015 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth his face.
- 024:016 In the dark they dig through houses, which they had marked for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light.
- 024:017 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death: if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.
- 024:018 He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.
- 024:019 Drought and heat consume the snow waters: so doth the grave those which have sinned.
- 024:020 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.
- 024:021 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.
- 024:022 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
- 024:023 Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes are upon their ways.
- 024:024 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
- 024:025 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?
- 025:001 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
- 025:002 Dominion and fear are with him, he maketh peace in his high places.
- 025:003 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

025:004 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

025:005 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

025:006 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?

026:001 But Job answered and said,

026:002 How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

026:003 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

026:004 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

026:005 Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.

026:006 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

026:007 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

026:008 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

026:009 He holdeth back the face of his throne, and spreadeth his cloud upon it.

026:010 He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

026:011 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof.

026:012 He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

026:013 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

026:014 Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

027:001 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

027:002 As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;

027:003 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

027:004 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

027:005 God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.

027:006 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall

not reproach me so long as I live.
027:007 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.
027:008 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?
027:009 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?
027:010 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?
027:011 I will teach you by the hand of God: that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
027:012 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?
027:013 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.
027:014 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
027:015 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep.
027:016 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay;
027:017 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.
027:018 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh.
027:019 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not.
027:020 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night.
027:021 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place.
027:022 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.
027:023 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.
028:001 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.
028:002 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.
028:003 He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.
028:004 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters

forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

028:005 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire.

028:006 The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.

028:007 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

028:008 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

028:009 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

028:010 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

028:011 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

028:012 But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

028:013 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

028:014 The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

028:015 It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

028:016 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

028:017 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

028:018 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

028:019 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

028:020 Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

028:021 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

028:022 Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

028:023 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

028:024 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole

heaven;

028:025 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

028:026 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

028:027 Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

028:028 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

029:001 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

029:002 Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

029:003 When his candle shined upon my head, and when by his light I walked through darkness;

029:004 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

029:005 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

029:006 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

029:007 When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

029:008 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.

029:009 The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

029:010 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

029:011 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:

029:012 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

029:013 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

029:014 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

029:015 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

029:016 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

029:017 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

029:018 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.

029:019 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

029:020 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

029:021 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

029:022 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

029:023 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

029:024 If I laughed on them, they believed it not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

029:025 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

030:001 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

030:002 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

030:003 For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste.

030:004 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

030:005 They were driven forth from among men, (they cried after them as after a thief;)

030:006 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth, and in the rocks.

030:007 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

030:008 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth.

030:009 And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword.

030:010 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

030:011 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

030:012 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

030:013 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no

helper.

030:014 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters: in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.

030:015 Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

030:016 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

030:017 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

030:018 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

030:019 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

030:020 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not.

030:021 Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.

030:022 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance.

030:023 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

030:024 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.

030:025 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was not my soul grieved for the poor?

030:026 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

030:027 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.

030:028 I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

030:029 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.

030:030 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

030:031 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

031:001 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

031:002 For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

031:003 Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the

workers of iniquity?

031:004 Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

031:005 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;

031:006 Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity.

031:007 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;

031:008 Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

031:009 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door;

031:010 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

031:011 For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

031:012 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

031:013 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me;

031:014 What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

031:015 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

031:016 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

031:017 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

031:018 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;)

031:019 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

031:020 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

031:021 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

031:022 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone.

031:023 For destruction from God was a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

031:024 If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou

art my confidence;
031:025 If I rejoice because my wealth was great, and because mine hand
had gotten much;
031:026 If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in
brightness;
031:027 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed
my hand:
031:028 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should
have denied the God that is above.
031:029 If I rejoice at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up
myself when evil found him:
031:030 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his
soul.
031:031 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh!
we cannot be satisfied.
031:032 The stranger did not lodge in the street: but I opened my doors to
the traveller.
031:033 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in
my bosom:
031:034 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify
me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?
031:035 Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty
would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book.
031:036 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to
me.
031:037 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince
would I go near unto him.
031:038 If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof
complain;
031:039 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused
the owners thereof to lose their life:
031:040 Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley.
The words of Job are ended.
032:001 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was
righteous in his own eyes.
032:002 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the
Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled,
because he justified himself rather than God.
032:003 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they
had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

032:004 Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he.

032:005 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

032:006 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion.

032:007 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

032:008 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

032:009 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

032:010 Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion.

032:011 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

032:012 Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, there was none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words:

032:013 Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man.

032:014 Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches.

032:015 They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking.

032:016 When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;)

032:017 I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion.

032:018 For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me.

032:019 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles.

032:020 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

032:021 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

032:022 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away.

033:001 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words.

033:002 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

033:003 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall

utter knowledge clearly.

033:004 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

033:005 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me, stand up.

033:006 Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead: I also am formed out of the clay.

033:007 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

033:008 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

033:009 I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.

033:010 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy,

033:011 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths.

033:012 Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.

033:013 Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.

033:014 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

033:015 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

033:016 Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

033:017 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

033:018 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

033:019 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:

033:020 So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

033:021 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

033:022 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

033:023 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

033:024 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

033:025 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days

of his youth:

033:026 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

033:027 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

033:028 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

033:029 Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,

033:030 To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

033:031 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

033:032 If thou hast anything to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.

033:033 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

034:001 Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

034:002 Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

034:003 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

034:004 Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.

034:005 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.

034:006 Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.

034:007 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?

034:008 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

034:009 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

034:010 Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

034:011 For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

034:012 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

034:013 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath

disposed the whole world?

034:014 If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

034:015 All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

034:016 If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

034:017 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

034:018 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?

034:019 How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.

034:020 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

034:021 For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.

034:022 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

034:023 For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.

034:024 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

034:025 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

034:026 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;

034:027 Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:

034:028 So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

034:029 When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

034:030 That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

034:031 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

034:032 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

034:033 Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether

thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.

034:034 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

034:035 Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

034:036 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.

034:037 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

035:001 Elihu spake moreover, and said,

035:002 Thinkest thou this to be right, that thou saidst, My righteousness is more than God's?

035:003 For thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, if I be cleansed from my sin?

035:004 I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

035:005 Look unto the heavens, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou.

035:006 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against him? or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?

035:007 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

035:008 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

035:009 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

035:010 But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night;

035:011 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

035:012 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

035:013 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

035:014 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him.

035:015 But now, because it is not so, he hath visited in his anger; yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:

035:016 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

036:001 Elihu also proceeded, and said,

036:002 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

036:003 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

036:004 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

036:005 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom.

036:006 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the poor.

036:007 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but with kings are they on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

036:008 And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

036:009 Then he sheweth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

036:010 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

036:011 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

036:012 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

036:013 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

036:014 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

036:015 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

036:016 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait into a broad place, where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness.

036:017 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked: judgment and justice take hold on thee.

036:018 Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

036:019 Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

036:020 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

036:021 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

036:022 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

036:023 Who hath enjoined him his way? or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?

036:024 Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

036:025 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.

036:026 Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out.

036:027 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:

036:028 Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly.

036:029 Also can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of his tabernacle?

036:030 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.

036:031 For by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.

036:032 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh betwixt.

036:033 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattle also concerning the vapour.

037:001 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

037:002 Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound that goeth out of his mouth.

037:003 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

037:004 After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

037:005 God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

037:006 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

037:007 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

037:008 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

037:009 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

037:010 By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

037:011 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud:

037:012 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

037:013 He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

037:014 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

037:015 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

037:016 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

037:017 How thy garments are warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south wind?

037:018 Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

037:019 Teach us what we shall say unto him; for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

037:020 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

037:021 And now men see not the bright light which is in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

037:022 Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God is terrible majesty.

037:023 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

037:024 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any that are wise of heart.

038:001 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

038:002 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

038:003 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

038:004 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

038:005 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

038:006 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

038:007 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

038:008 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

038:009 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

038:010 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

038:011 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

038:012 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

038:013 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

038:014 It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

038:015 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.

038:016 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

038:017 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

038:018 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.

038:019 Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

038:020 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?

038:021 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?

038:022 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

038:023 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?

038:024 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?

038:025 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;

038:026 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

038:027 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?

038:028 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

038:029 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?

038:030 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.

038:031 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

038:032 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou
guide Arcturus with his sons?

038:033 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the
dominion thereof in the earth?

038:034 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters
may cover thee?

038:035 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee,
Here we are?

038:036 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given
understanding to the heart?

038:037 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the
bottles of heaven,

038:038 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast
together?

038:039 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young
lions,

038:040 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in
wait?

038:041 Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry
unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

039:001 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?
or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

039:002 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? or knowest thou the
time when they bring forth?

039:003 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones, they cast
out their sorrows.

039:004 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they
go forth, and return not unto them.

039:005 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? or who hath loosed the
bands of the wild ass?

039:006 Whose house I have made the wilderness, and the barren land his
dwellings.

039:007 He scorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the
crying of the driver.

039:008 The range of the mountains is his pasture, and he searcheth after
every green thing.

039:009 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee, or abide by thy crib?

039:010 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he
harrow the valleys after thee?

039:011 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? or wilt thou

leave thy labour to him?
039:012 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy barn?
039:013 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
039:014 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
039:015 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
039:016 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear;
039:017 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
039:018 What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.
039:019 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
039:020 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? the glory of his nostrils is terrible.
039:021 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men.
039:022 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.
039:023 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.
039:024 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.
039:025 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
039:026 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?
039:027 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?
039:028 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.
039:029 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.
039:030 Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she.
040:001 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,
040:002 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him? he that reproveth God, let him answer it.
040:003 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

040:004 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

040:005 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

040:006 Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
040:007 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

040:008 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

040:009 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

040:010 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

040:011 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

040:012 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

040:013 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.

040:014 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

040:015 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

040:016 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

040:017 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

040:018 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

040:019 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

040:020 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

040:021 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

040:022 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

040:023 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

040:024 He taketh it with his eyes: his nose pierceth through snares.

041:001 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

041:002 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

041:003 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee?

041:004 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

041:005 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

041:006 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

041:007 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

041:008 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more.

041:009 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

041:010 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

041:011 Who hath prevented me, that I should repay him? whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

041:012 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

041:013 Who can discover the face of his garment? or who can come to him with his double bridle?

041:014 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth are terrible round about.

041:015 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a close seal.

041:016 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

041:017 They are joined one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

041:018 By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

041:019 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.

041:020 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.

041:021 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

041:022 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him.

041:023 The flakes of his flesh are joined together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

041:024 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the

nether millstone.

041:025 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

041:026 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.

041:027 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.

041:028 The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

041:029 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

041:030 Sharp stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.

041:031 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

041:032 He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary.

041:033 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

041:034 He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

042:001 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

042:002 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

042:003 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

042:004 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

042:005 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

042:006 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

042:007 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

042:008 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks 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 him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

042:009 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the

Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: the LORD also accepted Job.

042:010 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

042:011 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

042:012 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

042:013 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

042:014 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch.

042:015 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

042:016 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

042:017 So Job died, being old and full of days.

Psalms

- 001:001 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 001:002 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 001:003 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 001:004 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 001:005 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 001:006 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
- 002:001 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- 002:002 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,
- 002:003 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 002:004 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.
- 002:005 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 002:006 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 002:007 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
- 002:008 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
- 002:009 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 002:010 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 002:011 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 002:012 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.
- 003:001 Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

003:002 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

003:003 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

003:004 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

003:005 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

003:006 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about.

003:007 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

003:008 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

004:001 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

004:002 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.

004:003 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

004:004 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

004:005 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

004:006 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

004:007 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

004:008 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

005:001 Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

005:002 Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

005:003 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

005:004 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

005:005 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

005:006 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

005:007 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

005:008 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

005:009 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

005:010 Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

005:011 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

005:012 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

006:001 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

006:002 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

006:003 My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

006:004 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

006:005 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

006:006 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

006:007 Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

006:008 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

006:009 The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

006:010 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

007:001 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

007:002 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

007:003 O LORD my God, If I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

007:004 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

007:005 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

007:006 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

007:007 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

007:008 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

007:009 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

007:010 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

007:011 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

007:012 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

007:013 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

007:014 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

007:015 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

007:016 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

007:017 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

008:001 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

008:002 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

008:003 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

008:004 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

008:005 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

008:006 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

008:007 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

008:008 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

008:009 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

009:001 I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

009:002 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

009:003 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

009:004 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

009:005 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

009:006 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

009:007 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

009:008 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

009:009 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

009:010 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

009:011 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

009:012 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

009:013 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

009:014 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

009:015 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

009:016 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the

wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.
009:017 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.
009:018 For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.
009:019 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
009:020 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.
010:001 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
010:002 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
010:003 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.
010:004 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.
010:005 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
010:006 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.
010:007 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.
010:008 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.
010:009 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.
010:010 He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.
010:011 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.
010:012 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.
010:013 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.
010:014 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.
010:015 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his

wickedness till thou find none.

010:016 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

010:017 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

010:018 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

011:001 In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

011:002 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

011:003 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

011:004 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

011:005 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

011:006 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

011:007 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

012:001 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

012:002 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

012:003 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

012:004 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

012:005 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

012:006 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

012:007 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

012:008 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

013:001 How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

013:002 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

013:003 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I
sleep the sleep of death;

013:004 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that
trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

013:005 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy
salvation.

013:006 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with
me.

014:001 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt,
they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

014:002 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to
see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

014:003 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there
is none that doeth good, no, not one.

014:004 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my
people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

014:005 There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the
righteous.

014:006 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his
refuge.

014:007 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the
LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall
rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

015:001 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy
hill?

015:002 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and
speaketh the truth in his heart.

015:003 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his
neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

015:004 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them
that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and
changeth not.

015:005 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward
against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be
moved.

016:001 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

016:002 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my
goodness extendeth not to thee;

016:003 But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in
whom is all my delight.

016:004 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god:
their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their
names into my lips.

016:005 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou
maintainest my lot.

016:006 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a
goodly heritage.

016:007 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also
instruct me in the night seasons.

016:008 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right
hand, I shall not be moved.

016:009 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also
shall rest in hope.

016:010 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine
Holy One to see corruption.

016:011 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;
at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

017:001 Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my
prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

017:002 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes
behold the things that are equal.

017:003 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night;
thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my
mouth shall not transgress.

017:004 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept
me from the paths of the destroyer.

017:005 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

017:006 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine
ear unto me, and hear my speech.

017:007 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy
right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise
up against them.

017:008 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy
wings,

017:009 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who
compass me about.

017:010 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak
proudly.

017:011 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their
eyes bowing down to the earth;

017:012 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

017:013 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword:

017:014 From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

017:015 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

018:001 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

018:002 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

018:003 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

018:004 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

018:005 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

018:006 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

018:007 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

018:008 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

018:009 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

018:010 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

018:011 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

018:012 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire.

018:013 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

018:014 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

018:015 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of

the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

018:016 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters.

018:017 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

018:018 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

018:019 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

018:020 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

018:021 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

018:022 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

018:023 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

018:024 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

018:025 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

018:026 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

018:027 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

018:028 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

018:029 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

018:030 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

018:031 For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

018:032 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

018:033 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

018:034 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

018:035 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right

hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.
018:036 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip.
018:037 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I
turn again till they were consumed.
018:038 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are
fallen under my feet.
018:039 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast
subdued under me those that rose up against me.
018:040 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might
destroy them that hate me.
018:041 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the
LORD, but he answered them not.
018:042 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast
them out as the dirt in the streets.
018:043 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou
hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not
known shall serve me.
018:044 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers
shall submit themselves unto me.
018:045 The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close
places.
018:046 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my
salvation be exalted.
018:047 It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.
018:048 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up
above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from
the violent man.
018:049 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the
heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.
018:050 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his
anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.
019:001 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth
his handywork.
019:002 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth
knowledge.
019:003 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
019:004 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the
end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
019:005 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth
as a strong man to run a race.

019:006 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

019:007 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

019:008 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

019:009 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

019:010 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

019:011 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

019:012 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

019:013 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

019:014 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

020:001 The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

020:002 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

020:003 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.

020:004 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

020:005 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

020:006 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

020:007 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

020:008 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

020:009 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

021:001 The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

021:002 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

021:003 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

021:004 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever.

021:005 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

021:006 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

021:007 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

021:008 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

021:009 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

021:010 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

021:011 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

021:012 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

021:013 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

022:001 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

022:002 O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

022:003 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

022:004 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

022:005 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

022:006 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

022:007 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

022:008 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

022:009 But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

022:010 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my

mother's belly.

022:011 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

022:012 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

022:013 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

022:014 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

022:015 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

022:016 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

022:017 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

022:018 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

022:019 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

022:020 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

022:021 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

022:022 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

022:023 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

022:024 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

022:025 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

022:026 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

022:027 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

022:028 For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations.

022:029 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

022:030 A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a

generation.

- 022:031 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.
- 023:001 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 023:002 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 023:003 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 023:004 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 023:005 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 023:006 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
- 024:001 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 024:002 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.
- 024:003 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 024:004 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 024:005 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 024:006 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.
- 024:007 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 024:008 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- 024:009 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 024:010 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.
- 025:001 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
- 025:002 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- 025:003 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

025:004 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.
025:005 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.
025:006 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old.
025:007 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
025:008 Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
025:009 The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.
025:010 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
025:011 For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
025:012 What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.
025:013 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.
025:014 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.
025:015 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
025:016 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.
025:017 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.
025:018 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.
025:019 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.
025:020 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.
025:021 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.
025:022 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.
026:001 Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.
026:002 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
026:003 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.
026:004 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

026:005 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

026:006 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

026:007 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

026:008 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

026:009 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

026:010 In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

026:011 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

026:012 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

027:001 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

027:002 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

027:003 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

027:004 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

027:005 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

027:006 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

027:007 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

027:008 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

027:009 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

027:010 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

027:011 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

027:012 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

027:013 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

027:014 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

028:001 Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

028:002 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

028:003 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

028:004 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.

028:005 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

028:006 Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

028:007 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

028:008 The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

028:009 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

029:001 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

029:002 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

029:003 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.

029:004 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

029:005 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

029:006 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

029:007 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
029:008 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
029:009 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.
029:010 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
029:011 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.
030:001 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
030:002 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.
030:003 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
030:004 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.
030:005 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
030:006 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
030:007 LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.
030:008 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.
030:009 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?
030:010 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.
030:011 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;
030:012 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.
031:001 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.
031:002 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.
031:003 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
031:004 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.
031:005 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

031:006 I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

031:007 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

031:008 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room.

031:009 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

031:010 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

031:011 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

031:012 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel.

031:013 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.

031:014 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God.

031:015 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

031:016 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

031:017 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.

031:018 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

031:019 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

031:020 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

031:021 Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

031:022 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

031:023 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the

faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

031:024 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

032:001 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

032:002 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

032:003 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

032:004 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

032:005 I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

032:006 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

032:007 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

032:008 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

032:009 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

032:010 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

032:011 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

033:001 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

033:002 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

033:003 Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.

033:004 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

033:005 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

033:006 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

033:007 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth

up the depth in storehouses.

033:008 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

033:009 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

033:010 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

033:011 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

033:012 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

033:013 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

033:014 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

033:015 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

033:016 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

033:017 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

033:018 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

033:019 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

033:020 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

033:021 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

033:022 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

034:001 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

034:002 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

034:003 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

034:004 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

034:005 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

034:006 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

034:007 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

034:008 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that

trusteth in him.

034:009 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

034:010 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

034:011 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

034:012 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

034:013 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

034:014 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

034:015 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

034:016 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

034:017 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

034:018 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

034:019 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

034:020 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

034:021 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

034:022 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

035:001 Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

035:002 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

035:003 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

035:004 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

035:005 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them.

035:006 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

035:007 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

035:008 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

035:009 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

035:010 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

035:011 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

035:012 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

035:013 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

035:014 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

035:015 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

035:016 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

035:017 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

035:018 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

035:019 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

035:020 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

035:021 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

035:022 This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

035:023 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

035:024 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

035:025 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

035:026 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and

dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

035:027 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

035:028 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

036:001 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

036:002 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

036:003 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

036:004 He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

036:005 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

036:006 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

036:007 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

036:008 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

036:009 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

036:010 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

036:011 Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

036:012 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

037:001 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

037:002 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

037:003 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

037:004 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

037:005 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

037:006 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy

judgment as the noonday.

- 037:007 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
- 037:008 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
- 037:009 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
- 037:010 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
- 037:011 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
- 037:012 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
- 037:013 The LORD shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.
- 037:014 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.
- 037:015 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- 037:016 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.
- 037:017 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
- 037:018 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
- 037:019 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 037:020 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
- 037:021 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
- 037:022 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.
- 037:023 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.
- 037:024 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.
- 037:025 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the

righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
037:026 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.
037:027 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.
037:028 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they
are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
037:029 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.
037:030 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue
talketh of judgment.
037:031 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
037:032 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.
037:033 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when
he is judged.
037:034 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to
inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
037:035 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like
a green bay tree.
037:036 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he
could not be found.
037:037 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that
man is peace.
037:038 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the
wicked shall be cut off.
037:039 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their
strength in the time of trouble.
037:040 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver
them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.
038:001 O lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot
displeasure.
038:002 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore.
038:003 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither
is there any rest in my bones because of my sin.
038:004 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden
they are too heavy for me.
038:005 My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness.
038:006 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day
long.
038:007 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no
soundness in my flesh.
038:008 I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the
disquietness of my heart.

038:009 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

038:010 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

038:011 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off.

038:012 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

038:013 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

038:014 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

038:015 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

038:016 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

038:017 For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me.

038:018 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

038:019 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

038:020 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is.

038:021 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

038:022 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

039:001 I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

039:002 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred.

039:003 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue,

039:004 LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am.

039:005 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

039:006 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

039:007 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

039:008 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach

of the foolish.

039:009 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it.

039:010 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.

039:011 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

039:012 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

039:013 O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

040:001 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

040:002 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

040:003 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

040:004 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

040:005 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

040:006 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

040:007 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

040:008 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

040:009 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

040:010 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

040:011 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

040:012 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

040:013 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

040:014 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

040:015 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.

040:016 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

040:017 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

041:001 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

041:002 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

041:003 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

041:004 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.

041:005 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish?

041:006 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

041:007 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.

041:008 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.

041:009 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

041:010 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

041:011 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

041:012 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.

041:013 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

042:001 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

042:002 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

042:003 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

042:004 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

042:005 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

042:006 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

042:007 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

042:008 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

042:009 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

042:010 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

042:011 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

043:001 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

043:002 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

043:003 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

043:004 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

043:005 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

044:001 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

044:002 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

044:003 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

044:004 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

044:005 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

044:006 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

044:007 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

044:008 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever.
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044:009 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

044:010 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

044:011 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

044:012 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

044:013 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

044:014 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

044:015 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

044:016 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

044:017 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

044:018 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

044:019 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

044:020 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

044:021 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

044:022 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

044:023 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.
044:024 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
044:025 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
044:026 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.
045:001 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
045:002 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
045:003 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.
045:004 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
045:005 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.
045:006 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
045:007 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
045:008 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
045:009 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
045:010 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
045:011 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.
045:012 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.
045:013 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.
045:014 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.
045:015 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.
045:016 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest

make princes in all the earth.

045:017 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

046:001 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

046:002 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and
though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

046:003 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the
mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

046:004 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of
God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

046:005 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help
her, and that right early.

046:006 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his
voice, the earth melted.

046:007 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah.

046:008 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath
made in the earth.

046:009 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh
the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in
the fire.

046:010 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the
heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

046:011 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Selah.

047:001 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of
triumph.

047:002 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the
earth.

047:003 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our
feet.

047:004 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob
whom he loved. Selah.

047:005 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a
trumpet.

047:006 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing
praises.

047:007 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with
understanding.

047:008 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his

holiness.

- 047:009 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.
- 048:001 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
- 048:002 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- 048:003 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- 048:004 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.
- 048:005 They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.
- 048:006 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 048:007 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.
- 048:008 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.
- 048:009 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
- 048:010 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 048:011 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.
- 048:012 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.
- 048:013 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.
- 048:014 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.
- 049:001 Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
- 049:002 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- 049:003 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
- 049:004 I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
- 049:005 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?
- 049:006 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
- 049:007 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

049:008 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)

049:009 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption.

049:010 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others.

049:011 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

049:012 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish.

049:013 This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah.

049:014 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.

049:015 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

049:016 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

049:017 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him.

049:018 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.

049:019 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.

049:020 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

050:001 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

050:002 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

050:003 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

050:004 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

050:005 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

050:006 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

050:007 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

050:008 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

050:009 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.

050:010 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

050:011 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

050:012 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

050:013 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

050:014 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

050:015 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

050:016 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

050:017 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and casteth my words behind thee.

050:018 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

050:019 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

050:020 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

050:021 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

050:022 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

050:023 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

051:001 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

051:002 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

051:003 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

051:004 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

051:005 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother

conceive me.

- 051:006 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- 051:007 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 051:008 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 051:009 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
- 051:010 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 051:011 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 051:012 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
- 051:013 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- 051:014 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 051:015 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- 051:016 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.
- 051:017 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 051:018 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- 051:019 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.
- 052:001 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.
- 052:002 The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- 052:003 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.
- 052:004 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.
- 052:005 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.
- 052:006 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

052:007 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

052:008 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

052:009 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

053:001 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

053:002 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

053:003 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

053:004 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

053:005 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

053:006 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

054:001 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

054:002 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

054:003 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

054:004 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

054:005 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

054:006 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good.

054:007 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

055:001 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

055:002 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

055:003 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

055:004 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

055:005 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

055:006 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

055:007 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

055:008 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

055:009 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

055:010 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

055:011 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

055:012 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

055:013 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

055:014 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

055:015 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

055:016 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

055:017 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

055:018 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

055:019 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

055:020 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

055:021 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

055:022 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

055:023 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will

trust in thee.

- 056:001 Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.
- 056:002 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.
- 056:003 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
- 056:004 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
- 056:005 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 056:006 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
- 056:007 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God.
- 056:008 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?
- 056:009 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.
- 056:010 In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.
- 056:011 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
- 056:012 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.
- 056:013 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?
- 057:001 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.
- 057:002 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.
- 057:003 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.
- 057:004 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
- 057:005 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.
- 057:006 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are

fallen themselves. Selah.

057:007 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

057:008 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

057:009 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

057:010 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

057:011 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

058:001 Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

058:002 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

058:003 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

058:004 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

058:005 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

058:006 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

058:007 Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

058:008 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.

058:009 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.

058:010 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

058:011 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

059:001 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

059:002 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

059:003 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

059:004 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help

me, and behold.

059:005 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

059:006 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

059:007 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

059:008 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

059:009 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

059:010 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

059:011 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

059:012 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

059:013 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

059:014 And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

059:015 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

059:016 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

059:017 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

060:001 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

060:002 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

060:003 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

060:004 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

060:005 That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and

hear me.

- 060:006 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 060:007 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;
- 060:008 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
- 060:009 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?
- 060:010 Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?
- 060:011 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.
- 060:012 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.
- 061:001 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.
- 061:002 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- 061:003 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.
- 061:004 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.
- 061:005 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
- 061:006 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations.
- 061:007 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.
- 061:008 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.
- 062:001 Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.
- 062:002 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.
- 062:003 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.
- 062:004 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.
- 062:005 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.
- 062:006 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

062:007 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

062:008 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

062:009 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

062:010 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

062:011 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

062:012 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

063:001 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

063:002 To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

063:003 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

063:004 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

063:005 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

063:006 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

063:007 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

063:008 My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

063:009 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

063:010 They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

063:011 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

064:001 Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

064:002 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

064:003 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot

their arrows, even bitter words:

- 064:004 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
- 064:005 They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?
- 064:006 They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.
- 064:007 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.
- 064:008 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.
- 064:009 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.
- 064:010 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.
- 065:001 Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.
- 065:002 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.
- 065:003 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.
- 065:004 Blessed is the man whom thou choolest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
- 065:005 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:
- 065:006 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:
- 065:007 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
- 065:008 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
- 065:009 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.
- 065:010 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.
- 065:011 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

065:012 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills
rejoice on every side.

065:013 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered
over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

066:001 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

066:002 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

066:003 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the
greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves
unto thee.

066:004 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall
sing to thy name. Selah.

066:005 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward
the children of men.

066:006 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on
foot: there did we rejoice in him.

066:007 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let
not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

066:008 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to
be heard:

066:009 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be
moved.

066:010 For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is
tried.

066:011 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our
loins.

066:012 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through
fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy
place.

066:013 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my
vows,

066:014 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I
was in trouble.

066:015 I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of
rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

066:016 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he
hath done for my soul.

066:017 I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my
tongue.

066:018 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

066:019 But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my

prayer.

066:020 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

067:001 God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.

067:002 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

067:003 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

067:004 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

067:005 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

067:006 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

067:007 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

068:001 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

068:002 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

068:003 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

068:004 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

068:005 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

068:006 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

068:007 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

068:008 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

068:009 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

068:010 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

068:011 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

068:012 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

068:013 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings

of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.
068:014 When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon.
068:015 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan.
068:016 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.
068:017 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
068:018 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.
068:019 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.
068:020 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.
068:021 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
068:022 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:
068:023 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.
068:024 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.
068:025 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.
068:026 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.
068:027 There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.
068:028 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.
068:029 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.
068:030 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.
068:031 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.
068:032 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the

Lord; Selah:

- 068:033 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.
- 068:034 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.
- 068:035 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.
- 069:001 Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.
- 069:002 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.
- 069:003 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 069:004 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.
- 069:005 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.
- 069:006 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.
- 069:007 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.
- 069:008 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.
- 069:009 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.
- 069:010 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.
- 069:011 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.
- 069:012 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.
- 069:013 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.
- 069:014 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.
- 069:015 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

069:016 Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

069:017 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

069:018 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

069:019 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee.

069:020 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

069:021 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

069:022 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

069:023 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

069:024 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

069:025 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

069:026 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.

069:027 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

069:028 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

069:029 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

069:030 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

069:031 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

069:032 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

069:033 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

069:034 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

069:035 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

069:036 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his

name shall dwell therein.

070:001 MAKE HASTE, O GOD, TO DELIVER ME; MAKE HASTE TO HELP ME, O LORD.

070:002 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

070:003 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

070:004 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

070:005 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

071:001 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

071:002 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

071:003 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

071:004 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

071:005 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.

071:006 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee.

071:007 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge.

071:008 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

071:009 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

071:010 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

071:011 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

071:012 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

071:013 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

071:014 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

071:015 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

071:016 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

071:017 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

071:018 Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

071:019 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

071:020 Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

071:021 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

071:022 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

071:023 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

071:024 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

072:001 Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

072:002 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

072:003 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

072:004 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

072:005 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

072:006 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

072:007 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

072:008 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

072:009 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

072:010 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

072:011 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

072:012 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

072:013 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

072:014 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

072:015 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.

072:016 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

072:017 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

072:018 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

072:019 And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.

072:020 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

073:001 Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

073:002 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

073:003 For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

073:004 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

073:005 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

073:006 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

073:007 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.

073:008 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily.

073:009 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

073:010 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

073:011 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

073:012 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

073:013 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

073:014 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

073:015 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

073:016 When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

073:017 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

073:018 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

073:019 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors.

073:020 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

073:021 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

073:022 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

073:023 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

073:024 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

073:025 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

073:026 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

073:027 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

073:028 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

074:001 O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

074:002 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

074:003 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the

enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

074:004 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs.

074:005 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

074:006 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

074:007 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

074:008 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

074:009 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

074:010 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

074:011 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

074:012 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

074:013 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

074:014 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

074:015 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

074:016 The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

074:017 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

074:018 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

074:019 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

074:020 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

074:021 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

074:022 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

074:023 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise

up against thee increaseth continually.

075:001 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

075:002 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

075:003 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

075:004 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

075:005 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

075:006 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

075:007 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

075:008 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

075:009 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

075:010 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

076:001 In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel.

076:002 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

076:003 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

076:004 Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.

076:005 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

076:006 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

076:007 Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

076:008 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

076:009 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

076:010 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

076:011 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

076:012 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

077:001 I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

077:002 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my soul refused to be comforted, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

077:003 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

077:004 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

077:005 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

077:006 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

077:007 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

077:008 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

077:009 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

077:010 And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.

077:011 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

077:012 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

077:013 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

077:014 Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

077:015 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

077:016 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

077:017 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

077:018 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

077:019 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

077:020 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

078:001 Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

078:002 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

078:003 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.
078:004 We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the
generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength,
and his wonderful works that he hath done.
078:005 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in
Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make
them known to their children:
078:006 That the generation to come might know them, even the children
which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their
children:
078:007 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of
God, but keep his commandments:
078:008 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious
generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose
spirit was not stedfast with God.
078:009 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned
back in the day of battle.
078:010 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;
078:011 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.
078:012 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of
Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
078:013 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he
made the waters to stand as an heap.
078:014 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with
a light of fire.
078:015 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out
of the great depths.
078:016 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run
down like rivers.
078:017 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High
in the wilderness.
078:018 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.
078:019 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in
the wilderness?
078:020 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the
streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh
for his people?
078:021 Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was
kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;
078:022 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

078:023 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened
the doors of heaven,
078:024 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given
them of the corn of heaven.
078:025 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.
078:026 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power
he brought in the south wind.
078:027 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like
as the sand of the sea:
078:028 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their
habitations.
078:029 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own
desire;
078:030 They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was
yet in their mouths,
078:031 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them,
and smote down the chosen men of Israel.
078:032 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous
works.
078:033 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in
trouble.
078:034 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and
enquired early after God.
078:035 And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God
their redeemer.
078:036 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied
unto him with their tongues.
078:037 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in
his covenant.
078:038 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and
destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
and did not stir up all his wrath.
078:039 For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth
away, and cometh not again.
078:040 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in
the desert!
078:041 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One
of Israel.
078:042 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered
them from the enemy.

078:043 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.

078:044 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink.

078:045 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

078:046 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust.

078:047 He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with frost.

078:048 He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

078:049 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

078:050 He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence;

078:051 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

078:052 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

078:053 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

078:054 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

078:055 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

078:056 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

078:057 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

078:058 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.

078:059 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

078:060 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;

078:061 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.

078:062 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

078:063 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

078:064 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

078:065 Then the LORD awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

078:066 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

078:067 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim:

078:068 But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.

078:069 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.

078:070 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

078:071 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

078:072 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

079:001 O god, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

079:002 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

079:003 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

079:004 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

079:005 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

079:006 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

079:007 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

079:008 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

079:009 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

079:010 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.

079:011 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

079:012 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

079:013 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

080:001 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

080:002 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us.

080:003 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

080:004 O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

080:005 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.

080:006 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.

080:007 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

080:008 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

080:009 Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

080:010 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

080:011 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

080:012 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

080:013 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

080:014 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

080:015 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

080:016 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

080:017 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of

man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

080:018 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

080:019 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

081:001 Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

081:002 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

081:003 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

081:004 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

081:005 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

081:006 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

081:007 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.

081:008 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

081:009 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

081:010 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

081:011 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

081:012 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

081:013 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

081:014 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

081:015 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

081:016 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

082:001 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

082:002 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

082:003 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

082:004 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

082:005 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

082:006 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

082:007 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

082:008 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

083:001 Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

083:002 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

083:003 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

083:004 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

083:005 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

083:006 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

083:007 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;

083:008 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

083:009 Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

083:010 Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.

083:011 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

083:012 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

083:013 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

083:014 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

083:015 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

083:016 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
083:017 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
083:018 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.
084:001 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
084:002 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
084:003 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.
084:004 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.
084:005 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.
084:006 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
084:007 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
084:008 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
084:009 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
084:010 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
084:011 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
084:012 O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.
085:001 Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
085:002 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.
085:003 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.
085:004 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.
085:005 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

085:006 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
085:007 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.
085:008 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace
unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to
folly.
085:009 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell
in our land.
085:010 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have
kissed each other.
085:011 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look
down from heaven.
085:012 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall
yield her increase.
085:013 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of
his steps.
086:001 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.
086:002 Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant
that trusteth in thee.
086:003 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
086:004 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up
my soul.
086:005 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in
mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
086:006 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my
supplications.
086:007 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer
me.
086:008 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are
there any works like unto thy works.
086:009 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before
thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
086:010 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.
086:011 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart
to fear thy name.
086:012 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will
glorify thy name for evermore.
086:013 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul
from the lowest hell.
086:014 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of
violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee

before them.

086:015 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

086:016 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

086:017 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

087:001 His foundation is in the holy mountains.

087:002 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

087:003 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

087:004 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.

087:005 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

087:006 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.

087:007 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

088:001 O lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee:

088:002 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

088:003 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

088:004 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength:

088:005 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

088:006 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

088:007 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah.

088:008 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

088:009 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

088:010 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah.

088:011 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

088:012 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

088:013 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.

088:014 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me?

088:015 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

088:016 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.

088:017 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.

088:018 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

089:001 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

089:002 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

089:003 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

089:004 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

089:005 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

089:006 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

089:007 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

089:008 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

089:009 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

089:010 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

089:011 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

089:012 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

089:013 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

089:014 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and

truth shall go before thy face.

089:015 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk,
O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

089:016 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness
shall they be exalted.

089:017 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our
horn shall be exalted.

089:018 For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our
king.

089:019 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid
help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the
people.

089:020 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed
him:

089:021 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall
strengthen him.

089:022 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness
afflict him.

089:023 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that
hate him.

089:024 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my
name shall his horn be exalted.

089:025 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

089:026 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of
my salvation.

089:027 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the
earth.

089:028 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall
stand fast with him.

089:029 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the
days of heaven.

089:030 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

089:031 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

089:032 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity
with stripes.

089:033 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor
suffer my faithfulness to fail.

089:034 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of
my lips.

089:035 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

089:036 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

089:037 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

089:038 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

089:039 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

089:040 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

089:041 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

089:042 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

089:043 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

089:044 Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.

089:045 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.

089:046 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?

089:047 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

089:048 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

089:049 Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

089:050 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

089:051 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

089:052 Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

090:001 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

090:002 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

090:003 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

090:004 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is

past, and as a watch in the night.

090:005 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

090:006 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

090:007 For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

090:008 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

090:009 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

090:010 The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

090:011 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

090:012 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

090:013 Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

090:014 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

090:015 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

090:016 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

090:017 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

091:001 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

091:002 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

091:003 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

091:004 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

091:005 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

091:006 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the

destruction that wasteth at noonday.

091:007 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

091:008 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

091:009 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

091:010 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

091:011 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

091:012 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

091:013 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

091:014 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

091:015 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

091:016 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

092:001 IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, AND TO SING PRAISES UNTO THY NAME, O MOST HIGH:

092:002 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,

092:003 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.

092:004 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

092:005 O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

092:006 A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.

092:007 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

092:008 But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

092:009 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

092:010 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

092:011 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

092:012 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

092:013 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

092:014 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

092:015 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

093:001 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

093:002 Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

093:003 The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

093:004 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

093:005 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

094:001 O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

094:002 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

094:003 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

094:004 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

094:005 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.

094:006 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

094:007 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

094:008 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?

094:009 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

094:010 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

094:011 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

094:012 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

094:013 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

094:014 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

094:015 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

094:016 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

094:017 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

094:018 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

094:019 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

094:020 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

094:021 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

094:022 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

094:023 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.

095:001 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

095:002 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

095:003 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

095:004 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

095:005 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

095:006 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

095:007 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

095:008 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

095:009 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

095:010 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

095:011 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

096:001 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

096:002 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

096:003 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

096:004 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

096:005 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

096:006 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

096:007 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

096:008 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

096:009 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

096:010 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

096:011 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

096:012 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

096:013 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

097:001 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

097:002 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

097:003 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.

097:004 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

097:005 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

097:006 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

097:007 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

097:008 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

097:009 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

097:010 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

097:011 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

097:012 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

098:001 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

098:002 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

098:003 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

098:004 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

098:005 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

098:006 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

098:007 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

098:008 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together

098:009 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

099:001 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

099:002 The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

099:003 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

099:004 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

099:005 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

099:006 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

099:007 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

099:008 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

099:009 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

100:001 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

100:002 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

100:003 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

100:004 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

100:005 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

101:001 I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

101:002 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

101:003 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

101:004 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

101:005 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

101:006 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

101:007 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

101:008 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

102:001 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

102:002 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

102:003 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

102:004 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

102:005 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

102:006 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

102:007 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

102:008 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

102:009 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

102:010 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

102:011 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

102:012 But thou, O LORD, shall endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

102:013 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

102:014 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

102:015 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

102:016 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

102:017 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

102:018 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

102:019 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

102:020 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

102:021 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

102:022 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

102:023 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

102:024 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.

102:025 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

102:026 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

102:027 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

102:028 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

103:001 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

103:002 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

103:003 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

103:004 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

103:005 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

103:006 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

103:007 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

103:008 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

103:009 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

103:010 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

103:011 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

103:012 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

103:013 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

103:014 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

103:015 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

103:016 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

103:017 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

103:018 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

103:019 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

103:020 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

103:021 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

103:022 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

104:001 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

104:002 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

104:003 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

104:004 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

104:005 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

104:006 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

104:007 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

104:008 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

104:009 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

104:010 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

104:011 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

104:012 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

104:013 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

104:014 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;

104:015 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

104:016 The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

104:017 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

104:018 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

104:019 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

104:020 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

104:021 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

104:022 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

104:023 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

104:024 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

104:025 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

104:026 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

104:027 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

104:028 That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

104:029 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

104:030 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

104:031 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

104:032 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

104:033 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

104:034 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

104:035 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

105:001 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

105:002 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

105:003 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

105:004 Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

105:005 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders,
and the judgments of his mouth;

105:006 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his
chosen.

105:007 He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

105:008 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he
commanded to a thousand generations.

105:009 Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

105:010 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an
everlasting covenant:

105:011 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your
inheritance:

105:012 When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and
strangers in it.

105:013 When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to
another people;

105:014 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for
their sakes;

105:015 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

105:016 Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole
staff of bread.

105:017 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a
servant:

105:018 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

105:019 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

105:020 The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let
him go free.

105:021 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

105:022 To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators
wisdom.

105:023 Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourn'd in the land of
Ham.

105:024 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than
their enemies.

105:025 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his
servants.

105:026 He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

105:027 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of
Ham.

105:028 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against

his word.

105:029 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

105:030 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

105:031 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

105:032 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.

105:033 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.

105:034 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,

105:035 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

105:036 He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength.

105:037 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

105:038 Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

105:039 He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

105:040 The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

105:041 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river.

105:042 For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

105:043 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

105:044 And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;

105:045 That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

106:001 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

106:002 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise?

106:003 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

106:004 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation;

106:005 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the

gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.
106:006 We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
106:007 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.
106:008 Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.
106:009 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.
106:010 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
106:011 And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.
106:012 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.
106:013 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:
106:014 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.
106:015 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.
106:016 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.
106:017 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of Abiram.
106:018 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.
106:019 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.
106:020 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
106:021 They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;
106:022 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.
106:023 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.
106:024 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:
106:025 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.
106:026 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

106:027 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

106:028 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

106:029 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

106:030 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

106:031 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

106:032 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

106:033 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

106:034 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

106:035 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

106:036 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

106:037 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,

106:038 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.

106:039 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

106:040 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

106:041 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

106:042 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

106:043 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

106:044 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:

106:045 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

106:046 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

106:047 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

106:048 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

107:001 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

107:002 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

107:003 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

107:004 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

107:005 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

107:006 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

107:007 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

107:008 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:009 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

107:010 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

107:011 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

107:012 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

107:013 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

107:014 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

107:015 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:016 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

107:017 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

107:018 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

107:019 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

107:020 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their

destructions.

107:021 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:022 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

107:023 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

107:024 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

107:025 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

107:026 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

107:027 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

107:028 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

107:029 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

107:030 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

107:031 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

107:032 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

107:033 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

107:034 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

107:035 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

107:036 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

107:037 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

107:038 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

107:039 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

107:040 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

107:041 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him

families like a flock.

107:042 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

107:043 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

108:001 O god, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

108:002 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

108:003 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

108:004 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

108:005 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

108:006 That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

108:007 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

108:008 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

108:009 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

108:010 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

108:011 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

108:012 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

108:013 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

109:001 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

109:002 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

109:003 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

109:004 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

109:005 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

109:006 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

109:007 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his

prayer become sin.

109:008 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

109:009 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

109:010 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

109:011 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

109:012 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

109:013 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

109:014 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

109:015 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

109:016 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

109:017 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

109:018 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

109:019 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

109:020 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

109:021 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

109:022 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

109:023 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

109:024 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

109:025 I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads.

109:026 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

109:027 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.

109:028 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

109:029 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

109:030 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

109:031 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

110:001 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

110:002 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

110:003 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

110:004 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

110:005 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

110:006 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

110:007 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

111:001 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

111:002 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

111:003 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

111:004 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

111:005 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

111:006 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

111:007 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

111:008 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

111:009 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

111:010 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good

understanding have all they that do his commandments: his
praise endureth for ever.

112:001 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,
that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

112:002 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright
shall be blessed.

112:003 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness
endureth for ever.

112:004 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious,
and full of compassion, and righteous.

112:005 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs
with discretion.

112:006 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in
everlasting remembrance.

112:007 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in
the LORD.

112:008 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his
desire upon his enemies.

112:009 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness
endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

112:010 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his
teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

113:001 Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise
the name of the LORD.

113:002 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for
evermore.

113:003 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the
LORD's name is to be praised.

113:004 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the
heavens.

113:005 Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

113:006 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and
in the earth!

113:007 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of
the dunghill;

113:008 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his
people.

113:009 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful
mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

114:001 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people

of strange language;
114:002 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.
114:003 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.
114:004 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.
114:005 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that
thou wast driven back?
114:006 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like
lambs?
114:007 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence
of the God of Jacob;
114:008 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain
of waters.
115:001 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory,
for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
115:002 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?
115:003 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath
pleased.
115:004 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
115:005 They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they
see not:
115:006 They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell
not:
115:007 They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they
walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
115:008 They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that
trusteth in them.
115:009 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.
115:010 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their
shield.
115:011 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their
shield.
115:012 The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless
the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.
115:013 He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great.
115:014 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your
children.
115:015 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.
115:016 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath
he given to the children of men.
115:017 The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into

silence.

115:018 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.
Praise the LORD.

116:001 I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my
supplications.

116:002 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon
him as long as I live.

116:003 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat
hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

116:004 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech
thee, deliver my soul.

116:005 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

116:006 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he
helped me.

116:007 Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt
bountifully with thee.

116:008 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears,
and my feet from falling.

116:009 I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. 116:010 I
believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: 116:011 I
said in my haste, All men are liars.

116:012 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

116:013 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the
LORD.

116:014 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his
people.

116:015 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

116:016 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of
thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

116:017 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon
the name of the LORD.

116:018 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his
people.

116:019 In the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O
Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

117:001 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

117:002 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the
LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

118:001 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy
endureth for ever.

118:002 Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.
118:003 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.
118:004 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.
118:005 I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.
118:006 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?
118:007 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.
118:008 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.
118:009 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
118:010 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.
118:011 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
118:012 They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
118:013 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.
118:014 The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.
118:015 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
118:016 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
118:017 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
118:018 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.
118:019 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:
118:020 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.
118:021 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
118:022 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.
118:023 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
118:024 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
118:025 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

118:026 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

118:027 God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

118:028 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

118:029 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

119:001 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

119:002 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

119:003 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

119:004 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. 119:005 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

119:006 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

119:007 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

119:008 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

119:009 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

119:010 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

119:011 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

119:012 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

119:013 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

119:014 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

119:015 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

119:016 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

119:017 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

119:018 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

119:019 I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

119:020 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

119:021 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

119:022 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

119:023 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

119:024 Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

119:025 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

119:026 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

119:027 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

119:028 My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

119:029 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

119:030 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

119:031 I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

119:032 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

119:033 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

119:034 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

119:035 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

119:036 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

119:037 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

119:038 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

119:039 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

119:040 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

119:041 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

119:042 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

119:043 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

119:044 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

119:045 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.
119:046 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be
ashamed.
119:047 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.
119:048 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have
loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.
119:049 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast
caused me to hope.
119:050 This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.
119:051 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined
from thy law.
119:052 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted
myself.
119:053 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that
forsake thy law.
119:054 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.
119:055 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have
kept thy law.
119:056 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.
119:057 Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy
words.
119:058 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me
according to thy word.
119:059 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
119:060 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.
119:061 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten
thy law.
119:062 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy
righteous judgments.
119:063 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep
thy precepts.
119:064 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.
119:065 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy
word.
119:066 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy
commandments.
119:067 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.
119:068 Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.
119:069 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy
precepts with my whole heart.

119:070 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.
119:071 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.
119:072 The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
119:073 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
119:074 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.
119:075 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
119:076 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
119:077 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
119:078 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.
119:079 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
119:080 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.
119:081 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.
119:082 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
119:083 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes.
119:084 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
119:085 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.
119:086 All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
119:087 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.
119:088 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.
119:089 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.
119:090 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
119:091 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.
119:092 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

119:093 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

119:094 I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

119:095 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

119:096 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

119:097 O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

119:098 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

119:099 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

119:102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

119:107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

119:108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

119:109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

119:110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

119:111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

119:112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

119:114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

119:115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

119:116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

119:117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

119:118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

119:119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

119:120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

119:121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

119:122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

119:123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

119:124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

119:125 I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

119:126 It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

119:127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

119:128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

119:129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

119:131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

119:132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

119:133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

119:134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

119:135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

119:136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

119:137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.

119:138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

119:139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have

forgotten thy words.

119:140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

119:141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

119:143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

119:144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

119:145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

119:146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

119:147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

119:148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

119:149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

119:150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

119:151 Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

119:152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

119:153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

119:154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

119:156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

119:157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

119:158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

119:159 Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

119:161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

119:162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

119:163 I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

119:164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

119:166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

119:167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

119:168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

119:169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

119:170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

119:171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

119:173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

119:174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.

119:175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

120:001 In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

120:002 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

120:003 What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

120:004 Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

120:005 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

120:006 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

120:007 I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

121:001 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

121:002 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

121:003 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

121:004 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

121:005 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

121:006 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

121:007 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

121:008 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

122:001 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

122:002 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

122:003 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

122:004 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

122:005 For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

122:006 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

122:007 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

122:008 For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

122:009 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

123:001 Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

123:002 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

123:003 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

123:004 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

124:001 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;

124:002 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

124:003 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

124:004 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

124:005 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

124:006 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

124:007 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

124:008 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and

earth.

125:001 They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

125:002 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

125:003 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

125:004 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

125:005 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

126:001 When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

126:002 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.

126:003 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

126:004 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. 126:005 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

126:006 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

127:001 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

127:002 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

127:003 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

127:004 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

127:005 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

128:001 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

128:002 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

128:003 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

128:004 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

128:005 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

128:006 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

129:001 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say:

129:002 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

129:003 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

129:004 The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

129:005 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

129:006 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

129:007 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

129:008 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

130:001 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

130:002 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

130:003 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

130:004 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

130:005 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

130:006 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

130:007 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

130:008 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

131:001 Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

131:002 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

131:003 Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

132:001 Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions:

132:002 How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

132:003 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

132:004 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

132:005 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty

God of Jacob.

- 132:006 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.
- 132:007 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.
- 132:008 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.
- 132:009 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.
- 132:010 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.
- 132:011 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
- 132:012 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
- 132:013 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.
- 132:014 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
- 132:015 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 132:016 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
- 132:017 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
- 132:018 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.
- 133:001 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 133:002 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- 133:003 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.
- 134:001 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.
- 134:002 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
- 134:003 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.
- 135:001 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.
- 135:002 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house

of our God.

- 135:003 Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.
- 135:004 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.
- 135:005 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 135:006 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.
- 135:007 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries.
- 135:008 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast.
- 135:009 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
- 135:010 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;
- 135:011 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:
- 135:012 And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people.
- 135:013 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.
- 135:014 For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.
- 135:015 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
- 135:016 They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not;
- 135:017 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- 135:018 They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.
- 135:019 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron:
- 135:020 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.
- 135:021 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.
- 136:001 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:002 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:003 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:004 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:005 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:006 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:007 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:008 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:009 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:010 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:011 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:012 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:013 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:014 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:015 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:016 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:017 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:018 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:019 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:020 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:021 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:022 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:023 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:

136:024 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:025 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.

136:026 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

137:001 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

137:002 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

137:003 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

137:004 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?

137:005 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

137:006 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

137:007 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

137:008 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

137:009 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

138:001 I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

138:002 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

138:003 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

138:004 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

138:005 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

138:006 Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

138:007 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

138:008 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

139:001 O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.

139:002 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou

understandest my thought afar off.

139:003 Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

139:004 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

139:005 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

139:006 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

139:007 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

139:008 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

139:009 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

139:010 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

139:011 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

139:012 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

139:013 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

139:014 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

139:015 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

139:016 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

139:017 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

139:018 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

139:019 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

139:020 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

139:021 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

139:022 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.
139:023 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
139:024 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
140:001 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;
140:002 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war.
140:003 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.
140:004 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
140:005 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.
140:006 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
140:007 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
140:008 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.
140:009 As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
140:010 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
140:011 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
140:012 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.
140:013 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.
141:001 Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
141:002 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
141:003 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.
141:004 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.
141:005 Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my

head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.

141:006 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

141:007 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.

141:008 But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

141:009 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

141:010 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

142:001 I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

142:002 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

142:003 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

142:004 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

142:005 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

142:006 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

142:007 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

143:001 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

143:002 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

143:003 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

143:004 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.

143:005 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

143:006 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.

143:007 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from

me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

143:008 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

143:009 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

143:010 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

143:011 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

143:012 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

144:001 Blessed be the LORD my strength which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

144:002 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

144:003 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

144:004 Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

144:005 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

144:006 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

144:007 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

144:008 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

144:009 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

144:010 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

144:011 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

144:012 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

144:013 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our

streets:

- 144:014 That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.
- 144:015 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD.
- 145:001 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
- 145:002 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
- 145:003 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.
- 145:004 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- 145:005 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
- 145:006 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.
- 145:007 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 145:008 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.
- 145:009 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.
- 145:010 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.
- 145:011 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
- 145:012 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
- 145:013 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
- 145:014 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
- 145:015 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
- 145:016 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
- 145:017 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
- 145:018 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
- 145:019 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their

cry, and will save them.

145:020 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

145:021 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

146:001 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

146:002 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

146:003 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

146:004 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

146:005 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

146:006 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

146:007 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners:

146:008 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

146:009 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

146:010 The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

147:001 Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

147:002 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

147:003 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

147:004 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

147:005 Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

147:006 The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

147:007 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

147:008 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

147:009 He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

147:010 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not

pleasure in the legs of a man.

147:011 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

147:012 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

147:013 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

147:014 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

147:015 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

147:016 He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

147:017 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

147:018 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

147:019 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

147:020 He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

148:001 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

148:002 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

148:003 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

148:004 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

148:005 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

148:006 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

148:007 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

148:008 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

148:009 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

148:010 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

148:011 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

148:012 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

148:013 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

148:014 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye

the LORD.

- 149:001 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.
- 149:002 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 149:003 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- 149:004 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.
- 149:005 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- 149:006 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 149:007 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;
- 149:008 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 149:009 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.
- 150:001 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 150:002 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 150:003 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- 150:004 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- 150:005 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
- 150:006 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

I Kings

- 001:001 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.
- 001:002 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.
- 001:003 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.
- 001:004 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.
- 001:005 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.
- 001:006 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.
- 001:007 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him.
- 001:008 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.
- 001:009 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:
- 001:010 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.
- 001:011 Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not?
- 001:012 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.
- 001:013 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?
- 001:014 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.
- 001:015 And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the

king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.

001:016 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?

001:017 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.

001:018 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, thou knowest it not:

001:019 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

001:020 And thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

001:021 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

001:022 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

001:023 And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground.

001:024 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

001:025 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God save king Adonijah.

001:026 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called.

001:027 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

001:028 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

001:029 And the king swore, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

001:030 Even as I swear unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying,

Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

001:031 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

001:032 And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

001:033 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

001:034 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

001:035 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

001:036 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

001:037 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

001:038 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon.

001:039 And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

001:040 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

001:041 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?

001:042 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

001:043 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king

David hath made Solomon king.

001:044 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule:

001:045 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard.

001:046 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

001:047 And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

001:048 And also thus said the king, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

001:049 And all the guests that were with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

001:050 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

001:051 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

001:052 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

001:053 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

002:001 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

002:002 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;

002:003 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

002:004 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning

me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

002:005 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet.

002:006 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

002:007 But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

002:008 And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword.

002:009 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood.

002:010 So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

002:011 And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

002:012 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

002:013 And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

002:014 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

002:015 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD.

002:016 And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

002:017 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will

not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

002:018 And Bathsheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

002:019 Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

002:020 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; I pray thee, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.

002:021 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

002:022 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruah.

002:023 Then king Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

002:024 Now therefore, as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

002:025 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

002:026 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the LORD God before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

002:027 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

002:028 Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

002:029 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him.

002:030 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

002:031 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

002:032 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing thereof, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

002:033 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

002:034 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

002:035 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

002:036 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

002:037 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

002:038 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

002:039 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants be in Gath.

002:040 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

002:041 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again.

002:042 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee,

saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word that I have heard is good.

002:043 Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

002:044 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head;

002:045 And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever.

002:046 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

003:001 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

003:002 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built unto the name of the LORD, until those days.

003:003 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

003:004 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

003:005 In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

003:006 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

003:007 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

003:008 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

003:009 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able

to judge this thy so great a people?

003:010 And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

003:011 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

003:012 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

003:013 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

003:014 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

003:015 And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

003:016 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.

003:017 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house.

003:018 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house.

003:019 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.

003:020 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom.

003:021 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

003:022 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

003:023 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.

003:024 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king.

003:025 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

003:026 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.

003:027 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

003:028 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

004:001 So king Solomon was king over all Israel.

004:002 And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest,

004:003 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder.

004:004 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests:

004:005 And Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan was principal officer, and the king's friend:

004:006 And Ahishar was over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the tribute.

004:007 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man his month in a year made provision.

004:008 And these are their names: The son of Hur, in mount Ephraim:

004:009 The son of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elonbethhanan:

004:010 The son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hopher:

004:011 The son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

004:012 Baana the son of Ahilud; to him pertained Taanach and Megiddo, and all Bethshean, which is by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Bethshean to Abelmeholah, even unto the place that is beyond Jokneam:

004:013 The son of Geber, in Ramothgilead; to him pertained the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; to him also

pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brasen bars:

004:014 Ahinadab the son of Iddo had Mahanaim:

004:015 Ahimaaz was in Naphtali; he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

004:016 Baanah the son of Hushai was in Asher and in Aloth:

004:017 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

004:018 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin:

004:019 Geber the son of Uri was in the country of Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he was the only officer which was in the land.

004:020 Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.

004:021 And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

004:022 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

004:023 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.

004:024 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphseh even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

004:025 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

004:026 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

004:027 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing.

004:028 Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge.

004:029 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.

004:030 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

004:031 For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

004:032 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

004:033 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

004:034 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

005:001 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

005:002 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

005:003 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

005:004 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

005:005 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

005:006 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

005:007 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people.

005:008 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

005:009 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household.

005:010 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire.

005:011 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

005:012 And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

005:013 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men.

005:014 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy.

005:015 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains;

005:016 Beside the chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

005:017 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

005:018 And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders did hew them, and the stonesquarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

006:001 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.

006:002 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

006:003 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house.

006:004 And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

006:005 And against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about:

006:006 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for

without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

006:007 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

006:008 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

006:009 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

006:010 And then he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

006:011 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

006:012 Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

006:013 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

006:014 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

006:015 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

006:016 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built them for it within, even for the oracle, even for the most holy place.

006:017 And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long.

006:018 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

006:019 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

006:020 And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar which was of cedar.

006:021 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he

overlaid it with gold.

006:022 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

006:023 And within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, each ten cubits high.

006:024 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits.

006:025 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubims were of one measure and one size.

006:026 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub.

006:027 And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

006:028 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

006:029 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without.

006:030 And the floors of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without.

006:031 And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel and side posts were a fifth part of the wall.

006:032 The two doors also were of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees.

006:033 So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall.

006:034 And the two doors were of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding.

006:035 And he carved thereon cherubims and palm trees and open flowers: and covered them with gold fitted upon the carved work.

006:036 And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

006:037 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif:

006:038 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

007:001 But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

007:002 He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars.

007:003 And it was covered with cedar above upon the beams, that lay on forty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

007:004 And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

007:005 And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

007:006 And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch was before them: and the other pillars and the thick beam were before them.

007:007 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other.

007:008 And his house where he dwelt had another court within the porch, which was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken to wife, like unto this porch.

007:009 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court.

007:010 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits.

007:011 And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars.

007:012 And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

007:013 And king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre.

007:014 He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom,

and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

007:015 For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about.

007:016 And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits:

007:017 And nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter.

007:018 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapiters that were upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

007:019 And the chapiters that were upon the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits.

007:020 And the chapiters upon the two pillars had pomegranates also above, over against the belly which was by the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter.

007:021 And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz.

007:022 And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

007:023 And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

007:024 And under the brim of it round about there were knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rows, when it was cast.

007:025 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

007:026 And it was an hand breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

007:027 And he made ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

007:028 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges:

007:029 And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges there was a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen were certain additions made of thin work.

007:030 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver were undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.

007:031 And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: but the mouth thereof was round after the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings with their borders, foursquare, not round.

007:032 And under the borders were four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.

007:033 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, were all molten.

007:034 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very base itself.

007:035 And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof were of the same.

007:036 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the proportion of every one, and additions round about.

007:037 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

007:038 Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

007:039 And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

007:040 And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:

007:041 The two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the two pillars; and the two networks, to cover the two

bowls of the chapiters which were upon the top of the pillars;
007:042 And four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, even two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that were upon the pillars;
007:043 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;
007:044 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;
007:045 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass.
007:046 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarthan.
007:047 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.
007:048 And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the shewbread was,
007:049 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,
007:050 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple.
007:051 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.
008:001 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.
008:002 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.
008:003 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.
008:004 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.
008:005 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were

assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

008:006 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

008:007 For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

008:008 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

008:009 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

008:010 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

008:011 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

008:012 Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness.

008:013 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.

008:014 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

008:015 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,

008:016 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.

008:017 And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

008:018 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

008:019 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

008:020 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

008:021 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

008:022 And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

008:023 And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

008:024 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

008:025 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

008:026 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

008:027 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

008:028 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

008:029 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

008:030 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive.

008:031 If any man trespass against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

- 008:032 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.
- 008:033 When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:
- 008:034 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.
- 008:035 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:
- 008:036 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.
- 008:037 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be;
- 008:038 What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:
- 008:039 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)
- 008:040 That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.
- 008:041 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake;
- 008:042 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house;
- 008:043 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called

by thy name.

008:044 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house that I have built for thy name:

008:045 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

008:046 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

008:047 Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

008:048 And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

008:049 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause,

008:050 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

008:051 For they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron:

008:052 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee.

008:053 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O LORD God.

008:054 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

008:055 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

008:056 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

008:057 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

008:058 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

008:059 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require:

008:060 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.

008:061 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

008:062 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

008:063 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

008:064 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

008:065 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

008:066 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

009:001 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of

the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,

009:002 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

009:003 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

009:004 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

009:005 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

009:006 But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

009:007 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people:

009:008 And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

009:009 And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

009:010 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

009:011 (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.

009:012 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

009:013 And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this day.

009:014 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

009:015 And this is the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

009:016 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife.

009:017 And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether,

009:018 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

009:019 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

009:020 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

009:021 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.

009:022 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

009:023 These were the chief of the officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

009:024 But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

009:025 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

009:026 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

009:027 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

009:028 And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

010:001 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

010:002 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

010:003 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

010:004 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

010:005 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.

010:006 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

010:007 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

010:008 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

010:009 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

010:010 And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

010:011 And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones.

010:012 And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day.

010:013 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

010:014 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold,

010:015 Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the

governors of the country.

010:016 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target.

010:017 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

010:018 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.

010:019 The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays.

010:020 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom.

010:021 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

010:022 For the king had at sea a navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

010:023 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom.

010:024 And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

010:025 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

010:026 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

010:027 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the vale, for abundance.

010:028 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

010:029 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

011:001 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites:

011:002 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.

011:003 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

011:004 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

011:005 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

011:006 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.

011:007 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

011:008 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

011:009 And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

011:010 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

011:011 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

011:012 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

011:013 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

011:014 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

011:015 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had

smitten every male in Edom;

011:016 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

011:017 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

011:018 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

011:019 And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

011:020 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

011:021 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

011:022 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

011:023 And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

011:024 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

011:025 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

011:026 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lifted up his hand against the king.

011:027 And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

011:028 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

011:029 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the

way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:

011:030 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces:

011:031 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

011:032 (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:)

011:033 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

011:034 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

011:035 But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes.

011:036 And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

011:037 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

011:038 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

011:039 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

011:040 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

011:041 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

011:042 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

011:043 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

012:001 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

012:002 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

012:003 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

012:004 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

012:005 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

012:006 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?

012:007 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

012:008 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:

012:009 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

012:010 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.

012:011 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

012:012 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

012:013 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

012:014 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My

father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

012:015 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

012:016 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

012:017 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

012:018 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

012:019 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

012:020 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

012:021 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

012:022 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

012:023 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

012:024 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

012:025 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

012:026 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to

the house of David:

012:027 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

012:028 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

012:029 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

012:030 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

012:031 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

012:032 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

012:033 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

013:001 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

013:002 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

013:003 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

013:004 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

013:005 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar,

according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

013:006 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

013:007 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

013:008 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

013:009 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

013:010 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

013:011 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

013:012 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

013:013 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

013:014 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

013:015 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

013:016 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

013:017 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

013:018 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

013:019 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and

drank water.

013:020 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

013:021 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

013:022 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

013:023 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

013:024 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

013:025 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

013:026 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

013:027 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

013:028 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

013:029 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

013:030 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

013:031 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

013:032 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which

are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

013:033 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

013:034 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

014:001 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

014:002 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.

014:003 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

014:004 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

014:005 And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself to be another woman.

014:006 And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.

014:007 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

014:008 And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;

014:009 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

014:010 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung,

till it be all gone.

014:011 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.

014:012 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

014:013 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

014:014 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

014:015 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

014:016 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

014:017 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

014:018 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

014:019 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

014:020 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

014:021 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess.

014:022 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

014:023 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

014:024 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according

to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

014:025 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

014:026 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

014:027 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

014:028 And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

014:029 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

014:030 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

014:031 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

015:001 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

015:002 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. and his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

015:003 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

015:004 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

015:005 Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

015:006 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

015:007 Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

015:008 And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

015:009 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

015:010 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

015:011 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

015:012 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

015:013 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

015:014 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

015:015 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

015:016 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

015:017 And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

015:018 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

015:019 There is a league between me and thee, and between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

015:020 So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

015:021 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

015:022 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

015:023 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

015:024 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

015:025 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

015:026 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

015:027 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

015:028 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

015:029 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

015:030 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

015:031 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

015:032 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

015:033 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

015:034 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

016:001 Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

016:002 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

016:003 Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity

of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

016:004 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

016:005 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

016:006 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead.

016:007 And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

016:008 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

016:009 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah.

016:010 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

016:011 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends.

016:012 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet.

016:013 For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

016:014 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

016:015 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

016:016 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp.

016:017 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

016:018 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died.

016:019 For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

016:020 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

016:021 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

016:022 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

016:023 In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

016:024 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

016:025 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

016:026 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

016:027 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

016:028 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

016:029 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

016:030 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

016:031 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

016:032 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

016:033 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

016:034 In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

017:001 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

017:002 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

017:003 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

017:004 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

017:005 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

017:006 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

017:007 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

017:008 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

017:009 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

017:010 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

017:011 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

017:012 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

017:013 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after

make for thee and for thy son.

017:014 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

017:015 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

017:016 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

017:017 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

017:018 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

017:019 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

017:020 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

017:021 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

017:022 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

017:023 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

017:024 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

018:001 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

018:002 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

018:003 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

018:004 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

018:005 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

018:006 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

018:007 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

018:008 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

018:009 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

018:010 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

018:011 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

018:012 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

018:013 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

018:014 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: and he shall slay me.

018:015 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

018:016 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

018:017 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

018:018 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

018:019 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

018:020 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

018:021 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

018:022 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

018:023 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

018:024 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

018:025 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

018:026 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

018:027 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

018:028 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

018:029 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

018:030 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

018:031 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

018:032 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

018:033 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

018:034 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

018:035 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

018:036 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

018:037 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

018:038 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

018:039 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

018:040 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

018:041 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

018:042 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

018:043 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

018:044 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.

018:045 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

018:046 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

019:001 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

019:002 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

019:003 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

019:004 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

019:005 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

019:006 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

019:007 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

019:008 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

019:009 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

019:010 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

019:011 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

019:012 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

019:013 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

019:014 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown

down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

019:015 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

019:016 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

019:017 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

019:018 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

019:019 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

019:020 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

019:021 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

020:001 And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

020:002 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Benhadad,

020:003 Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine.

020:004 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I am thine, and all that I have.

020:005 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

020:006 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time,

and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away.

020:007 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not.

020:008 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not unto him, nor consent.

020:009 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.

020:010 And Benhadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

020:011 And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off.

020:012 And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set yourselves in array. And they set themselves in array against the city.

020:013 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

020:014 And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Even by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou.

020:015 Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand.

020:016 And they went out at noon. But Benhadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

020:017 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

020:018 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive;

or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

020:019 So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

020:020 And they slew every one his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen.

020:021 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

020:022 And the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

020:023 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods are gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they.

020:024 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms:

020:025 And number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

020:026 And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel.

020:027 And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.

020:028 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

020:029 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

020:030 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

020:031 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that

the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life.

020:032 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? he is my brother.

020:033 Now the men did diligently observe whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Benhadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Benhadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot.

020:034 And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

020:035 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

020:036 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.

020:037 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.

020:038 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.

020:039 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver.

020:040 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.

020:041 And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets.

020:042 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.

020:043 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

021:001 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

021:002 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

021:003 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

021:004 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

021:005 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

021:006 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

021:007 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

021:008 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.

021:009 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

021:010 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

021:011 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

021:012 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

021:013 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against

Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

021:014 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

021:015 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

021:016 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

021:017 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

021:018 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

021:019 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

021:020 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

021:021 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

021:022 And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

021:023 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

021:024 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

021:025 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

021:026 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

021:027 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent

his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

021:028 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

021:029 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

022:001 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

022:002 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

022:003 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

022:004 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

022:005 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

022:006 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

022:007 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

022:008 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

022:009 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

022:010 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

022:011 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

022:012 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand.

022:013 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

022:014 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

022:015 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

022:016 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?

022:017 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

022:018 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?

022:019 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

022:020 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

022:021 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

022:022 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

022:023 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

022:024 But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

022:025 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

022:026 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

022:027 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

022:028 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

022:029 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

022:030 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

022:031 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

022:032 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

022:033 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

022:034 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

022:035 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

022:036 And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

022:037 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

022:038 And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

022:039 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

022:040 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

022:041 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the

fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

022:042 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

022:043 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

022:044 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

022:045 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

022:046 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

022:047 There was then no king in Edom: a deputy was king.

022:048 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.

022:049 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

022:050 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

022:051 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

022:052 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:

022:053 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

